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# **MINNEAPOLIS: Mechanical Music & Merriment**

**67th Annual Meeting of the Musical Box Society International**

*Hosted by the Snowbelt Chapter*

**at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel**

**Wednesday, August 31 through Saturday, September 3, 2016**

*dedicated to the memory of Thomas Wurdeman*



## **~ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ~**

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Registration  
7:30 am - 5:30 pm Optional Tour: Lukes/Spam Museum  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm Optional Tour: Crawford/Schultz  
9:00 am Trustees' Meeting & Breakfast  
Dinner on your own...

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Registration  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm Optional Tour: Nunn/Kuehn/  
Cafesjian's Carousel  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm Optional Tour: Crawford/Schultz  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Optional City Tour with lunch  
9:30 am - ? Optional Guided Mall of America  
Shopping Excursion

Dinner on your own... (save room for dessert at the...)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Welcome Ice Cream Social

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

7:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration  
9:00 am - 11:30 am Workshops  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Optional City Tour with lunch  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Awards Luncheon  
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Workshops  
Dinner on your own...  
All evening... "Minneapolis Night on the Town"  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Classic Comedy Movie Night at Hotel

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

8:00 am - 11:00 am MBSI Annual Meeting Breakfast  
10:00 am - 12:30 pm Mart set up  
Lunch on your own...  
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Mart  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Mart break down  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Social Hour  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Annual Banquet  
7:30 pm... Entertainment: Butch Thompson

## **~ HOTEL ~ ~ RESERVATIONS ~**

***Minneapolis  
Marriott***

***City Center Hotel***

30 South 7th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

**Reserve your room  
by telephone:**

**1-800-228-9290  
or 612-349-4000.**

**To get the special rate of  
\$99 per night**

(plus applicable taxes),  
you must reserve your room  
by 5:00 pm

Wednesday, August 10,  
and indicate that you are with  
the Musical Box Society.

(This rate applies for three days  
pre- and post- Annual Meeting.)

Discounted self-parking is  
\$12 per car per night.

*The Committee reserves the right to  
modify the program or collection tours.*

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

### Kiven and Cheryl Lukes Collection & the "Spam, Spam, Spam, Spam, Spam" Museum \$49 per person including lunch

The Lukes' collection is in the beautiful farm country of Minnesota. It covers the range from cylinder and disc musical boxes to pianos, small orchestrions to a fairground organ, automata to jukeboxes, all housed in an ornately-decorated music hall for your listening comfort. Highlights include a newly-restored Steinway concert grand piano with a modern player system and a Weber Unika. Since the Lukes' are farmers, they will have baby pigs and farm machinery on display. Kiven says that this will also be your chance to actually drive a massive tractor!

A delicious lunch featuring products from the Lukes' farm is included and will be catered by Cheryl.

"And now for something completely different..." whether you love it or loath it, you've never seen anything quite like The Spam Museum in nearby Austin, Minnesota, America's largest and newest (and possibly *only*) museum dedicated to canned meat! This whimsical and educational facility is a must-see when you are in the hometown of the internationally-renowned product Spam! There's plenty of free samples!

— OR —

### Crawford and Schultz Collections \$49 per person including lunch

Lawrence and Phyllis Crawford's collection features the musical box collection of Lawrence's parents, the late **F. Richard and Esther Crawford** who were Founding Members of the MBSI. This collection is one of the last intact from a Founding Member. It was Richard's goal to acquire each of the instruments described in a 1938 article by **L.G. Jaccards** which had inspired the start of the collection. The Crawford's "Crystal Homewood Studio" houses their collection which includes beer steins and dolls.

Set in the rolling farm country near the "Valley of the Jolly Green Giant," the Crawford's also raise exotic birds on their hobby farm.

The largest instrument in the Crawford collection is the 3/24 Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ, Opus 916, which was originally housed in Minneapolis' Homewood Theater. Lawrence purchased the organ 44 years ago and built it into the magnificent instrument it is today! A guest organist will perform a concert following demonstration of the musical boxes.

