## EISENHART AUDITORIUM – ROCHESTER MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER 657 EAST AVENUE

## ROCHESTER, NY

Rudoph Wurlitzer Manufacturing Co. – North Tonawanda, New York Opus 1492, 1926

| Pedal           |                       | ACCOMPANIMENT – I |                    | Great – II     |                    |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 32'             | Resultant             | 8'                | Trumpet            | 16'            | Trumpet (tc)       |
|                 |                       | 8'                |                    | 16'            |                    |
| 16'             | Diaphone              |                   | Diaphonic Diapason |                | Diaphone           |
| 16'             | Contra Viol           | 8'                | Tibia Clausa       | 16'            | Tibia Clausa (tc)  |
| 16'             | Quintadena            | 8'                | Clarinet           | 16'            | Clarinet (tc)      |
| 16'             | Bourdon               | 8'                | Viol d'Orchestre   | 16'            | Krumet (tc)        |
| 8'              | Trumpet               | 8'                | Viol Celeste       | 16'            | Contra Viol        |
| 8'              | Diaphonic Diapason    | 8'                | Violin 8'          | 16'            | Bourdon            |
| 8'              | Tibia Clausa          | 8'                | Violin Celeste     | 16'            | Vox Humana (tc)    |
| 8'              | Clarinet              | 8'                | Quintadena         | 8'             | Trumpet            |
| 8'              | Cello (solo)          | 8'                | Concert Flute      | 8'             | Diaphonic Diapason |
| 8'              | Cello (main)          | 8'                | Vox Humana         | 8'             | Tibia Clausa       |
| 8'              | Quintadena            | 4'                | Octave             | 8'             | Clarinet           |
| 8'              | Concert Flute         | 4'                | Piccolo            | 8'             | Krumet             |
| 4'              | Octave                | 4'                | Viol               | 8'             | Viols II           |
| 4'              | Flute                 | 4'                | Octave Celeste     | 8′             | Violins II         |
|                 | Piano                 | <b>4</b> '        | Violin             | 8'             | Quintadena         |
| 8'              | Piano                 | 4'                | Violin Celeste     | 8'             | Concert Flute      |
| O               | Bass Drum             | 4'                | Quintadena         | 8'             | Vox Humana         |
|                 | Crash Cymbal          | 4'                | Flute              | 5 1/3'         | Tibia Quint        |
|                 | Tap Cymbal            | 4'                | Vox Humana         | 4'             | Octave             |
|                 | Trap Select           | 2 2/3'            |                    | 4′             | Piccolo            |
|                 | Trap Select           | 2'                | Fifteenth (Violin) | 4′             | Viols II           |
| Coro            | TIT                   | 2'                |                    | 4<br>4'        | Violins II         |
|                 | ) – III               | 2<br>8'           | Piccolo (Flute)    | $\frac{4}{4'}$ |                    |
| 16′             | Trumpet (tc)          |                   | Piano              |                | Flute              |
| 16'             | Tibia Clausa (tc)     | 4'                | Piano              |                | Twelfth (Tibia)    |
| 8'              | Trumpet               |                   | Chrysoglott        |                | Twelfth (Flute)    |
| 8'              | Diaphonic Diapason    |                   | Snare Drum         | 2'             | Piccolo (Tibia)    |
| 8'              | Tibia Clausa          |                   | Tambourine         | 2'             | Fifteenth (Violin) |
| 8'              | Clarinet              |                   | Castanets          | 2'             | Piccolo (Flute)    |
| 8'              | Krumet                |                   | Chinese Block      |                | Tierce (Tibia)     |
| 8'              | Viols II              |                   | Tap Cymbal         | 1'             | Fife (Tibia)       |
| 8'              | Violins II            |                   | Trap Select        | 1'             | Fife (Flute)       |
| 8′              | Quintadena            | OND T             |                    | 8'             | Piano              |
| 8′              | Concert Flute         |                   | OUCH               |                | Xylophone          |
| 8′              | Vox Humana            | 8'                | Trumpet            |                | Glockenspiel       |
| 4'              | Octave                | 8'                | Diaphonic Diapason |                | Chrysoglott        |
| $\overline{4}'$ | Piccolo               | 8'                | Tibia Clausa       | OND TT         |                    |
|                 | Twelfth (Tibia)       | 8'                | Clarinet           | $2^{ND}$ To    |                    |
| 2'              | Piccolo (Tibia)       | 8'                | String Ensemble    | 16'            | Solo to Great      |
| 13/5'           |                       | 4'                | Piccolo            | 8'             | Solo to Great      |
| 1'              | *                     | 8'                | Piano              | -              | 10                 |
| 8'              | Fife (Tibia)<br>Piano | 4'                | Piano              | TREM           | ulants/General     |
| 6<br>4'         |                       |                   | Chysoglott         | Main           |                    |
| 4               | Piano                 |                   | Chimes             | Solo Flute     |                    |
|                 | Chimes                |                   | Trap Select        | Solo re        | eed                |
|                 | Xylophone             | 8'                | Solo to Accomp.    | Tibia          |                    |
|                 | Glockenspiel          | 8'                | Great to Accomp.   | Vox Humana     |                    |
|                 | Chrysoglott           | -                 |                    | Celeste        |                    |
|                 |                       |                   |                    | Turbo          |                    |
|                 |                       |                   |                    |                |                    |

