

The Time Has Come...

For the past several years I have been very concerned about what would happen to DTOS when I was no longer able to continue as President and Chairman of the Board. My age indicates that I cannot continue forever; I am now 85 years old. I have been in charge of DTOS since 1968 – almost 50 years. I am not expecting to disappear any time soon, but the time has come to find my replacement.

The job requires a variety of skills: both administrative skills and theatre organ knowledge. The question has always been – WHO? Ideally, the chairman would have the administrative skills to coordinate all the other skills needed to operate DTOS. I had identified a person with the necessary theatre organ knowledge – Carl Black. Recently, I found that person with the necessary administrative skills. That person is Dr. David Ruth.

You have seen some of his work as the DTOS concert reviewer this past season. At our Board meeting on October 15, I nominated David Ruth to become the next President/Chairman of DTOS, effective immediately. That means that by the time you are reading this report, I will be President/Chairman Emeritus.



I have asked Carl Black to expand the responsibilities and duties of Artist liaison. Taking care of the artist's contract and his/her arrival until departure will now be his job along with his duties as Auditorium Supervisor. Those two jobs fit together nicely. They will certainly fill his "spare" time.

I'll have the luxury of helping David and Carl during the transition. I will retain my job as Editor of the Vox Humana and the Concert Playbill. I will also continue to prepare the Concert Memories CDs. In addition, I have been asked to continue as MC at the concerts.

One of David's first jobs will be to find a new Ticket Chairman and a Fund Raising Chairman. I have been doing those two activities for the past year because we had not found the volunteers for those jobs. Although I enjoyed getting to know how they work, I must give them up.

This is a year of transition for DTOS. We have begun a number of changes – the Concert Playbill, a new treasurer, a new bookkeeper and now the Chairman of DTOS. You'll notice more as the season continues.

DTOS has gone through a rough patch this summer with the embezzlement problem. But the DTOS family is strong and vital. We have weathered that storm. The future looks bright. Long live DTOS and the DTOS Kimball!

Bob Dilworth
President / Chairman Emeritus