

Relay Chatter



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President's Message

Join us on Sunday, December 5 at the Rialto Theatre, Joliet, IL as we welcome David Rhodes at the Barton. Doors open at 2:00pm and the program begins at 2:30pm. You will not want to miss this exciting young artist!

On Sunday, January 9, 2011 we welcome back Cletus Goens from Fort Wayne, IN to the Rialto Barton! Doors open at 1:30pm and the concert begins at 2:00pm. Don't miss this versatile song stylist!



We are sad to report that long-time JATOE member Bill Barry passed away on October 4, 2010. Bill was a friend of JATOE for many years and was one of the founding members of our sister chapter, CATOE. I had the privilege to see and play his Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at the home in Glen Ellyn many years ago. Bill suffered a brain aneurism causing bleeding in the brain. He died at peace with his son William, Jr. at his side and his companion Barb.

Once again the holidays are coming upon us at quite a fast pace. Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away and before you know it Christmas and New Years will be upon us.

The Rialto Theatre is having the Festival of Trees during the Thanksgiving week. The rotunda is filled with about 80 beautifully decorated Christmas Trees. I will be playing 3 short concerts on the 24th at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. There are programs all week (Rialto Idol) and finishing on Sunday with the Nutcracker stage presentation. A great week at the Rialto.

Another show you should not miss is The December 12 Christmas Show by the Joliet American Legion Band. Tickets are free if you bring some canned food for the JALB food bank collection. This may also be the last time you will see the JALB on the Rialto Stage. Don't miss the show.

Tickets are already on sale for the 15th Organ Extravaganza. This year our stage band is the John Burnett Swing Band along with Jelani Eddington, Chris Gorsuch, Jerry Nagano and Brett Valiant. We will feature Jelani and Chris on Friday night at Steinway of Chicago in Downers Grove, IL. On Sunday we will feature Brett Valiant and Jerry Nagano at the Sanfilippo Mansion in Barrington, IL.

Friday – April 29 at Steinway of Chicago

Saturday - April 30 at the Rialto Theatre

Sunday – May 1 at the Sanfilippo Mansion

We are hoping to get our 2010 CD out before the Christmas Season. We have had quite a few setbacks in producing this year's CD, but we now see the light at the end of the tunnel. This appears to be one of the best we have done.

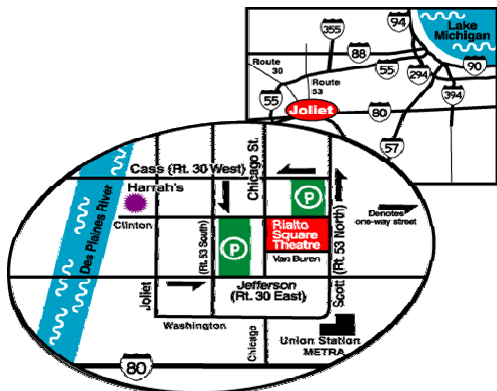
Please check the dates for our next socials. Watch for the date of our 40th anniversary of J.A.T.O.E. in February 2011. The date will be published in our next newsletter.

Dues will also be due after the first of the New Year.

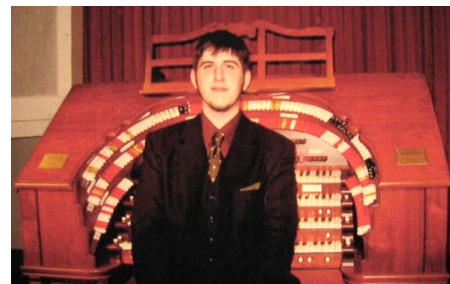
Jim Patak

Young organist David Rhodes returns to the Barton on December 5!

David Rhodes is 25 years old, and is a native of Lisle, Illinois. He started taking piano lessons at age 7, and classical organ training at age 12. His organ instructor for 8 years was Fr. John Palmer C.S.V., a professor at Benedictine University, and director for the Royal Conservatory of Music. Fr. Palmer has degrees from the U.S., Canada, and England, and was a student of Jean Langlais in Paris, France. Having heard the theatre organ interludes at the Tivoli Theatre at the age of 14, he was hooked. David has played for various types of programs and special events at the Arcada, Tivoli, Rialto, Coronado, and York Theatres. He is one of three organists at the Tivoli Theatre and for the past 6 years has played pre-program music at Downers Grove North High School. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts, and is on the crew for many of the organs that they maintain. He also has the honor of both maintaining and performing on the Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ in the George Cardinal Mundelein Auditorium. David has attended Concordia University River Forest, and is Director of Music at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church LCMS in Des Plaines.



Doors to the Rialto will open at 1:30pm, and the program will begin at 2:00pm. Please bring refreshments to share with our members and guests. Open console will follow David's program.



Ft. Wayne entertainer Cletus Goens to perform on January 9, 2011!

Cletus began his musical studies on piano at age 4 and voice at age 9. In his mid-teen years, his interest turned to theatre organ after hearing the Wurlitzer organ at the Paramount Music Palace. During high school, Cletus was booked in Muncie Indiana at the Skyline Restaurant and in Anderson Indiana at the Shamrock Bar, just one block away from the Paramount Theatre and its Page organ. Besides playing Hammond and singing in these lounges and restaurants, he began playing intermissions at the Paramount, as well as appearing as a guest at the Cardinal Music Palace in Fort Wayne and Pipe Dream restaurant in Kokomo. After two years playing piano and singing with a show band, Cletus decided to return to Marion to perform on piano at Meshingomesia Country Club for the next twelve years. With a strong vocal training background, he has also enjoyed positions as an organist, choir-master, and Minister of Music for several churches. In 1996 he re-joined ATOS, and has since performed for several Central Indiana Chapter meetings. He has also performed on piano for the 1997 and the 2001 ATOS National Conventions, and was a playoff judge for the 2001 ATOS Young Artist Competition as well as chief usher. Now living in Fort Wayne and working as a telephone bill auditor for Centennial Wireless, Cletus spends time as the first official organist for the Fort Wayne Wizards baseball team, serves on the board of Cantabile! (an Indianapolis-based professional choir), and holds the office of 2nd Vice-President of CIC-ATOS.

The stage door will open at 1:30pm, and Cletus' program will begin at 2:00pm. Don't miss this versatile artist! Please bring refreshments. Open console will follow the program. The Rialto Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago Street, Joliet, IL

