

Convention Information

In articles in the two preceding issues of THEATRE ORGAN, and in the lead article in this issue, we have tried to give you a clear picture of what awaits you during the 1991 ATOS National Convention.

Here we offer information to help in planning your trip.

Parking

Those who choose to drive to the convention will have a number of options for parking, ranging in cost from about \$3 to \$21 per day, with the price higher the nearer to the hotel. All rates are for calendar days, without in-and-out privileges, except as noted. The least expensive locations are two lots operated by the Allright Parking Co. in Oakland, one at 20th and Telegraph and the other a block away at Williams and Telegraph. The rate here is \$3 per day if you arrive before 9:00 a.m. These lots are unattended on Sunday. Both lots are about two blocks from the 19th Street (Paramount Theatre) BART station, where you will catch a train to the Powell Street station in San Francisco. From there, it is a three-block walk uphill to the hotel. The same company operates a lot at 860 Howard Street in San Francisco, about seven blocks from the hotel, where the rate is \$6 per day if you arrive before 9:00 a.m.

The 5th and Mission Garage, about six blocks from the hotel, charges \$9 per day. The Union Square Garage, directly across Powell Street from the hotel, charges \$14 per 24 hours from the time you enter. The Downtown Center Garage, two blocks from the hotel at Mason and O'Farrell Streets, charges \$15.50 per 24 hours from the time you enter.

At \$21 per day, the St. Francis Hotel Garage is the most expensive, but you do have in-and-out privileges. However, there is a catch here: the hotel has 1200 rooms but there are only 200 stalls in the garage! So, if you pull out, there is no guarantee that you can get back in.

Weather

San Francisco has a temperate marine climate, with temperatures in July ranging from 50°F to 70 or 75°F. Morning and evening fogs may roll in, but seldom persist. Women will be most comfortable with a sweater, light jacket or coat handy, or in a suit. Men's attire requires only light- to medium-weight suits or sport clothes. An all-weather coat will take the chill off cool evenings. Lightweight summer clothes are seldom practical in San Francisco. It is important to note, however, that Berkeley, Oakland and Palo Alto are often warmer than San Francisco.

Photography

We know that many of those who attend ATOS conventions delight in photographing the artists at the consoles. However, out of consideration for the artists and the members of the audience, we must insist that there be **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY DURING CONCERTS**. The artists will be available for a short time after each concert to accommodate those who want to get flash photos.

Public Concert

The opening program at the Berkeley Community Theatre on July 5 will be the *only* concert open to the public. For those who wish to invite non-member friends, or for members who are not registered for the convention, tickets are available at \$10 each from **Mark Putterbaugh, 279 Vernon Street, No. 1, Oakland, CA 94610 (phone 415/444-7754)**. Tickets may be paid for by cash, check or credit card (VISA or MasterCard). These tickets allow admission to public seating areas only.

Afterglow

Those who wish to visit Marine World Africa USA will have to rise and shine early, as the ferry leaves Pier 41 at 8:45 a.m. Departure time of the bus from the hotel will be listed in the pocket program guide included in your registration packet.

A visit to the fabulous place will provide a truly memorable finale to a great convention. To quote:

"BY SEA Thrill to the magnificence of killer whales, dolphins and sea lions. Get a few saltwater souvenirs. Experience habitats, tide pools and an aquarium for other forms of aquatic life. Nowhere in the world can you get closer to marine mammals. And nowhere will you find marine mammal shows as exciting, entertaining and educational as those we offer.

"BY LAND Adventure to Asia, Africa and everywhere in between. Tigers, elephants, chimps, and so much more. More than you've ever seen before in exciting shows, roaming in innovative habitats and even strolling with their trainers among park guests. And wherever you see them, you'll have the opportunity to come safely close to them. Deep, mutual bonds of trust, respect and affection between our animals and trainers make this possible.

"BY AIR It's our feathered flock. A varied collection of over 100 species. From colorful cockatoos and macaws to land-bound ostriches. From majestic birds of prey to beautiful flamingos and cranes. Many rare and endangered species find a home at Marine World Africa USA.

"ALL AROUND Animals and marine mammals are just part of the excitement at Marine World Africa USA. Our Water Ski and Boat Show is internationally acclaimed."