

UNIVERSITY OF
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SCHOOL OF MUSIC

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring Robert Salisbury, organ

Saturday, October 29th, 8:00 p.m.
MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The Kid Brother, 1927

The most important family in Hickoryville is (naturally enough) the Hickory's, with sheriff Jim and his tough manly sons Leo and Olin. The timid youngest son, Harold, doesn't have the muscles to match up to them, so he has to use his wits to win the respect of his strong father and also the love of beautiful Mary Powers.

Harold, smitten by Mary, travels with her late father's medicine show. When the show burns down, Harold invites her to stay at his house with his father and brothers. When the town's money is stolen by thugs from the medicine show, Harold's father is accused, and with encouragement from Mary, Harold sets out to find the real crooks.

CAST:

Harold Lloyd	Harold Hickory
Jobyna Ralston	Mary Powers
Walter James	Jim Hickory
Leo Willis	Leo Hickory
Olin Francis	Olin Hickory
Constantine Romanoff	Sandoni
Eddie Boland	Flash Farrell
Frank Lanning	Sam Hooper
Ralph Yearsley	Hank Hopper

FILM LOCATIONS: Placentia, Ca
Providencia Ranch, Hollywood Hills Los Angeles Ca.
Santa Catalina Island, Ca.

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 St. Columba Episcopal Church in Big Bear. He is also a Product Specialist and instructor for the Church Keyboard Center in San Dimas.

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

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