

UNIVERSITY OF  
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SCHOOL OF MUSIC

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring Robert Salisbury, organ

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.  
MEMORIAL CHAPEL

***The Rink, 1916***

Directed by, Written by and Starring Charlie Chaplin

After amusements working in a restaurant, Charlie uses his lunch break to go roller skating. Mr. Stout makes advances toward the unwilling Edna (whose father and Mrs. Stout had earlier carried on in the restaurant). After a roller skate ballet, Charlie (now as Sir Cecil Seltzer) is invited to a party at Edna's. All the "couples", including a new partner for Mr. Stout. show up.

-Ed Stephan <[stephan@cc.wvu.edu](mailto:stephan@cc.wvu.edu)>

**Cast**

Charlie Chaplin - A Waiter. Posing as Sir Cecil Seltzer

Edna Purviance - The Girl

James T. Kelley - Her Father

Eric Campbell - Mr. Stout, Edna's Admirer

Henry Bergman - Mrs. Stout and Angry Diner

Lloyd Bacon - Guest

Albert Austin - The Cook and Skater

Frank J. Coleman - Restaurant Manager

John Rand - Waiter

Charlotte Mineau - Friend of Edna

Leota Bryan - Friend of Edna

***It, 1927***

Starring Clara Bow

Directed and Produced by Clarence G. Badger

Based on the novel by Elinor Glyn (novel)

Written for screen by Hope Loring and Louis D. Lighton

Clara Bow plays Betty Lou Spence, a girl from the poor suburb of Gashouse Gables who works as a shopgirl at the "world's largest store" - Waltham's. Cyrus Waltham (Antonio Moreno), handsome son of Waltham's owner has just taken over as the new "boss" and while making his rounds to look over the store, Betty sees him and falls hard for the cutie-pie. She tries every trick to get him to notice her.

-<http://www.silentmoviecrazy.com>

**Cast**

Clara Bow - Betty Lou Spence

Antonio Moreno - Cyrus Waltham, Jr.

William Austin - Monty, Cyrus' silly friend

**Robert Salisbury** is one of a bare handful of organists who specialize in the art of accompanying silent movies. [Before the "talkies" came, many theaters had a pipe organ and an organist would improvise music to accompany the action on the screen.]

Bob first exhibited his interest in music at the age of 7 when he began piano lessons in Los Angeles. He moved on to organ lessons at the age of 10. When he was 13 Bob began the study of theater organ performance with the legendary theater organist Gaylord Carter. He quickly became a protégé of Mr. Carter and enjoyed a 45 year friendship that resulted in Bob being considered by many to be Mr. Carter's successor in the art of accompanying silent movies.

In his home town of Avalon, on Catalina Island, Bob played the Page Theater Pipe Organ on a nightly basis before the movies in the Casino theater, and he also played on occasion at the Avalon Community Church. In addition, Bob was an employee in the Sheriff's Department on the island, a rare position to be held by an organist!

Among the venues in which Bob has performed are many of the well-known theaters throughout Southern California. He has also been heard on TV shows, including the CBS series "Touched by An Angel." His credits as a composer include background scores for Disney Sea in Toyko.

Bob and his wife, Mary, are now semi-retired and living in Desert Hot Springs. He continues to play silent movies and concerts, and is organist and choirmaster for The Congregational Church of Palm Desert. He is also a Product Specialist and instructor for the Church Keyboard Center in Glendale.

Bob says that his favorite program is always the one he does next!