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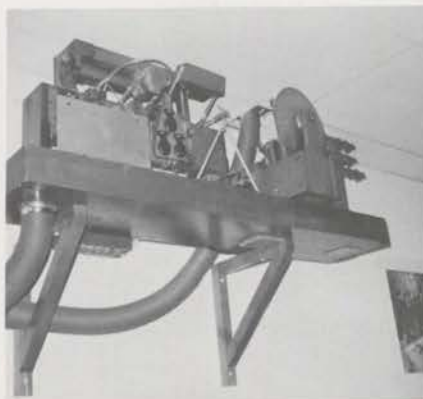
Southern California Now Has It’s Own “Pizza Joint”

Long notorious for a complete lack of pipe organs installed where the organ-loving public can *drop in* to hear them, Southern California could take pride in the first such establishment since Clifton’s Cafeteria in Los Angeles discontinued use of its 2-8 Moller many years ago.

The idea of a Wurlitzer in a Pizza house was frankly borrowed by Steve and Shirley Barden from the justly famous *Pizza Joynt* of Carsten Henningsen in San Lorenzo, Calif., where it’s *the place to go* for the Bay Area pipe-hungry. After securing property in a commercially promising area (Covina, about 25 miles from LA), Steve and wife Shirley went to work on the installation of a 5-rank Wurlitzer they had stashed some time earlier. Described by Steve as a *style 170* the organ (Vox, String, Concert Flute, Dulciana and Tuba, rather than the usual Style D Trumpet) was installed originally in the Selma Theatre, Selma, Calif.

Steve credits Shirley with a good 50 percent of the installation labors, especially the wiring. The pipework is installed in one chamber located in what would normally be the storefront, a glassed-in area which usually has a group of passers-by gauging over the many whistles inside. A Tibia Clausa has been added and a Clarinet is going in, so it will be a 7-ranker when finished.

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Traps and percussions are installed for visual impact as much as for increased volume. — Stufoto



Bud Taylor, veteran theatre organist presides at “Pizza Parlor” console. He starts early because Pizza fans in Covina seem to be an early-to-bed crowd. After that the beer sippers arrive so Bud must play until closing—no matter how early he started. — Stufoto



Owner Steve Bardon (left) shows Dick Loderhose through the store-front chamber where the five ranks can be heard also out in the street. Loderhose came from New York for the holidays and enjoyed the little Wurli—even though he has a 42 rank Wurli perking in his New York home. — Stufoto

When youthful (25) Dwight Beacham (1968 ATOE conventioners heard him play the Wurli at the *Haven of Rest*) moved away from Los Angeles to accept a teaching job 300 miles north at Paso Robles, local fans figured that he wouldn't have much time to do anything about the little two-deck Wurli he left behind, neatly installed in his parents' home. With the move and fatherhood fast overtaking him, chances of moving the organ seemed remote. But, the doubters figured without taking into consideration the great zeal for theatre pipes which must haunt Dwight. With newborn Holly safe in the crib, wife Ginny back in the kitchen and the teaching job (music, naturally) going well, Dwight began to thirst for the sound of his own pipes. The way Ginny puts it, "we have become one of the main supporters of the U-Haul Trailer Company." Three months after their departure the Beachams have moved more than half of the 8-ranker from LA to Paso Robles, and that task wasn't even started until Dwight had built a suitable chamber, so it shouldn't be long before Dwight will be able to do something about the vacuum he ran into when he got nothing but *what's that?* upon mentioning theatre organ in the Paso Robles area. In case there's still any doubt, Dwight declares, "... theatre organ? I love it — almost as much as I love my spouse — and Holly."

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Colin Corbett still plays the 3-19 Hillgreen-Lane Theatre Pipe Organ in the Odeon-Carlton Theatre (on Carlton St., near the corner of Yonge St.) in Toronto, Ontario every Saturday night at about 9 p.m. for 15 minutes. The console rises on a lift out of the center of the large covered-over orchestra pit of the theatre which is advertised on television as *The Showplace Of The Nation*, advises Niagara Frontiersman, Dave Vuckson.

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ished. Some large-scale pitched percussions have been distributed around the ceiling of the restaurant, a very large Marimba, Xylophone, Glockenspiel and a full toy counter.

There's one additional goodie in the wind, a real, honest-to-goodness Wurlitzer Brass Trumpet which will replace the Tuba to provide more brassy tightness.

What Shirley didn't install, of the original 5 ranks, Steve did. Organ technician Don Kohles was hired to do the finishing and vocal touchup. Then organist Bud Taylor signed on as resident organist and he pitched in to help get the Tibia going. By the time this hits print, Steve, Shirley and Bud will surely have the Clarinet in, perhaps even the Brass Trumpet, and the major bugs removed. Except for the still silent Clarinet, the trio had it all going and in good playing shape chomp, guzzle and kibbitz during the recent holidays.

So you travelers who make a point of taking in the pipe organs at each stopover, add the name *Monk's Musical Pizza* to the agenda. It's at 644 South Barranca Avenue, Covina, California. Get off the San Bernadino Freeway at Barranca and

drive North for a half mile to the Barranca Center (right side of street). The menu is Pizza, soft drinks, beer and the long-popular music of Bud Taylor on the pipes.

— G. Bandini

Record Review

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by Ben Hall, about the score and Wurlitzer restoration project, accompanies the recording.

Side II of the disc presents some songs from the Valentino years in very special arrangements: *Remember* in a 4/4 hurry-up tempo before the sweet chorus; *Sleepy Time Gal* (which rides initially on some solo stops); *Someone To Watch Over Me, Always, Romberg's One Alone* (in part played in Ravel's *Bolero* tempo), and a satisfying 5-minute version of *When Day Is Done*, played as a ballad and sometimes in rhythm.

The Beacon organ has the big of a Wurlitzer Vox/Tibia mix we've theatre sound and the best example heard on records in some time. Favorite is Erwin's *Love Theme* from the *Eagle* score. It has the same kind of langorous appeal as the String-rich David Rose compositions (e.g. *Our Waltz, Deserted City, California Melodies*).