

# Relay Chatter



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Join us on Sunday, September 8, 2013 at the Gallops/Dissell residence in Ottawa, IL as we welcome to the console of the largest virtual theatre pipe organ, Jelani Eddington. The doors open at 1:30pm and Jelani's program will begin at 2:00pm. Open console will be limited to one hour after the program, so each participant has five minutes at the console. We need to conclude the afternoon at 4pm. Due to space, we ask that only MEMBERS and their significant others attend, NO GUESTS!

Please join us on Sunday, October 13, 2013 at the Rialto Theatre, Joliet as we welcome back Zach Frame to the Barton. The doors will open at 1:30pm, and Zach's program will begin at 2:00pm. Open console and refreshments will follow the program. If you missed Zach last time, you don't want to miss this program. Zach was honored to have performed at the last organ extravaganza this past April at the Rialto.

## President's Message from Jim Patak

We had another great social on Sunday, August 18 with about 90 members showing up on this beautiful day. The theatre was cool and it seemed that all had a good time.

We have recently gained 4 new members (Ray/Marilyn Petter-Ryan Tharyk- Bobette Keasler- Bill Reynolds) Welcome to all of you.

We thank the Rialto Theatre for setting up the tables and letting us use the facilities as much as we do. This rarely happens at other venues. If you can, please support the theatre so that we can continue our association with them.

We have our next 2 months scheduled with September 8 at the home of Jim Gallops and Dick Dissell in Ottawa, IL . Jelani Eddington will be the artist. On October 13, we will be back at the Rialto with Zach Frame as our featured organist. Be sure to read Don Walker's info about those two events.

Our Barton will be worked on again as Glenn Tallar has more time to spend with it. This will really help the sound and performance of this great organ. I consider this the best and largest Barton Grande playing in the USA. The theatre should be very proud of this.

Our 2 tours a day, 5 days a week will be coming to a final 2 weeks. Daily at 10am and 12 noon. Organ at 11am and 1pm. Len Perretta plays Monday and Tuesday, Don Young on Wednesday. Sam Yacono plays Thursday and I play on Friday. If you want a great tour of the theatre, take advantage of the final days.

Please let me know if any of our members are ill, in nursing homes etc. We would like to acknowledge them. ([jpatak31@att.net](mailto:jpatak31@att.net))(708-562-8538)

I hope you all stay healthy and happy.

Jim Patak

## Don's Column

A pipe organ enthusiast for at least 40 years, a member of many ATOS chapters, an active member of JATOE, Windy City Organ Club and a founder of the CTOS Chapter, Jim Koller died on Friday, July 5. Jim had diabetes and was on dialysis some seven years. He was confined to a nursing home six years and received a below knee amputation three years ago. It has been a long, tough battle for Jim and his wife Cyndae. Jim loved life, people and music, especially organ music. Jim was definitely an "enthusiast".

Condolences:

Cyndae Koller

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## Jelani Eddington to perform at the Gallops/Dissell Residence, September 8th!

The Gallops/Dissell residence is located at **3460 N State Road 23, Ottawa, IL 61350**. A map showing the exact location is below. The easy way to get there with no GPS is to get on your closest Interstate and go to exit 90 on I-80 West. Once at exit 90, turn right and go 4.6 miles north on IL State Route 23. The house number is on the black mail box (there are two of them together) by the side of the road. The residence is the only house going north that is 1/4 of a mile off the road on the right. All other houses are close to the road. There is a red barn and house on the other side of the road from the driveway. **Please watch for the parking attendant as he will direct you to a spot to park. The doors will open at 1:30pm, and the concert will begin at 2:00pm. Limited open console will follow the program. You may bring refreshments to share if you would like.**



## Zach Frame return to the Barton on October 13th!

Born and raised in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Zach has an Associates Degree of Applied Science in Recording Technology from McNally Smith College of Music in St. Paul, Minnesota. He discovered the theatre pipe organ when he was 5, and in 2003, Zach was the first recipient of the George Wright Fellowship from the American Theatre Organ Society. This allowed him to attend the annual convention of ATOS in San Diego, California.

Equally at home behind the console as in front of it, Zach enjoys the technical side of the theatre pipe organ as well, and is helping assemble a large theatre organ in Wisconsin. Aside from the organ, Zach also plays the drums and saxophone and is in several jazz groups in Wisconsin and Illinois. As a recording engineer, Zach currently has several albums in progress with well-known organists across the country. Zach is one of the staff organists at Organ Piper Pizza in Greenfield, Wisconsin.

**Doors to the Rialto open at 1:30pm and Zach's program will begin at 2:00pm. Please bring a refreshment of your choice to share. Open console will follow the program. We welcome our sister chapter, CTOS to this social event!**

## Jan's Joliet Jottings

Yes, we have definite opinions of the "Extravaganza" Saturday evening performance at the Rialto this past April. Please remember that our choices are not JATOE's but that of the Rialto and their "volunteer" coordination Steve LaManna. If we had "our way," four artists would each perform one half hour on the Barton Grande. Better still—two artists would each perform one hour—as is the case on Sunday. In my personal opinion, we do not need an orchestra or band.

Bearing that in mind, we still owe a BIG BIG THANK YOU to Dolores and Jim Patak who tirelessly work behind the scenes to assist artists, answer many phone calls and inquiries, and maintain a large ticket sale accommodation. They are such warm and friendly representatives of JATOE and always give us a great weekend that includes the fabulous event at Sanfilippo's residence. You two are "special!"

Musically your, Jan from Joliet