

Musicians' Protective Association

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June 25th
1942

To the Honorable Council
of the City of San Diego, California:

Gentlemen:

The attention of this Association, Local 325, American Federation of Musicians, has been brought to the elimination of the Balboa Park Organist's contract held by Royal A. Brown, Fellow of the American Guild of Organists.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Board of Directors of our Local that this elimination is a gross injustice to Mr. Brown who is an organist of national reknown, and it is our earnest desire that there be a reinstatement of this 1942-43 budget.

Our records show that the Balboa Park organist's position requires radio considerations both locally and national, and the fundamentals and intricacies of a first class radio set-up cannot be expertly handled by any one but a skilled performer and one well versed in the legal requirements of broadcasting. Mr. Brown has at all times more than cooperated with our Local in all ways regarding the broadcasting of the Park recitals, and we cannot conceive or approve of any arrangement to turn this class of music over to any group or groups of performers whose artistic talents and business knowledge are less than the present incumbents.

This office would appreciate having the Council of the City of San Diego give this elimination matter your most serious attention and thought.

Very truly yours,

Charles D. Safford

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Secretary

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By - August M. Wadstrom,
Deputy

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A. Brown, Organist,
Balboa Park

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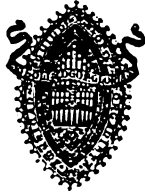
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American Guild of Organists

San Diego Chapter



June 26, 1942

To the Honorable City Council,
The City of San Diego,
Civic Center Building,
San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:

According to reports reaching the San Diego Chapter, American Guild of Organists, your honorable body looks with favor upon the proposal to discontinue organ recitals in Balboa Park.

In an action taken last night, June 25, 1942, the officers and directors of the San Diego Chapter went on record unanimously protesting this proposed action.

The San Diego Chapter calls to the attention of your honorable body that for many years the City of San Diego has wisely utilized this giant instrument --- an heritage which has contributed substantially to the world-wide reputation which this community has as a cultural center. It is further pointed out that the concerts played by Mr. Royal A. Brown have received national recognition and his programs, while maintaining an unusually high musical standard, have been consistently so arranged as to appeal to the popular taste.

It is submitted that the attendance at these organ concerts fluctuates, as does attendance at all public programs in the realm of art and culture. Despite this fact, the organ recitals, together with the other cultural activities in the City of San Diego, have directed to this community thousands of retired citizens who today are contributing substantially to not only the cultural endeavors, but to the religious, civic and educational activities as well.

To discontinue these concerts at this time is to invite adverse criticism. It is recognized also that once discontinued the community may face particular difficulty in effecting their resumption when the present emergency is over.

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The San Diego Chapter firmly believes that the organ concerts have their place in the contribution which this community is making in behalf of the thousands of men in the service who obtain pleasure and inspiration from cultural activities.

In view of the foregoing, it is urgently requested that your honorable body disapprove the proposal that the organ concerts in Balboa Park be discontinued.

It is requested that the City Council of the City of San Diego renew the contract with Mr. Royal A. Brown as official City Organist.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Olive W. Requa". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mrs. Olive W. Requa
Dean San Diego Chapter
American Guild of Organists

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By - August M. Wadstrom,
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Communication from
American Guild of
Organists, S.D. Chapter,
Requesting Renewal of
Contract with Royal
A. Brown, Balboa Park
organist
Katy Reed & Ref
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Clarence J. Novotny

ATTORNEY AT LAW
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Hon. Mayor and City Council
Civic Center
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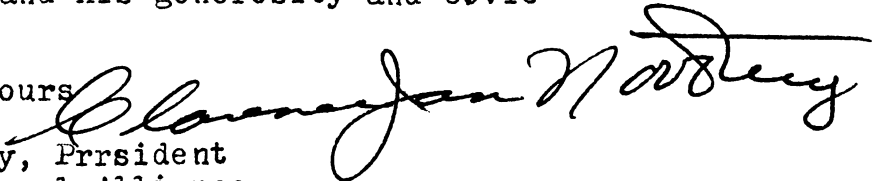
Gentlemen:

Information has come to me that you are considering omitting the usual appropriation, for concerts on the great Spreckles organ, from the budget now under consideration. These concerts have not only become an integral part of our civic life over a period of twenty seven years but they have attained a national and an international reputation

The concerts on this world famed instrument have formed an important part of many civic programs. Mr. Royal Brown, the organist, has contributed a large part to the success of many programs given through the years by our local Czech group. His constant and generous assistance has brought favorable commendation from all parts of this country and even from Europe. Citizens of San Diego of Czech descent, lovers of music as they are, would feel that a great loss had been suffered should these concerts be discontinued.

May I therefore, on behalf of the members of the Czech American National Alliance and many other citizens, with whom I have discussed this important matter, strongly urge upon you the propriety and necessity of again appropriating the modest sum necessary to maintain and continue this most important activity. To do otherwise would, indeed, be a backward step and not in keeping with the spirit of the donor of the organ and his generosity and civic-mindedness.

Very Respectfully yours



Clarence Jan Novotny, President
Czech American National Alliance

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FRED W. STONE, Clerk

By - Clerk

Deputy

Comm. from Clarence Jan
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the Speckled Organ,
in Balboa Park.

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