



**Lyric Opera San Diego presents
“MUSIC AND MIRTH AT THE MOVIES”
A Classic Silent Film Fundraising Event with Live
Musical Accompaniment!**

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SAN DIEGO — Lyric Opera San Diego will be taking a trip back in time to the glory days of its home, the Birch North Park Theatre, with a unique fundraising event featuring a silent movie classic with live musical accompaniment.

**“Music and Mirth at the Movies”
A fundraising event benefiting Lyric Opera San Diego
Showing Buster Keaton’s Classic Comedy “Sherlock, Jr.”
Plus two entertaining short subjects and a classic cartoon!**

**Featuring live music by
internationally renowned film accompanist Dr. Philip Carli**

Friday, September 11, 2009, 7pm

**Tickets: General Admission \$12, Students/Seniors \$10, Children \$8
All proceeds benefit Lyric Opera San Diego!**

Details:

Buster Keaton’s “Sherlock, Jr.” (1924) is a hilarious film that was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.” The American Film Institute ranked the film as #62 in its list of the 100 funniest films of all time.

Synopsis: Buster Keaton stars as a hapless movie projectionist who’s attempting to learn to be a detective by reading a how-to book. He delivers a box of candy to his girl, only to be upstaged by his rival. Returning to the movie theater, Keaton falls asleep during a romantic film he is showing, and dreams that he and his girl are the on-screen couple, still beset by his rival. He then dreams that he’s the famous detective Sherlock, Jr., who must rescue a damsel from villains. This fantasy film has

influenced filmmakers such as Woody Allen and Mel Brooks, and is an absolute must-see.

Dr. Philip Carli has toured extensively as a film accompanist throughout North America and Europe, performing at such venues as the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the National Gallery in Washington, DC, the Cinematheque Québécoise in Montreal, the National Film Theatre in London, and the Berlin International Film Festival. He is the staff accompanist for the George Eastman House in Rochester, New York, and performs annually at several film festivals in the United States as well as at Le Giornate del Cinema Muto in Italy.

Tickets are available at www.birchnorthparktheatre.net, by calling (619) 239-8836, or at the theatre box office.

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