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## John Lauter and Swing City Big Band

Sunday, April 22

Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Concert at 3:00 p.m.

Our April concert brings John Lauter back to the console of the Mighty Wurlitzer at the Senate Theater. A special treat will be the addition of the 17-piece Swing City Big Band, with vocalist Katie Calzone.

Detroit native John Lauter began his organ/piano/music studies at age fourteen. He has studied with Marie Connors, Frank Rossi, Betty Mason, Fr. Jim Miller and Gary Reseigh.

He made his public debut playing at the Redford theatre at age sixteen. Hundreds of movie preludes later, John can still be heard there. John has presented concerts in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Boston, San Francisco, Phoenix, Denver, Wichita, Chicago, Cleveland, Atlanta, Thomaston CT, Rochester and Syracuse NY, Toronto and Kingston Ont. Lauter was a featured performer at the 1995 and 2009 and 2011 conventions of the American Theatre organ Society. In July of 2010 John was invited to England to present concerts at Tywyn Wales and at the Saltaire complex in Bradford, that performance being the final concert of the 2010 Cinema Organ Society's convention. Lauter was the sole American presented.

John has been on the staff of the Fox theatre since the 1988



reopening, and was staff organist of the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor for seventeen years. In February of 2010, Lauter was heard playing the Fox theatre's massive Wurlitzer organ on NPR's "Prairie Home Companion." Host Garrison Keillor said of Lauter "the man has unerring taste"

As a silent film score composer/performer, Lauter has scored over 35 feature films. John has accompanied films at The Redford theatre-Detroit, Baldwin theatre -Royal Oak, Palace theatre -Marion Ohio, Ritz Theatre-Tiffin Ohio, The Toledo Art Museum Peristyle and Casa Loma-Toronto.

The Henry Ford museum IMAX theatre contracted John to compose/perform/record a short silent film accompaniment that is part of an IMAX short subject film shown be-

fore every presentation at that institution.

Lauter was the organist/accompanist for the Unity church of Lake Orion from its inception in 1997 until 2013, and is currently the pianist with the eighteen-piece Swing City Big Band.

John lives in Farmington Hills Michigan with his wife Amy and children Benjamin and Maryanna.

The music will be swingin' as John joins the Swing City Big Band. It will be a great time, with the big band playing, joined by John Lauter on the Mighty Wurlitzer. Add in Katie Calzone with the vocals, and you are in for a real treat for everyone.

As usual, the doors open at 2:00 p.m., with the concert starting at 3:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at the Senate Theater!

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## embership Cards

You may have noticed that if you are a member of the DTOS, you have not received a membership card for 2018 in the mail. That's because none were sent out.

We are trying a new method this year to hopefully expedite the entry process at the doors just before concert time.

Instead of you having to find your card in your wallet or purse, you can simply give your name to the person at the side or front door, and your name will be on a list. All levels of membership, playing, associate, friends, and honorary will be listed. Your privileges for bringing guests is the

same as it's always been, playing members and associate members can bring three guests to organ concerts. This system will also allow for us to keep better track of the number of people that attend, etc.

Our membership chairman, Lynn Walls, keeps up to date records of paid up members.

If you are a relatively new member, and not known to the door person, you may be asked to spell your name to help them find you on the list.

We hope this new process will make things quicker and easier for you to attend our organ programs.

Lance Luce  
DTOS President

# Become an Active Member!

## Monthly Board Meetings

### Last Tuesday of Every Month

We encourage you to attend the monthly board meeting.  
Board meetings are open to all members.  
Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.  
Senate Theater Lobby

# H

## ow is the Senate Doing?

How is the Senate Doing? I am asked that a lot from people all over the world. Many are still unsure if we are still going to make it. After the short closure of the Senate Theater a few years back, many think that we are still working on an "alternative" plan for the organ.

I am happy to say that we are doing well. Our losses that we once had that ran several tens of thousands a year have been reduced greatly. In fact, last year, we were on track to make a small profit for the entire year. Then the East wall needed major work. That wall wiped away the profit that we

would have made, and we stepped a little into the negative. But all is not lost. Due to the fact that we were having a good year, we were able to do the East wall, and many other infrastructure improvements to the physical structure of the Senate Theater.

How was this possible?

From the generous support of our membership, and the successful concert and movie series. Add in the rentals, and I am happy to say that, yes, we are going to make it.

With your generous support we will continue on for many years to come.

See you at the Senate!

Dave Calendine  
DTOS Treasurer

# Relay Room Reservoir Restored

Dave Calendine  
DTOS Treasurer

This past winter, we had a major problem come up with our organ. The wind regulator in the relay room, which is awfully close to a radiator, basically overheated. The res-

ervoir was falling apart!

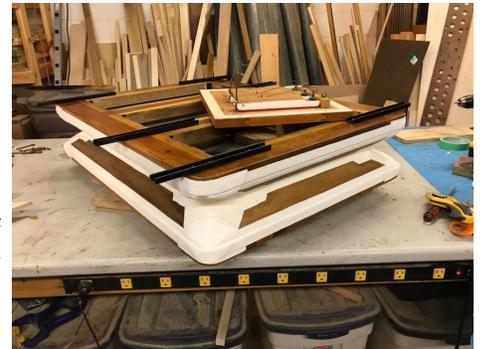
Thanks to the hard work of a small crew, and the releathering work of Joe Granger, the reservoir has been completely restored inside and out and

returned to the Senate. To help with the radiator being so close to the reservoir, a heat shield has been installed so that the radiator doesn't bake the new regulator again.

Thanks to the quick work by Joe, the reservoir was done in less time than the Board had ever thought, and the organ was put back into playing order.



Left:  
Reservoir in the shop just after being taken out of the relay room.



Right:  
Reservoir just after being restored.



Left:  
Reservoir lid in the shop before being restored



Right:  
Restored reservoir lid before being reassembled.

## Upcoming Movies at the Senate Theater

April 28 — 8pm — Sunset Boulevard

May 5 — 3pm — Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

May 12 — 8pm — Imitation of Life

May 26 — 8pm — The Apartment

June 16 — 8pm — The Hustler

June 30 — 8pm — A Streetcar Named Desire

July 14 — 8pm — Dirty Harry

July 28 — 8pm — Deliverance

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## **2018 Concert Series**

April 22—John Lauter

May 20—Brett Valliant

June 10—Nathan Avakian

September 16—Walt Strony

October 14—Christian Elliott

November 18—Hector Olivera

December 2—Stephen & Rose Warner



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