



## BLACKWOOD ARTS NEWSLETTER

Summer 2021

They're coming back . . . slowly; but they ARE coming back . . . THOSE MOMENTS TO REMEMBER.

**We have two outstanding events scheduled for the remainder of the year that we know you will want to attend – an organ concert in September and a silent movie in October.**

*Blackwood Arts is pleased to announce "Silents, Please" a new silent film series showcasing some of the world's best films, accompanied by the world's premier theatre organists. Our first offering will be F. W. Murnau's 1927 masterpiece "Sunrise" starring George O'Brien, Janet Gaynor and Margret Hamilton. Hailed then and now as one of the finest films of that (or any other) era, "Sunrise" tells the oft-told tale of a young farmer, his dutiful wife, and the city girl who leads him astray. The tale may be commonplace, but the telling is not.*

*Accompanying "Sunrise" will be the noted organist **CLARK WILSON**, well-known for creating and performing imaginative scores for many "silent" films, as well as his popular concert appearances.*

*The single showing will be at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 10, 2021.*

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**DAVE CALENDINE** will be hitting the keys at Blackwood on September 12, at 2:00 pm. Like many others with musical genius, Calendine began with old hand-me-down player pianos and nickelodeons. He said that his playing style today is very heavily influenced by the music that they produced. After hearing a concert by noted theater organist Lyn Larson on the Akron Civic Theater Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ at an early age, his life was changed. At the age of sixteen, after getting his driver's license, he drove each day for a week to the Akron theatre, and they finally let him in to play the organ – for twenty minutes. Less than a week later, he was offered a job as house organist at the theatre. Since then, he has played the classic movie palaces and famous pipe -organ restaurants in the United States and overseas. Dave is currently Chairman of the American Theater Organ Society. He has generously volunteered to perform for the Dassa McKinney Elementary School Field Trip this year.

*Many of the Fourth-Grade students who have witnessed one of these Field Trips have written that it is an experience they will never forget. These special moments to remember are coming back for all of us. We've been able to provide three outstanding concerts this year but because of the pandemic, there can be no Scholarship Dinner to close the 2021 Season. However, **DAVE WICKERHAM** has produced a virtual concert especially for friends of Blackwood Arts. The opening alone will bring you joy. We will provide a YouTube link as soon as Dave completes the final editing.*

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**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021.** A total of \$17,500 has been awarded to the following four high school seniors. The entire interview and audition process was conducted via Google Drive and Zoom with judges from both Slippery Rock University and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. The winners were:

- Isabel Cardenes - Oakland Catholic High, a harpist, will attend the Manhattan School of Music.**
- Alyssa Lucente - Moon Area High School, a violinist, will attend the University of Michigan.**
- Zachary Spondike - Shaler Area High School, a saxophonist, will attend Temple University.**
- Cora Stubbins - Nicholas County High School, a vocalist, will attend Glenville State College.**

**MAKE-A-WISH GREATER PENNSYLVANIA AND WEST VIRGINIA** was overjoyed at the enthusiasm and generosity of those who attended the **DAVE WICKERHAM** concert on July 11 to benefit the children in their program. The day was rainy but no one seemed affected—they just used an umbrella or walked with the raindrops touching their faces. As of this writing, \$20,362.36 was received for the fulfillment of wishes. Several children will be happier because you cared. Thank you for your support.

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**KUDOS** to **BILL VRSCAK**, one of our most enthusiastic members and, by invitation, a signature member of the American Watercolor Society. Bill was awarded the AWS Silver Medal of Honor at the 154<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition – 2021 of the American Watercolor Society.

**CONDOLENCES:** It is with deep sorrow that we report the passing of our long-time friends. . .

**David Brown**, husband of Linda Brown, one of our board members.

**Mary Teare**, at 104, our longest supporting member.

**Verne Wolfe**, brother-in-law of Carole Wolfe, Secretary of Blackwood Arts

**Patti Zellers**, wife of Bob Zellers, one of our board members.

-----RESERVATIONS AND DONATIONS-----

**SEATING CAPACITY WILL BE LIMITED TO 70. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP. CONFIRMATION WILL BE VIA EMAIL OR YOUR CANCELLED CHECK**

( ) September 12, 2021	Dave Calendine Organ Concert	\$25/person	\$ _____
( ) October 10, 2021	Silent Movie “Sunrise”, Clark Wilson Organist	\$30/person	\$ _____
( ) General Support	Unrestricted		\$ _____
( ) Scholarship Programs			\$ _____
( ) Musical Instrument Outreach Program			\$ _____
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

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