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Events

May 2, 2015
7:00 PM

Hector Olivera

John Dickinson
High School

1801 Milltown Road
Wilmington, DE 19808

[Click here](#) for information.

May 17, 2015
3:00 PM

Member Meeting

Home of
Chesterfield Member

Wurlitzer Demonstration
Open Console

July 3 - 6, 2015

ATOS Convention
Philadelphia, PA

Visit the
[ATOS 2015 Convention](#)
web site for more
information and registration.

August 2015

ODTOS Members
Carpenter Theatre

Members only open console
Date/time TBA

October 11, 2015

Member Meeting

Home of
Northern Virginia Member

Saturday Evenings

Bob Gulledge
Byrd Theatre

Concert before the movies
Visit the [Byrd web site](#)

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Next Meeting - May 17 at 3:00 PM

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17 starting at 3:00 PM at the home of John DeMajo (Chesterfield). There will be a short business meeting followed by a demonstration of John's 2/7 Wurlitzer. John will explain the instrument's history and how he assembled all the pieces.

Afterward, there will be an informal open console, social time, and the opportunity to see other parts of the very interesting DeMajo family "[Museum of Yesterday](#)."

We look forward to seeing you on May 17!



Music Room and Broadcast Studio

Photo Courtesy of John DeMajo



Pipe Chamber

Photo Courtesy of John DeMajo



Welcome New Members

John Ball
Dan Gibbs

Loew's Theatre Did you Know?

The Richmond Loew's Theatre opened on Monday, April 9, 1928, coincidentally the 14th birthday of Harold Warner. The featured silent picture was "West Point" starring William Haines, formerly of Richmond, with a supporting role by Joan Crawford.

In addition, the Loew's Concert Orchestra entertained patrons and accompanied the movie while a young gentleman from Texas known as "Wild Oscar" dazzled the crowd on the new Wurlitzer pipe organ.

Just a few short months later, September 3, 1928, sound movies using the Movietone and Vitaphone systems were introduced at Loew's. The orchestra was disbanded and silent films at Loew's became a thing of the past.

During this brief period, Loew's showed only 21 feature length silent films.

David Gray Concert Hardman Home

Eleven ODTOS members and others attended a brilliant concert by 24-year-old David Gray at the home of Jack and Mildred Hardman on March 28. Other ODTOS members were treated to the sounds of this incredible organist on March 29.

<- Left to right: **Bob Goldsmith, John DeMajo, Jack Hardman, Jim Reinhart, Lynda Reinhart, David Gray, David Barnett, Oscar Olson, Charles Hague, Mike DeWalt**
Ron Stonehouse -->
Photos - Mark Thomas

Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Wendy Wurlitzer, reports our cash balance on hand is **\$1,169**. Nearly half of this amount is from member contributions made by the following:

David Barnett
Charles Hague
Jack Hardman
Davis Heatwole
Doug Riddell
Ron Stonehouse
Wendy Wurlitzer

Thanks to all who have paid their dues and a very special thanks to those who have generously contributed!

Dues may be paid by check payable to Old Dominion Theatre Organ Society and mailed to our Treasurer:

Wendy Wurlitzer
10813 Leabrook Drive
Glen Allen, VA 23059

or by PayPal:

Treasurer@ODTOS.ORG

New Byrd Video

Visit the ODTOS [Byrd Theatre](#) web page to watch a great performance from July 7, 1990.

