Announcing a New Book!  

**Encyclopedia of American Organettes**  
by Q. David Bowers

I am pleased to announce that our resident AMICA author, Q. David Bowers, has contributed another of the “Encyclopedia” series, this time all about American organettes. This is a wonderful book that should be in all members’ collection. It is very high quality hard back, some 325+ pages, and some 1,000+ images, many in glorious color. A fine presentation on your favorite coffee table.

The book is a great example of what emerges from research, something all AMICAs will be pleased with. It contains 33 chapters, embracing their history, observations about collecting, and an in-depth review of 29 American manufacturers. Many previously undocumented surprises emerge. Kevin McElhone in the UK, an author in his own right, has made numerous contributions towards publication of this book. He comments in his Foreword—“I hope any reader of this new book will have their imagination inspired to find out more and perhaps even to start collecting these interesting early automatic musical instruments.”

While I did the layout of the book, in preparation for printing, I was delighted that AMICAns Mike Walter and Joel Clusky, stepped in to complete the project and bring it to life in its full glory! Very much appreciated.

The book is now available to members at an introductory price of $49.95 + postage (US), valid until the initial print run is sold out. Purchase may be made by personal check or bank money order, made payable to AMICA International, mailed to Project Coordinator, Mike Walter, 65 Running Brook Drive, Lancaster, NY, 14086-3314.

Members may also purchase the book via PayPal on AMICA’s website (www.amica.org) under the “Members Only” page. Scroll down to the Organettes reference and click on “Buy Now” to link up with PayPal. Postage when shipped to USA addresses - $6.00. International buyers are encouraged to contact Project Coordinator Mike Walter at mikew_14088@yahoo.com to determine price + postage. When the initial print run is sold out, the book will be printed within the “Print On Demand” concept, at a price of $79.95 + postage (US) from our PublishingHouse (Book Baby). Notice of this will appear within a future issue of our AMICA Bulletin, and within our Facebook page. All are encouraged to take advantage of this initial favorable introductory price.

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