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Wurlitzer band organ will announce the 2014 Sombra Museum season



To celebrate the season opening of the Sombra Museum in Sombra Village, a vintage Wurlitzer band organ will be making musical stops along the St. Clair Parkway from Sarnia down to Port Lambton. The machine is one of the rarest of the Wurlitzer band organs, with only six known to have been made.

Made in Tonawanda, New York, the organ was purchased by C.W. Parker, a Kansas carousel dealer, in 1916, and it was used to provide music on a carousel.

The instrument was restored by E. Krause in 1986 and it is now owned by Gerry Koolen pictured above with this traveling Wurlitzer. The organ's journey down the parkway, consisting of six stops, will happen on Saturday, May 17.

Details will be available in The Beacon when the schedule is set.

The Moore Museum is looking for the male version of this tea cup. The cups were offered as a promotion for the Lipton Tea Company in the 1950s. The male cup is winking with the opposite eye from the female cup. If you or anyone you know has the partner cup and would be interested in donating it to the museum, please call 519-867-2020.



"Have you seen my mate?"