



Organ Stop News

Open Letter from Wayne & Cheryl Seppala

Dear Friends,

October 1 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of Organ Stop. As we reflect on this silver milestone, we are truly grateful for all of you, our loyal customers, students, and friends. We hope we have lived up to the confidence you placed in us when you purchased an instrument or sought lessons or service. The concert artist schedule for the fall season is a small sampling of the fine organists who have had a positive impact on our lives. We know you will want to attend and enjoy their talent.

September 14 we welcome long-time friend, Charles Rutherford for a return engagement. His smooth, easy listening style of popular music is always a relaxing treat for the Organ Stop audience.

October 5 we are honored to present well-known theatre organist, Don Thompson, in a premiere Organ Stop performance at the Allen 311 theatre organ. Mr. Thompson was the senior staff organist at the original Organ Power Pizza restaurant in Kearney Mesa, when we were hired as part-timers to assist him nearly 30 years ago. We learned the survival techniques of the pizza organist by observing and listening to Don! Last year Don became the proud new owner of an Allen Theatre 311, so we will once again have the opportunity to learn from the expert.

November 16 George Butterfield returns to the Organ Stop stage for his first solo Organ Stop Club performance in five years. George is one of San Diego's finest classical organists, yet he always manages to keep us guessing what fun extras he might include in an Organ Stop program??????

Sincerely,

-Cheryl & Wayne Seppala

Organ Class Schedule

NEW BEGINNER Class (Starting September 10)
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00

We are pleased to announce a new class for the total beginner. This class will teach you to read music and find your way around the keyboards and pedals. You will need the Hal Leonard Adventure Organ Course Part 1.

Weekly fee for each 60 minute session: \$5.00

The “Almost Beginner” Class (In Progress...you may join at any time) Fridays 10:00—11:30

Join Cheryl and Bebe for this class, which is designed for the student who knows the keyboard and can read some music. We use one EZ Play book and the Hal Leonard Organ Adventure Course, Part 2, which includes 60 easy organ arrangements in sheet music format using standard music notation. If you want to play easy, pretty arrangements of familiar tunes while learning some new chords, this class is for you.

Weekly fee for each 90-minute session: \$5.00

Intermediate Class (In Progress...you may join at any time) Saturdays 10:30—12:30

This class is designed for the student who wants to continue their study of pop and theatre organ styles.

Learn or review scales, chord formulas, rhythms, the chord circle, introductions, endings, fills, styles, and registrations. We use one EZ Play collection and a great book of organ arrangements; “Best Loved Standards.”

Weekly fee for each 2 hour session: \$5.00

You are welcome to audit our classes at any time. Please let us know when you will attend so we may have adequate materials on hand.

Private organ lessons are available Monday through Saturday.

ORGAN STOP CLUB

Schedule of Events

Sunday, September 14; 2:30pm Charles Rutherford

Charlie Rutherford was organist at Mr. A's and Milligan's restaurants for over ten years. Currently he is Organist/Director of Music at the Naval Medical Center Chapel of San Diego. Charlie will be performing on the Kawai XR-9000.

Sunday, October 5; 2:30pm Don Thompson



Now residing in Palm Springs after decades of international touring as a concert theatre organist and, more recently serving as a lawyer for the State of California, Don now devotes his time to enjoying the desert lifestyle while continuing to learn new orchestral arrangements on his recently purchased **Allen Renaissance R-311** theatre organ. Don maintains his own web site at www.donthompson.org where you can learn all about this interesting man's career, his recordings, and his current activities.

Sunday, November 16; 2:30 George Butterfield

Our Store Manager since 1990, George returns to our stage as a solo performer after a five-year

break during which time he has been focusing on marketing Organ Stop products on the Internet. George has been organist at Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist in La Jolla since 1979 and is a frequent organ recitalist throughout San Diego County.

Please Call Organ Stop at 619-286-4633 to reserve seats for all concerts.

Cruise News

CALLING ALL LAST-MINUTE CRUISERS to join us in celebrating Organ Stop's Silver Anniversary aboard Holland America's five-star ms Statendam cruising the Mexican Riviera round-trip San Diego October 26-November 2, 2003. Tom and Mimi Hazleton will be our special guests, offering concerts and classes for your enjoyment at the Allen Theatre Organ. There are already over fifty club members, students and friends joining us, but a few cabins remain for our group. Rates start at \$670 per person, double occupancy.

2004 CRUISE

We have already blocked space aboard the new Diamond Princess for a one-week Alaska Inside Passage Cruise June 12-19, 2004, roundtrip from Seattle. Ports of call are Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan and Victoria, BC. We are customizing a pre-cruise package to include Seattle sightseeing. Please let us know if you are interested in experiencing Alaska, one of the most scenic cruise destinations, with your Organ Stop friends.

ALLEN ORGAN EVENTS

**Sunday, October 12; 2:00pm. Organ
Dedication Concert**

Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, 9735 Halberns Blvd., Santee, CA is home to a new Allen Protégé C-6 organ. Wayne, Cheryl and George and others will play a variety of musical styles in this architecturally unique edifice.

Sunday, October 19; 4:00pm Allen Organ - Tom Hazleton in Concert

Fallbrook United Methodist Church, 1844 Winterhaven Rd., Fallbrook, CA has a new 3 manual, 80 stop Allen Renaissance organ! Come hear Tom put it through its paces! This large instrument features an antiphonal Solo division, MIDI Division II and even a 64' Pedal Stop! A free-will offering will be taken for the Organ Fund.

ANNUAL SPECIAL EVENT

SAVE MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 8, 2003
FOR THE ANNUAL ORGAN STOP CLUB
CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TOM HAM'S
LIGHTHOUSE ON HARBOR ISLAND, STARRING
DAVE WICKERHAM AND RUSS PECK AT THE
ALLEN 311.

Complete details and reservation form will be included in the next Organ Stop News.