## MECHANICAL APPOINTMENTS

COMBINATION ACTION
Digital capture system by Trousdale,
8 levels of memory
Electro-pneumatic stop movement

10 Thumb pistons to Solo10 Thumb pistons to Great10 Thumb pistons to Accompaniment

10 General thumb pistons

Crescendo pedal with one adjustable sequence General Cancel thumb piston

**EXPRESSION** 

Solo swell shoe: 12 graduated swell shutters

with individual pneumatics

Main swell shoe: 12 graduated swell shutters

with individual pneumatics

Toy Counter

Klaxon, Taxi Horn, siren, Fire Gong, Horses Hooves, Doorbell, Surf, Boat Whistle, Bird, Whoopie

COUPLERS

Accompaniment to Pedal

Great to Pedal Great to Pedal 4 Solo to Pedal

Solo to Accompaniment

Solo to Great 16

Solo to Great Pizzicato 16

Solo to Great

Solo to Great Pizzicato

Solo to Great  $5^{1}/_{3}$ 

Solo to Great 4

In 1922, the Eastman School of Music inaugurated a three-year course for training organists in the art of silent-movie accompaniment. According to a 1922 catalogue it was "an advantage not heretofore afforded in the teaching of this increasingly important branch of organ playing."

The school had a studio set up as a miniature theatre, with a two-manual, seven-rank Wurlitzer organ, complete projection equipment and a film library of full-length feature films, comedy shorts and newsreels. Before graduation, each student was required to play one full-length feature picture at the 4/155 Austin in the Eastman Theatre, before an audience. The course could be taken for a diploma or as shortened, six-month version for a certificate. Eastman's most famous theatre organ alumna is arguably one Betty Raub, better known by her stage name Rosa Rio, who died in 2010.

The course was discontinued in 1930, as sound was fast replacing the silent pictures. The organ was "de-theaterized" and installed in South Presbyterian Church. When an electronic was purchased, the Wurlitzer was moved to Groveland Presbyterian Church. It has been moved again, according to the last report and is no longer in the Rochester area. In addition to the Wurlitzer, two two-manual, five-rank Marr & Colton organs were also installed at the school in practice rooms.

The film library for the course was re discovered by accident in a fifth floor vault in 1964 and included such nitrate-based prints as "A Kiss For Cinderella", "Peter Pan" and "Cops". Those films which had not disintegrated were copied onto safety film and added to the collection at the George Eastman House.

Through a collaboration with the Rochester Theatre Organ Society, students at Eastman currently have access to the theatre organs in Rochester owned and maintained by the Society: a three-manual, twelve-rank Wurlitzer (op, 1492) in the Eisenhart Auditorium at the Rochester Museum and Science Center; and a four-manual, twenty-three rank Wurlitzer (op. 1951) at the 2574-seat Auditorium Theatre. Both are downtown in walking distance from Eastman. Both organs are maintained in superlative condition by RTOS. The large four-manual is of particular note as a flagship installation for Wurlitzer at its original installation in the (now demolished) RKO Palace; today it is renowned as a world-class instrument. Each year students have the opportunity to perform for a concert held on this instrument. Coaching in theatre organ style and registration is given in small groups and individually.