

New Hall of Famers

Three artists were enrolled in the Theatre Organists Hall of Fame during the Seattle Convention. They are:

Francis J. Cronin

He was an organist in Boston area theatres. He reached the peak of his fame through his radio broadcasts over station WNAC, where he served for over 15 years. His specialty was light classical music. The Wurlitzer used in his first broadcasts is now in active use at Stoneham Town Hall, and the four-manual Aeolian-Skinner, in which he incorporated many of his ideas for a broadcast instrument, is now in use in a church.

Jean Wiener

She was one of radio's earliest broadcast organists. In the late twenties, playing at the famous Atlantic City Steel Pier, she was heard from WPG nightly from 10 to 11 p.m. and received fan mail from the entire Atlantic coast. Her tenure at the Steel Pier ended in 1938. During WW II she served in the Women's Army Corps, reaching the rank of Lt. Colonel. After her retirement she was comptroller of the Philadelphia Ordnance District of the U.S. Civil Service.

Theatre Organist of the Year ANN LEAF

Our active artist was born in Omaha, Nebraska. She attended the Damrosch Institute of Musical Art in New York, majoring in piano, and made her debut playing a Mozart concerto with the Omaha Symphony.

Her career in the organ world began on the West Coast, where, at the age of 17, she performed at Sid Grauman's prestigious Million Dollar Theatre in Los Angeles. She continued as featured organist for Paramount-Publix theatres.

In 1929 she became nationally famous almost overnight as broadcasting organist for the Columbia Broadcasting System. To qualify for this position she had to pass an audition for the famous Jesse Crawford. She soon became one of CBS' stars, opening and closing the network daily. She was part of *Three Consoles*, a novel radio show with Milton Charles and Eddie Dunstedter, each in a different city. She was also featured with other star personalities. In recent years she has composed, recorded, and performed for organ clubs and ATOS chapters from coast to coast. □

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Lowell C. Ayars
Donald H. Baker
Stuart Barrie
Dessa Byrd
Paul Carson
Gaylord B. Carter
Milton Charles
Edwin L. "Buddy" Cole
Bernie Cowham
Helen A. Crawford
Jesse J. Crawford
Francis J. Cronin
William R. Dalton
Lloyd G. del Castillo
Reginald Dixon
Edward J. Dunstedter
Lee O. Erwin, Jr.
Francis "Gus" Farney
Frederick Feibel
Mildred M. Fitzpatrick
Reginald Foort
Paul H. Forster
Dean L. Fossler
John Gart
Betty Gould
Thomas Grierson
Arthur Gutow
John F. Hammond
Elwell "Eddie" Hanson
Henri A. Keates
Frederick Kinsley
Sigmund Krungold
Edith Lang
Ambrose Larsen
Richard W. Leibert
Leonard MacClain
Quentin Maclean
Roderick H. "Sandy" Maepheron
Albert Hay Malotte
Dr. Melchiorre Mauro-Cottone
Alfred M. Melgard
F. Donald Miller
Charles Sharpe Minor
John T. Muri
Henry B. Murtagh
Dr. Milton Page
Henry Francis Parks
Dr. C. A. J. Parmentier
Edna S. Sellers
Preston H. Sellers, Jr.
Gerald Shaw
Raymond G. Shelley
Arsene Siegel
Milton Slosser
Kathleen O. Stokes
Firmin Swinnen
Sidney Torch
Emil Velazco
Deszo Von D'Antalfy
G. Oliver Wallace
Jack Ward
Edward J. Weaver
Lew White
Jean Wiener
George Wright

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