

The Temple Theatre

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Barton Organ Returns to the Temple Theatre With a Special *Restoration Celebration Concert!*

SAGINAW, MI -- A special celebration concert is planned for May 8, 2011 commemorating the return of the Temple Theatre's Barton Organ console. The Temple Theatre Organ Club proudly welcomes Paul Roberts, a British organist and prominent name on the United Kingdom organ circuit, who will perform on the newly restored Barton Organ.

Mr. Roberts has played at virtually every organ society and pipe organ installation in this country. In 2005 he was the first British organist to play a solo concert in Radio City Music Hall in New York-the largest indoor theatre in the world. During his tour of North America he performed at 25 venues including: Radio City Music Hall, NY; Orpheum Theatre, CA; Waikiki Yacht Club, HI; Washington National Museum, WA.

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

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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Tickets are now on sale to the general public and are \$10 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by calling 877-754-SHOW, online at www.templetheatre.com or in person at 201 N. Washington Ave., Saginaw.

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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