## ~ ALL-DAY TOURS ~

**Ralph and Carol Schultz's** collection is also on this tour. A machinist by trade, Ralph has seen to it that the collection is always in top shape with a variety of organs including a Stinson 47 band organ and two Prinsen instruments, a single Mills Violano Virtuoso, Link 2E piano, cylinder and disc musical boxes, a home-built accordion machine, and a display of steam engines. There's always a surprise in store for you when visiting the Schultz's collection. (Ralph promises that there will be no snow.)

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

### Nunn and Kuehn Collections and Cafesjian's Carousel \$49 per person including lunch

**Bill and Stacy Nunn's** "Skyrock Farm" is an equestrian complex and home to over 40 horses. Get a chance to watch a jumping demonstration up close and personal. Tour the farm on one of the vintage amusement park trains. See and hear 15 beautifully restored fair and dance organs, including Marengi, Limonaire, Mortier, Bruder, Gavioli, Hooghuyts, and Wurlitzer instruments. The 3-14 Barton theater pipe organ will also be part of your entertainment. See a working carousel with antique animals and many other animals on display. Experience Minnesota hospitality while enjoying a genuine home-cooked meal in our Victorian Ballroom, *The Gilded Horse*.

Bill is on a personal crusade to rescue book organ music and to that end has constructed computer-controlled equipment with **Kevin Keymer** to scan and re-punch rare and damaged music. Assisted by skilled music arranger **Alexey Romashkov**, the music available ranges from historic classics to modern favorites, including the rock group Queen! (Bill, Alexey and Kevin will be hosting a workshop pertaining to book repair and making on Friday.)

**Thomas Kuehn's** collection contains primarily pneumatic instruments including pianos, organs, and orchestrions manufactured in the U.S. or Europe. Brand names include Seeburg, Weber, Coinola, Popper, Mason & Hamlin, Bursens, Frati, Gasparini, and Loesche. Tom does much of the restoration work himself and will demonstrate several restored instruments as well as show and explain details not normally seen on collection tours. You may tour his shop to witness current restoration activity and see several nearly untouched original instruments. (Tom is also hosting a workshop on Friday on his Loesche piano project.)



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### MBSI 67th Annual Meeting

### August 31 - September 3, 2016

The Snowbelt Chapter welcomes you to Minneapolis, Minnesota! Known as the "Mill City" for its rich history as the epicenter of flour milling in days of yore, the bustling downtown on the mighty Mississippi River will be the site for the 67th MBSI Annual Meeting! You can expect all of the traditional meeting activities along with "Minnesota nice" hospitality.

The Schultz Collection



The Crawford Collection



The Kuehn Collection



Skyrock Farm Collection



Workshops...meetings...great food...open houses...good friends...the mart... collection tours...the Mall of America -- just a few of the reasons to join in the musical merriment in Minneapolis, Minnesota this coming Labor Day weekend. For more information, contact the Snowbelt Chapter at: [mbsi2016@gmail.com](mailto:mbsi2016@gmail.com)

The preferred method of payment is by check using this registration form.

If you want to remit using your PayPal account,  
you must add 3% to your total and go to: mbsi2016@gmail.com.  
( NOTE: PayPal remitters must also mail in this registration form. )

## REGISTRATION — MBSI 2016 — MINNEAPOLIS, MN

67th Annual Meeting August 31 - September 3, 2016

*Registration includes ice cream social, 1 breakfast, Awards Lunch, Annual Banquet, Mart, workshops and entertainment*

Please print or type names as you wish them to appear on name badges:

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please check ☐ if this is your first time at an MBSI Annual Meeting.

Day/Date of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ **Number** x **Each** = **Total**

Early Registration, MBSI Members by July 16, 2016..... **\$249** \_\_\_\_\_

Early Reg., Non-Members in related associations by July 16, 2016..... **\$269** \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Registration, MBSI Members after July 16, 2016..... **\$269** \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Reg., Non-Members in related associations after July 16, 2016..... **\$289** \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: Special MBSI hotel rate must be reserved no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday, August 10*

