

Meet Your Member: John Prtljaga & Margie Hagan

My first hand-built organ was a Wurlitzer 125. It took me two yers to build it.

I started building my second band organ in 1990. The case surrounding this organ was made from quartered-sawed oak.

At first it played 165 Wurlitzer rolls. Then extra notes were added to play music with the chromatic scale. This organ has only eight bass notes.

There are twelve accompaniment notes, twenty-three melody notes and sixteen counter melody notes.

Now the band organ has been converted to a MIDI system which plays arrangements by Wayne Holton. Future plans for the organ include violin celeste pipes in the melody section and later, violin octave celeste pipes in the counter-melody section. The band organ will also



John Prtljaga and Margie Hagan with his most recent organ.

have viola unison celeste pipes with bourdon celeste flutes. The organ should have twelve register controls when completed.

In 2008 we recorded our first two CDs with a Dutch touch. Our hope is to add a Christmas CD soon.

I met Margie Hagan in 2000 and we recently became engaged in 2007. We both enjoy attending the rallies and performing at various functions.

I also built my first acoustic twelve string guitar at sixteen. Besides playing the guitar I also play the drums.

Margie played the clarinet in her high school band. She also plays the Hammond organ for fun.

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