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AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY
Sooner State Chapter

March - 2026

No program this month as it is Spring Break for Tulsa Tech. Organ repair will be happening so if you want some 'open console' time contact President Leslie Bernhardt. He can accommodate you in his home.

Organ venues in Tulsa you may want to attend (see page 2 for April dates.)

March 29, 5pm: Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa
Cecil B. DeMille's classic 1927 Silent Film.
David Briggs will be improvising the accompaniment on the mighty 76 rank Foley Baker organ.
Free Admission

7pm: Circle Cinema, 10 S Lewis, Tulsa
Bill Rowland playing accompaniment on the Circle's original 1928 theatre pipe organ.
Tickets: $8 adults, $5 ages 15 under

Gifts From Members and Friends of Theatre Organ Music - 2026

Supporting Level ($30 - $149)

Janice Barbour, Sharon Conley, Sharon Day, JT, Christi, and Logan Davis, Forrest DeLunger, Wes Eaton, Jackie Lechner, Fred and Mary Narrin, Roger Noldt, Ada Richardson, Evelyn Roberts, Dave and Mollie Steensland, Gene Vickery, Wayne and Dawn Wall, Bruce Wilkin.

Sponsoring Level ($150 - $500)

Leslie Bernhardt, Joyce Hatchett, Michael Huffman, Clark Wiens

Thank you! **There's still time to get your dues/donations in before the Membership Directory goes to print.**

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https://soonerstateatos.org

Sooner State Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society is a non-profit corporation under IRS code 501 (c)3 for the purpose of promoting America's Theatre Organ heritage. Annual membership dues and all donations are used to provide programs and maintain our 1928 Robert Morton theatre pipe organ.

2026 SSC/ATOS Event Schedule

- **April 17:** "Spring is in the Air" featuring Jeff Smith, guest violist and TU Singers
- **May 15 |** 6:30 pm: Dennis Scott accompanying silent film "The General" (Buster Keaton).
- **June 19:** 6:30 pm: "Springing into Summer" – Local Artists' favorites.

Everyone enjoyed our "Gospel Music Night" program in February which was very well attended. We welcomed special guests Pastor and Mrs. Andrew Spooner and friends from Bristow Seventh Day Adventist Church, Matthew and Jordan Cox from Tulsa's First Baptist Church Choir and two students visiting from China and Madagascar who enjoyed some 'open console' time after the program.
We enjoyed playing the new-to-us/used piano for the first time, recently given anonymously to SSC. We celebrated Carolyn Craft's 90th Birthday with balloons, cake, cookies, cards and a special "Happy Birthday" song with exciting organ "Hallelujah Chorus" introduction by Bruce Wilkin. Thanks to Janice Barbour for making the delicious chocolate cakes!

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DECLAN POOLE, THEATRE ORGANIST CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE: April 19th, 2026 @ 2:30p.m.
Huffman House Concerts (Mike Huffman Residence)

Born in the North of England, a visit to the Tower Ballroom - Blackpool when he was around 13 years old led to Declan's study of the theatre organ, using the Wurlitzer at the Royalty Cinema, Bowness-on-Windermere and an electronic organ at home as his practice instruments.

In 2015, he won the ATOS U.K. Young Theatre Organist of the Year competition which took place at the Musical Museum, Kew Bridge, London.

Since then, Declan has played at many of the UK's major theatre organ venues, including Troxy - London; Assembly Hall - Worthing; Pavilion - Bournemouth; and the Tower Ballroom - Blackpool, where his theatre organ experience first began. To date, he has played over 60 of the UK's theatre organ installations. Declan has also played several theatre organs in the USA and was the winner of the 2025 ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition held in Milwaukee, WI.

Declan is also the current holder of the Cinema Organ Society's Ian Sutherland award, which is presented periodically to young organists who demonstrate outstanding talent and potential.

Declan has been involved in the restoration and reinstallation of several theatre pipe organs.

Sign-ups will start sometime mid-March. More information to come via email!

Kilgen Theatre Organ performance: - Monday, April 27 - 7:00 to 8:30 p
Devon Great Hall at Oklahoma History Center - Oklahoma City, Ok

Ken Double, past president of ATOS and wonderful organist, will be the 'artist of the evening.' (check out his YouTube videos).

Tickets: $20. non members; **$10,** members - **Call 405-522-0765**