### OPTIONAL TOURS (includes lunch):

Wednesday: Option 1: Lukes Collection and SPAM Museum..... **\$49** \_\_\_\_\_

or — Option 2: Crawford and Schultz Collections..... **\$49** \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday: Option 1: Nunn & Kuehn Collections & Cafesjian's Carousel... **\$49** \_\_\_\_\_

or — Option 2: Crawford and Schultz Collections..... **\$49** \_\_\_\_\_

or — Option 3: Guided Tour of the Twin Cities..... **\$34** \_\_\_\_\_

Friday: Guided Tour of the Twin Cities..... **\$34** \_\_\_\_\_

### MART (Must sign Disclaimer and complete Mart Registration Form on reverse)

Number of Mart Tables/Spaces as indicated on reverse..... **\$10** \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

I AM PAYING BY: Check enclosed: ☐ payable in U.S. Funds to "Snowbelt Chapter MBSI"

or — PayPal: ☐ use mbsi2016@gmail.com, adding 3% to your total

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: Bill Nunn, Registrar • 2825 Willow Drive • Hamel, MN 55340 • USA

QUESTIONS? Phone: 612-408-2848 or E-Mail: mbsi2016@gmail.com

*Your registration will be acknowledged by mail or via E-Mail.*

Person to contact in case of personal emergency during the Annual Meeting:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

# MART SPACE REGISTRATION

*Musical Box Society International*

## 67th Annual Meeting ❄ Minneapolis, Minnesota

*Wednesday, August 31 through Saturday, September 3, 2016 (Mart is Saturday)*

**Please print or type clearly:**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **Assistant** \_\_\_\_\_

**All Mart participants must be registered for the Annual Meeting.**

Send this form with your Meeting Registration form and keep a copy for yourself. One combined payment for both Meeting Registration and Mart Space Registration is preferred.

**MART SPACE:** Number of tables ( 6 feet by 30 inches ) and/or floor spaces requested at \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: A single large item requiring its own floor space (e.g. a Regina Changer) counts as one floor space.

**Please also enter the number of tables or spaces on the Meeting Registration form.**

- Please check all that apply:**
- ☐ My Mart table will include loud items.
  - ☐ I would prefer a quiet area.
  - ☐ I will need extra space for floor-standing items (counts as a Mart table).
  - ☐ I will need an electric outlet (110 v.) — note: this is first come, first served.
  - ☐ I will need a luggage cart at check-in to move Mart items to my room.

## MART DISCLAIMER

The Musical Box Society International and the Snowbelt Chapter cannot and does not assume responsibility for any loss or damage of any nature whatsoever to any item or object offered for sale or displayed during the course of this meeting. The Society carries no insurance for this purpose and suggests the Mart participants provide their own coverage. All persons participating in the Mart do so solely at their own risk and agree to hold harmless the Society and Chapter, its members, and the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel in the event of any loss or damage claim of any kind whatsoever.

Both the Society and the Snowbelt Chapter need to ensure that neither shall incur any liability for sales tax in connection with the Mart. Mart participants therefore assume all obligations and responsibilities for compliance with local, state, and federal tax laws. Collecting, reporting, and transmitting any required sales or use tax is the sole responsibility of Mart sellers.

In order to make the Mart fair to everyone, only Mart dealers and one helper (with marked badges) will be allowed to enter the Mart during setup. After your location is set up, please leave the Mart area. You will be allowed back in at 12:20 pm. No sales, trades, or “previews” will be permitted between dealers and helpers during setup.

I have read and understand the foregoing Mart Disclaimer and accept its terms as a condition of my participation in the Mart.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MART QUESTIONS? Please contact Bill Nunn at 612-408-2848**

**or E-Mail: mbsi2106@gmail.com**



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Bill & Stacy Nunn's "Skyrock Farm" is one fun stop on the 67th Annual Meeting home tours! Ride the narrow gauge railroad and enjoy the wide array of Fairground Organs!



Five-star award-winning style awaits at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center, one of the leading downtown Minneapolis hotels boasting unmatched service and luxurious amenities for every guest! Make yourself at home in one of 583 inviting rooms with stunning views of the Minneapolis city skyline.



QUESTIONS? [mbsi2016@gmail.com](mailto:mbsi2016@gmail.com)



## Tours Aboard Deluxe & Comfortable Motor Coaches

**Cafesjian's Carousel** is the beautiful, restored Philadelphia Toboggan Company's 33rd merry-go-round (PTC 33). The 102-year-old carousel is housed in a custom pavilion and is one of the very few that has its original paint. A Wurlitzer 153 Band Organ accompanies the ride and was restored by Snowbelter **Mike Merrick** who will be on hand to answer your questions. Workshop presenter, **Linda MacDonald**, spearheaded the carousel restoration work.

