

The Temple Theatre

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Barton Organ to be Removed from the Temple Theatre!

SAGINAW, MI -- The Temple Theatre Organ Club, celebrating 40 years of service to the Temple Theatre, will mark an historic event this **Friday, January 7th** as the Temple Theatre's Barton Organ console is removed for total restoration. Work is to be performed in Detroit and will be completed by April of 2011. Since 1970, the Temple Theatre Organ Club has been responsible for all cost of maintenance and performances on the Barton organ.

The 84 year old console, the ornate desk at which the musician sits to play the pipes of the organ, is in need of restoration. Not only outward appearance will be restored to the original colors and finish but also the keyboards and internal wiring will be replaced. ***The organ will then look and play as it did on opening night, July 28, 1927.***

This Friday, January 7th the Helderop Pipe Organ Company of Detroit, Michigan will remove the Barton console from the lift in the Temple Theatre orchestra pit. The removal will require the disconnection of hundreds of wires as well as physically moving the heavy keydesk.

The console was constructed in 1927 with state of the art materials. New requirements for insulation on wiring have made replacement necessary. The keyboards, refurbished once 30 years ago, will be replaced as they are the parts most worn through use. Then the exterior will be refinished to equal the splendor of the rest of the theatre.

Cost of the restoration is to be covered by the Temple Theatre Organ Club with funds remaining from the operation of the theatre by the Temple Theatre Project, a committee of the Club. Additional funds are needed to meet the \$35,000.00 goal and the Club, a 501 (c) 3 Michigan non-profit corporation, is accepting donations at the Theatre Office.

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The Temple Theatre is located at 201 N. Washington Ave. in Saginaw. Box-office hours are Monday - Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday 9am – 5pm. As always, there will be free parking and shuttle service from the Saginaw Tower, 515 N. Washington, two blocks north of the Temple.

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