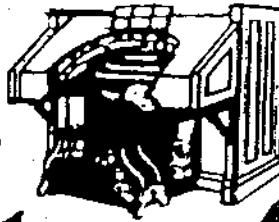


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## C. V. T. O. S. CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007

ANGEVINE TREE FARM

WARREN, CONNECTICUT

Although the frost is barely on the pumpkin this year, it's time for our annual holiday get-together to be held on Sunday, December 2, at the Angevine Tree Farm in Warren. We sincerely thank John and Kathy for again hosting our Christmas Party and continuing what has become a Chapter tradition.

A fringe benefit is that you can purchase your own tree that day and the trimmings as well if you so choose. The beautifully decorated tree and gift shop is sure to offer something new and different for you and/or a friend. The center of attention is, of course, the magnificent 3/10 Robert Morton theatre organ. For any of you new members not familiar with the installation, John rescued the instrument from the Capitol Theatre in Danbury.

SCHEDULE:

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.	Open Console
6:00 - 7:00 P.M.	Dinner
7:00 - 7:15 P.M.	Business meeting & election of officers for 2008
7:15 - 8:00 P.M.	Christmas Concert by special guest artist Carl Hackert

Carl is the founder of the Hudson-Mohawk Chapter and organ coordinator for Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, New York where he is a frequent performer on "Goldie", the famous Wurlitzer organ at the theatre. He is a graduate of the Crane School of Music at SUNY, Potsdam, New York and is the Allen Organ dealer for his area. He has performed on both organ and harpsichord with orchestra in the Albany-Schenectady area.

MENU:

- Appetizers and punch
- Chicken, Baked Ham, Meatballs, Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans
- Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad
- Rolls and Butter
- Dessert, Coffee and Tea

The cost is \$16.00 per person, and reservations must be received by November 27th, You'll find a reservation slip on the last page of your Diaphone.

Please bring a small grab-bag gift (\$5 value plus tax) suitable for a person of your gender. You are also asked to B.Y.O.B. if you so desire as well as small folding chairs and a card table.

DIRECTIONS: From Torrington take Route 202 and continue to the junction of Route 341 which will be on your right. Take Route 341 for about 2½ miles to Angevine Road, the first hard road on the right. Angevines' is the fourth house on the left. Telephone (860) 868-7226.

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C.V.T.O.S. OFFICERS PROPOSED FOR 2008: The Nominating Committee composed of Gordie Lewis, Chairman, Bon Smith and Lyle Furze have proposed the following slate of officers for 2008:

- President: Meredith Sibley
- Vice President: Allen Miller
- Secretary: Norm Andre
- Treasurer: Juan Cardona

This slate of officers will be voted upon at the December meeting. At that time, in accordance with our by-laws, further nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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NEW CVTOS INTERNET WEBSITE: We have a beautiful new internet website, thanks to Allen Miller, who has spent many hours (in addition to his work on the Shelton console) creating a completely new and very artistic site for CVTOS. The new website also has a new address: [www.cvtos.org](http://www.cvtos.org) which Allen suggests that you set as your Home Page. That way, every time you go to surf the web, you will access our Home page. The higher number of "hits" will attract the web crawlers and get us higher on the Google list (and others).

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C.V.T.O.S. 2007 - 2008 CONCERT SCHEDULE, THOMASTON OPERA HOUSE:

- Sunday, December 16, 2007, 2:00 P.M. - CLARK WILSON with special guests, The Litchfield County Children's Choir. A Holiday Pops Concert.
- Saturday, March 29, 2008, 2:00 P.M. - SIMON GLEDHILL, internationally-recognized British concert artist.
- Sunday, May 18, 2008, 2:00 P.M. - JELANI EDDINGTON will present a Leroy Anderson Centennial Celebration concert.

Tickets are \$15.50 in advance and \$18.50 at the door. Call the Box Office (860) 283-6250 or order on line.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Progress continues on the rebuilding of the Shelton organ console with Allen Miller heading the project. Allen has been involved with the organ since the early '60's when the organ was in its original home at the Allyn Theatre in Hartford. A part of the console project requires replacing the existing bench with a properly constructed "dog leg" bench specifically designed by Allen for Austin consoles. Allen has been working 3 or 4 days a week on the console continuing to provide his dedication and organ building skills.

A lot of work remains to be done to include the assembling and wiring in the stop keys onto the stop rails, plus rewiring and reinstalling the Z-tronics card cage. We have the new stop tabs in hand. New additions will include a state of the art combination action with many user levels along with MIDI record and playback. The console dolly needs to be reworked to accommodate the console, now 5 inches wider, along with adding new ball bearing casters to ease moving the console on stage, and new carpeting will be needed.

Norm Andre and Meredith Sibley have been contributing their assistance to the project sanding the console woodwork ready for finishing. Don Phipps helped build the new bench.

Allen also deserves a lot of credit for setting up a website for CVTOS where current and in depth information about our activities will be available. The website can be found at [www.cvtos.org](http://www.cvtos.org) and will allow CVTOS to make concert and other information available to other ATOS chapters along with interested public. Our website is currently getting about 100 "hits" a day.

Jon Sibley, President

CLOSING CHORD: We were deeply saddened by the passing last month of James Beck, long-time member and dear friend for more than thirty years. A life-long resident of Southwick, MA, he was recently honored by the Lion's Club for his 47 years of service, making him the oldest member in both service and age (86). He was also a 25-year member of the Southwick Fire Department and Fire Commissioner for many years. When access to the Springfield Paramount Theatre Wurlitzer was possible for the Springfield CVTOS contingent, he was an enthusiastic participant. Until health problems limited his participation in Chapter activities, he and Millie seldom missed a concert or get-together over the years. Jim was often my "ride", and when it was my turn to drive he piloted me through the back roads to Thomaston. Millie and I never let him forget the one time he got us lost coming home in the dark. So many happy memories! We send our love and sincere sympathy to Millie and her family.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER!!!! It's that time of year to renew your CVTOS membership. The dues are still \$20 for the first member plus \$10 for each additional member in a family or household. For your convenience we have included a dues renewal slip below as well as your Christmas Party reservation form.  
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DUES RENEWAL FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level:        ( ) Primary \$20    ( ) Secondary \$10

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to CVTOS and mail to: Juan Cardona  
13 Brookwood Drive  
Newtown, CT 06470-1842

Include self-addressed, stamped envelope so that your membership card can be mailed to you.  
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RESERVATION SLIP FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please make reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$16.00 per person for the annual CVTOS Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2, 2007. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to CVTOS. Deadline is November 27th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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