— OR —

**Crawford and Schultz Collections**  
**\$49 per person including lunch**  
(see description at far left under  
Wednesday's tours)

— OR —

**Guided Tour of the Twin Cities**  
**\$34 per person including lunch**  
— note: limited to 24 participants —

Your Snowbelt Chapter tour guide **Bob Druke** will show you the historical and architectural highlights while giving a personal talk about the area, including Saint Anthony Falls and the Stone Arch Bridge, the Tyrone Guthrie Theatre, Mill City Museum, the Twins, Vikings, and Timberwolves stadiums, the Basilica of St. Mary, historic neighborhoods, the Minneapolis Lakes, legendary Minnehaha Falls, Summit Avenue and its mansions, the Cathedral of St. Paul, the State Capital Building, Union Depot, and the Schubert Club, among much more! Lunch is included (along with several "rest stops").

— OR —

**Guided Trip to The Mall of America**  
**FREE! with Lunch on your own**  
(pay-as-you-go transportation on board  
the Twin Cities' new light rail system)

Your Snowbelt Chapter host **Tammi Beckley** will guide you to America's largest shopping mall where 100s of shops await you! You will board the light rail one block from the hotel for your trip to this shopping mecca. Remember, there's no sales tax on clothing in Minnesota! The MOA has innumerable restaurants to choose from for a lunch to satisfy any desire.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**  
**Guided Tour of the Twin Cities**  
**\$34 per person including lunch**  
— note: limited to 24 participants —  
(see description above under Thursday's tours)

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 ~ WORKSHOPS ~

### "I Know Why the CAGED BIRD Sings"

Renowned mechanical singing bird restorer **Moe Goldy** will review the history, operating principles, and the craftsmen who made mechanical singing birds. Moe's presentation will include graphics and samples for demonstration.

### "LOESCHE, the other Leipzig piano and orchestrion manufacturer"

MBSI Trustee and Snowbelt member **Thomas Kuehn** will present his insights into the Loesche piano as he reviews his meticulous restoration of the instruments.

### "BOOKMAKING...the odds are good"

**Alexey Romashkov**, master musician, will demonstrate how he edits, transcribes and arranges music for various organ scales and how he uses "virtual organs" and computer programs to help put magic in his music. **Kevin Keymer** will tell about his scanning and book-punching equipment using his own software programs. **Bill Nunn** will show how he preserves old music by repairing worn books, scanning old patterns, and punching new books on the cardboard he manufactures.

### "WOOD CARVING & RESTORATION"

Snowbelt member **Jock Holman** ("the Norwegian Termite") will show some of the woodcarvings from music boxes that he has repaired and will demonstrate how a small woodcarving would be repaired. Attendees will also have the chance to pick up a carving chisel and try woodcarving for themselves.

### "LIFE'S A GRIND...a pictorial history of the Organ Grinder"

Snowbelt member, author, editor and professional organ grinder **Angelo Rulli** will take you on a historic and educational journey through the history of organ grinding featuring innumerable images of the grinders practicing their craft.

### "GILDING IS FOR EVERYONE"

Renowned decorative artist **Linda MacDonald** will demonstrate and discuss the fine art of painting band and fairground organs. This hands-on workshop will give those in attendance an opportunity to silver leaf their own small decorative piece, adding transparent color for extra pizzazz.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

### “Minneapolis Night on the Town”

Our host hotel is centrally located in the heart of downtown Minneapolis with innumerable entertainment opportunities only a short walk away! Your Friday evening is open leaving you free to explore...

#### The Minnesota Twins vs. the Chicago White Sox at 7:10 PM

(just 5 blocks away)

Spectacular...intimate...breathtaking...dazzling amenities! Those are just a few of the words describing your potential experience at Target Field, the world class home of the Minnesota Twins. “Ballpark food” has transformed from the traditional hot dogs and peanuts to gourmet cuisine! There’s even a special “Friday Fireworks” show after the game. Tickets range from \$15 to \$84.

