

Relay Chatter



The Official Newsletter of the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

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President's Message

Social dates:

Sunday, January 17,
2016-Rialto Theatre, Joliet 2:00pm,
Carl DeSanti, artist,
with special guest
Kenned MacIver.

Sunday, February
28, 2016- Rialto
Theatre, Joliet 2:00
pm, Zach Frame,
artist.

Stage door opens at
1:30 pm for both
socials.

The January 17 so-
cial will be our an-
nual potluck social.
JATOE will provide
the main course.
We ask members
to bring the follow-
ing based on last
name:

A-M: salad, potato,
vegetable or side
dish. N-Z: Dessert
of any kind. Thank
you for your par-
ticipation!

It has been very hectic around our house, for our son Jimmie broke his leg in that snow on November 21st. He is presently in rehab. Other than that we are hoping for a great Holiday Season for all of you and yours.

We are trying to finalize the 20th Extravaganza and the 90th year of the Rialto Square Theatre. I have met with Randy Green the General Manager of the Rialto to get some other ideas for the Extravaganza. The problem is that the theatre lost over \$5000 on the last 2 shows. This is primarily due to lower attendance. The possibility is that a sponsor for the show would help out greatly. Randy is going to work on this. Budget constraints are another problem. It was somewhat suggested that JATOE be responsible for some of the travel expenses for the artists in that we also use them for concerts at the Mansion. This has to be discussed by the JATOE Board. We are also investigating other advertising sources.

We still have not made a decision of what to do with the three years of masters we have from the past 3 shows. I have asked Jelani Eddington for some advice, however, have not heard from him as yet. It is very expensive to produce all three. We will eventually work out the solution.

Our after Christmas Potluck will be on Sunday, January 17th. And the next social will be Sunday, February 28th. Please read Don's side bar for the info on both events.

Dues are now due for 2016. Some of you are already paid through 2016. If you need conformation, let me know. 708.710.0656 or (jpatak31@att.net). 2016 Renewal Form is included.

JATOE is receiving new members at every social. We are very happy with the fact that people are joining us. We are becoming one of the premier Theatre Organ Clubs in the USA. Thanks!!

I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON

Jim

Carl DeSanti with special guest Kenned MacIver

Carl is currently Music Director, organist and cantor at historic St. Gabriel Catholic Church in the Canaryville neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois. Prior liturgical work included organist at Santa Lucia Parish in Chicago, St. Mary's Parish in Riverside, Illinois and Music Director at Unity Church of Oak Park.

Carl has performed as organist for various special events at Orchestra Hall, The Chicago Theater, the Arcada Theater in St. Charles and the former Medina Temple.

Carl is locally known in the Western Suburbs of Chicago for his live organ playing at roller skating rinks, was house organist at the Orbit Skate Center in Palatine, Illinois for fifteen years and is currently substitute organist at the Aurora Skate Center, Aurora, Illinois. Carl's organ music is frequently heard on Midwest Ballroom aired on WDCB radio, 90.9 FM.

He also performs as a keyboardist and vocalist with music partner Kenned MacIver, an association resulting in many concerts, fund-raisers and events for churches, businesses and charitable organizations, as well as a number of recordings -- the most recent being *To God Be The Glory*, a collection of sacred favorites with pipe organ and vocals.

Carl has performed for socials at the Coronado Theater in Rockford; JATOE (Joliet Area Theater Organ Enthusiasts) at the Rialto Theater in Joliet; CATOE (Chicago Area Theater Organ Enthusiasts) at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove and St. John Cantius Church in Chicago; and for the Chicagoland Theater Organ Society. He is also a member of the southwest chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Southwest Pastoral Musicians.

Carl is also the backup organist for the Chicago Blackhawks.

The stage door to the Rialto will open at 1:30 pm and Carl's program will begin at 2:00 pm. The potluck dinner will follow the program. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share based on the guidelines on page one of the newsletter. Social date, Sunday, January 17, 2015



Zach Frame will be featured on February 28!

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 holds the honor of principal organist at the famed Organ Piper Pizza Palace in Greenfield, WI, exposing hundreds of people each week to the sounds of the mighty theatre organ.

The stage door to the Rialto will open at 1:30 pm and Zach's program will begin at 2:00 pm. Please bring a food item to share with our members and guests. Social date: Sunday, February 28, 2016.

