

Wurlitzer Rebuild Budgetary Guide

Console and general startup items:

Classic Organworks relay and control system	\$11,000
Leather for console pneumatics	500
Refinish console cabinet	2,000
New, reproduction stop keys	1,000
Power supply	300
Keyboard contacts	1,200

Budget without outside labor \$16,000

Blower replacement	4,000
Replacement regulators	5,000
Chamber preparation	2,500
New chest pneumatics	15,000
Reed and flue pipe repairs	5,000

Budget without outside labor \$31,500

The estimated budget for the Wurlitzer, without paid labor is approximately \$50,000.

This budget assumes the use of mostly volunteer laborers who have organ restoration experience, coupled with some professionals. There are no funds included for the Chevalier Theatre's Chickering grand piano (\$15,000) or for work on the roll player mechanism, although connection to both will be planned for in the organ relay system.

Prepared by Chevalier Theatre Organ Society members Richard Nickerson, owner of Nickerson Pipe Organ Service, Melrose, MA, and Richard Pelland, owner of Pelland Pipe Organ Co., Derry, NH.

Here's what you can do

The Chevalier Theatre Organ Society's Mighty Wurlitzer Restoration Project affords numerous donation opportunities for anyone interested in bringing this musical and cultural treasure back to life.

Donate any amount! Every dollar will help bring this historic musical treasure back to life!

Restore an organ pipe! A \$100 donation will restore one of the organ's 900 pipes to perfection.

Restore a Rank or Percussion! Various levels of donation opportunities cover the restoration of a rank (one of nine full sets of pipes) or individual percussion items.

All donors' names will be printed in a commemorative booklet and on a project dedication plaque to be installed at Chevalier Theatre.

Here's how I will help

Yes! I want to help bring the Mighty Wurlitzer to life! Enclosed is my donation of _____ to support the addition of this important asset to our community.

I would like to contribute a donation for the item I checked below. Enclosed is _____.

Organ Pipe	\$100	Tympani	\$1,000	Clarinet	\$1,500
		Sleigh Bells	\$1,000	Salicional	\$1,500
TRAPS AND PERCUSSIONS		Cathedral Chimes	\$1,500	Viol Celeste	\$1,500
Tap Cymbal	\$250	Glockenspiel	\$1,500	Bourdon Flute	\$2,000
Roll Cymbal	\$250	Xylophone	\$1,500	Open Diapason	\$2,000
Crash Cymbal	\$250	Chrysoglott	\$1,500	Tuba	\$2,000
Toy Counter	\$750	Piano	\$1,500	Oboe Horn	\$2,000
Bass Drum	\$750	RANKS		Tibia Clausa	\$3,000
Snare drum	\$1,000	Vox Humana	\$750	Orchestral Oboe	\$3,000

Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mail checks payable to: Chevalier Theatre Organ Society, c/o Michael Cerullo, Treasurer,
P.O. Box 27, Medford, MA 02155-0001

Help bring back a musical treasure!

Medford's historic Chevalier Theatre is home to one of New England's rare Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organs, and we need your help to bring it back to life.

The Chevalier Theatre Organ Society was formed to restore, install and maintain the 1922 vintage Wurlitzer, which was saved from the wrecking ball at a Dayton, Ohio theatre in 1965 and is now in storage at Chevalier Theatre.

The Chevalier Theatre Organ Society is working to raise the estimated \$55,000 needed to restore and install the organ. The Organ Society has held three benefit performances at Chevalier, including one in October 2006 that raised more than \$1,000 for the Wurlitzer Fund. In addition, members are volunteering their time to work on the organ restoration, which will reduce the total cost of the project by well over \$100,000.

The Organ Society is very fortunate to have two organ restoration professionals directing the volunteer effort. They are Richard Nickerson, owner of Nickerson Pipe Organ Service, and Richard Pelland, owner of Pelland Pipe Organ.

Please help restore this unique and priceless musical treasure by donating to the Chevalier Mighty Wurlitzer Restoration Project. Details on how you can contribute are in this pamphlet.

All donations are tax-deductible, and every dollar will go toward restoration, installation and maintenance of the Mighty Wurlitzer.

The Wurlitzer and the Society

The Chevalier Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ began its life at the RKO Keith's Theatre in Dayton, Ohio, in 1922. Back then, silent movies needed musical accompaniment, and the theatre pipe organ provided atmospheric music that followed the screen action, complete with sound effects and percussion instruments.

Although "talkies" would soon replace silent movies, the Wurlitzer continued to entertain Dayton audiences until 1965 when the Keith's Theatre was torn down. The organ was saved, however, by Dave Bowers of Troy, Ohio, who installed it in a special building where its rich and exciting sound could be heard until 1986.

When the owners of the Troy building decided to sell the property, Bowers stepped in again. Then living in New Hampshire, Bowers purchased the Wurlitzer and donated it to the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society. Its president, Dorothy Bromage, then orchestrated the move of the organ from Dayton to Maine, where it was stored until the chapter could find a suitable permanent home.

That turned out to be Chevalier Theatre, and under the leadership of Bromage, the Chevalier Theatre Organ Society was organized for the purpose of restoring and installing the Wurlitzer, while raising the necessary funds to do so.

Once installed and operated, the Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ will be used for concerts, silent movie accompaniment, educational programs, and enhancing other entertainment.



Mighty Wurlitzer Restoration Project

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musical heritage"*

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