



The American Guild of Organists
Suffolk Chapter is thrilled to present...
a Bus Trip to Atlantic City's *Boardwalk Hall*

featuring
the *Midmer-Losh Pipe Organ*, (449/VII)
THE WORLD'S BIGGEST PIPE ORGAN!

Ideal for friends and families.
Opportunities for bench time!



Wednesday, August 7th, 2019

Cost: Early Registration - \$115.00 per person - received by June 15th OR

Regular Registration - \$130.00 per person - received after June 15th

(includes transportation, dinner, gratuities)

See registration form for further information.

SOME HISTORY OF THE BOARDWALK HALL ORGANS (from Boardwalk Hall website):

The organ in the Main Auditorium was built by the Midmer-Losh Co., of Merrick, Long Island. Work began in May, 1929 and was completed in December, 1932. The specifications were drawn up by Emerson L. Richards, a native of Atlantic City and State Senator for Atlantic County. He described himself as an "Organ Architect" and, over the years, had some 80 articles published in organ journals. The Midmer-Losh organ is often described as "The Sonic Mt. Rushmore".

To fill the vast space of the Main Auditorium the organ has ten 32-foot ranks, the world's only 64-foot Diaphone, and four voices on 100" of wind (double that of any other organ ever constructed). With an official total of 33,114 pipes, the organ is the largest (and loudest!) musical instrument on Earth. Although it has not functioned fully since the great Atlantic hurricane of 1944, it still continued to play for conventions the Miss America Pageant, political rallies and sports events. The organ had not been fully operational since the mid-1970s. The Ballroom houses a 55/IV Kimball, which is also undergoing restoration. We will get to hear the Kimball organ thanks to its record/playback capabilities!

Thanks to the efforts of the not-for-profit Historic Organs Restoration Committee work of the past 8 years has brought back approximately 75% of the Kimball organ and 25% of the Midmer-Losh organ. Given available funding and generous public support, the anticipated project completion date is 2023.