#### The Hennepin Theatre District

(Theatres just 1 to 3 blocks away)

The 2016-17 Theatre Season has not been announced as this registration guide goes to press, but we will notify registered guests of what’s in store at the four beautiful venues that comprise the Hennepin Theatre District: **The Pantages**, built in 1916; **The Orpheum** and **The State**, both built in 1921; and **The New Century**. From touring Broadway Musicals to nationally-known comedy and music performers, there’s sure to be a presentation that will satisfy every members’ taste.

#### The Guthrie Theatre

(more than a walk at 16 blocks away)

Called “a 21st century dream factory” by *Time* magazine, the Guthrie boasts three stages, a full-service restaurant, numerous bars, and great views of Minneapolis. The building was designed to blend with the historic flour mills in the area on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River, with dramatic views of St. Anthony Falls and the Stone Arch Bridge. The Guthrie’s 2016-17 season has not been announced, but theatre patrons may expect a presentation of excellence from this world-renown venue.

#### Orchestra Hall / Minnesota Orchestra

(5 blocks away)

The world acclaimed Minnesota Orchestra makes downtown Minneapolis its home within the newly renovated Orchestra Hall, an acoustically perfect setting for their concerts. The 2016-17 season remains to be announced.

#### Minneapolis Night Life

Numerous restaurants and clubs near our hotel provide live entertainment during your dining experience. A guide to the multitude of possibilities will be in your Annual Meeting packet upon your arrival in “the Mill City.” And Candyland is right across the street from the hotel...a mecca of delicious treats for those of you with a sweet tooth!

#### The Minnesota State Fair

The “Great Minnesota Get-Together” is in full swing during our Annual Meeting. A short free shuttle bus ride to the grounds offers innumerable unique food and entertainment opportunities. Tickets are \$11-\$13 at the gates.

## ~ BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT ~

#### BUTCH THOMPSON

In a career spanning over 45 years, pianist and clarinetist **Butch Thompson** has earned a world-wide reputation as a traditional jazz and ragtime master. He tours widely as a soloist or at the helm of any of his several ensembles, including his well-known Butch Thompson Trio. He has performed with many symphony orchestras including the Hartford Symphony, the Erie Philharmonic, the St. Louis Symphony, the Minnesota Orchestra, and the Cairo (Egypt) Symphony. Widely known for his 12-year stint as house pianist on public radio’s *A Prairie Home Companion*, he continues on the show as a frequent guest.



photo: Travis Anderson

## ~ WHILE YOU’RE HERE ~

#### CAFESJIAN’S CAROUSEL

After a 74-year run at the Minnesota State Fair, the 1914 PTC #33 was headed for the auction block, its 68 finely-carved horses destined to be broken up. As the auction was about to begin, a \$1.1 million deal was brokered by the citizen’s group *Our Fair Carousel* to save the ride intact. It returned to the Fair for one final year before being disassembled and stored until a new home could be found.

Restoration of the horses commenced under the leadership of workshop presenter **Linda McDonald**, who studied under renowned carousel artist **Rosa Regan**. Most of the horses wore original paint, having only been re-varnished periodically. McDonald had to replicate the rounding board paintings that were damaged in a 1939 fairground fire and haphazardly replaced with “park paintings.”

The carousel opened in the jewel of the Saint Paul park system, Como Park, in 2000, inside a beautiful custom-built pavilion, and is named for its chief benefactor, the late **Gerard L. Cafesjian**.



The ride had used recorded band organ music since the large Artizan organ originally used burned in the 1939 fire. Cafesjian financed the purchase of a Wurlitzer 153 and MBSI Snowbelt member **Mike Merick** restored the organ, which made its debut on the ride in the spring of 2000.

#### THE MALL OF AMERICA

Since opening its doors in 1992, the MOA has revolutionized the shopping experience and become a leader in retail, entertainment, and attractions. The MOA is one of the top tourist destinations in the country! With 520 stores and 50 restaurants, the MOA has been described as a city within a city, and even includes a full-scale amusement park inside!

#### THE SPAM MUSEUM

For over 12 years, the SPAM Museum in Austin, Minnesota has delighted over a million visitors with delicious exhibits celebrating SPAM! A brand new SPAM Museum is now open so you can get your fill of all things SPAM as part of the **Lukes’ Collection** tour. Don’t miss it!

