

October 2009  
DOS Newsletter

# Dallas Organ Society

## Danny Ray Concert Organist



### Danny Ray Sunday Afternoon October 18, 2:30 PM Royal Lane Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Danny Wesley Ray has been a professional musician and teacher for over four decades. As a youngster, he learned to play piano, accordion, organ, and all of the wind instruments. Danny traveled with and arranged for both a show band and a southern gospel male quartet, and has performed in scores of recording sessions.

Between 1976 and 1991, he served as Organist for Landmark Pizza and Pipes and Pipe Organ Pizza in Dallas, Pipe Organ Pizza in Houston, the Organ Grinder in Toronto, Organ Stop Pizza in Tucson and Phoenix, and Casa Mañana Theater in Fort Worth.

Danny has performed solo concerts in Wilmington, Sacramento, Rochester, Phoenix, Atlanta, Houston, and Dallas. For the Turtle Creek Choral, Danny serves as Composer-in-Residence and has arranged music heard in most of the major concerts. He holds the position of Organist for Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas.

Danny serves as the Music Director/Accompanist for the Arts District Cabaret, a 28-member Dallas choral ensemble that takes its repertoire from the great American songbook. Since 1980, Danny has arranged and/or orchestrated hundreds of pieces, and he continues as a prolific composer. His compositions are published by Shawnee Press.

Don't miss **Danny Ray in Concert**  
Sunday afternoon, October 18, 2:30 pm

The concert location is  
6707 Royal Lane @ Hillcrest in Dallas.

### The Allen/Artisan/Wurlitzer Organ



Danny will be performing on his custom designed Allen/Artisan/Wurlitzer organ. The organ started as an Allen Theatre Organ. Then two of our DOS organ techs, Bob Ackard and Irwin Arnstein, removed the insides of the Allen, installed Artisan electronics and relay systems and topped it off with excellent Wurlitzer Theatre Organ samples. You will see an Allen console with Artisan circuits but, you will hear Wurlitzer organ sounds. Danny is proud of this fine, custom made "virtual" theatre organ.

# Gordon Wright

Last Saturday our dear friend Gordon Wright passed away. Although Gordon and Evelyn were actually new to the DOS, we have had two concerts in their home on the WurliTzer Theatre Organ that Gordon installed from the Melba Theatre on Elm Street. Gordon was a lifelong organ music lover and a founder of the Theatre Organ Association of Dallas and the North Texas Chapter of the ATOS, founded in their living room. Gordon was the president of Republic Savings and Loan Assoc., a charter member and president of the Dallas Figure Skating Club, a high test Figure Skating judge, a past president of the Dallas Ski Club, an amateur radio operator, member of Dallas Country Club, a pilot, a race car driver and member and past president of Coon Creek Club. He was a collector of many things, including theater pipe organs, antique tractors and classic GMC motorhomes. He was also an avid hunter.



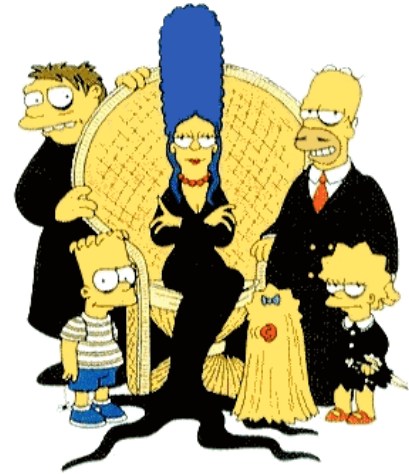
Gordon is standing here with Glenn Swope, long time friend of Gordon and Evelyn. Glenn played many organ concerts on the Mighty Melba Wurlitzer.

Gordon was one of the great promoters of organs and organ music. We are going to miss Gordon.

## DON'T MISS DANNY RAY

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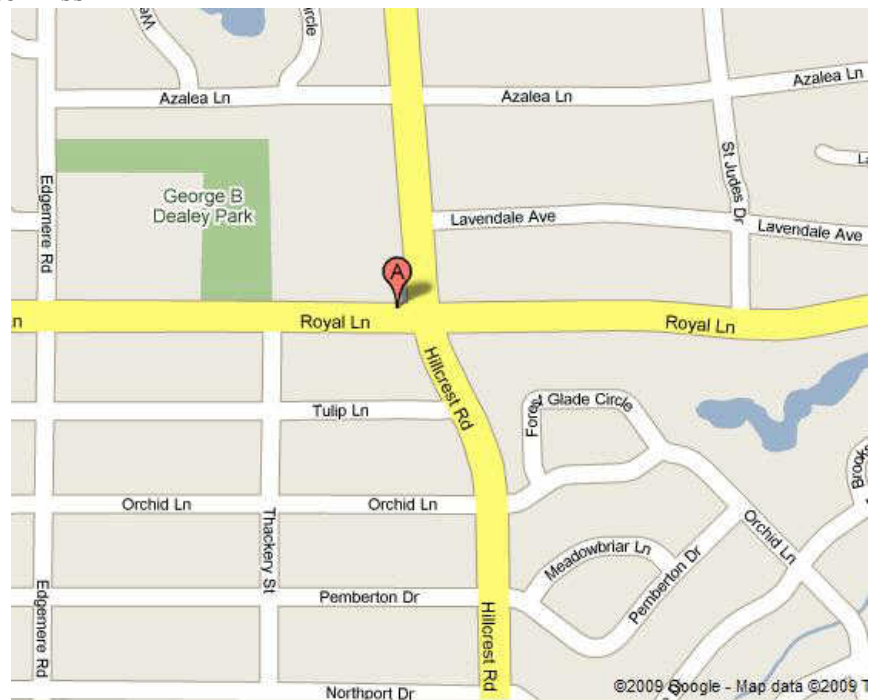
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## Pay Your Dues Or Expect A Visit

**Membership Dues Are Now Due -  
Only Ten Bucks - A Steal!**

Yes, the piper and the post office need to be paid! So bring your \$10 membership dues to the next concert and give it to our treasurer Pete Fries or secretary Bill Smith. They will gladly anoint you as a bona fide member for the 2009/2010 season of fun meetings and concerts.



Mark your calendar for November 22 (tentative)  
We will again gather in the home of Irwin Arnstein  
To hear the Arnstein Opus 1,  
Irwin Arnstein's custom built virtual pipe organ  
Featuring SEVEN organs in one console!

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