

Relay Chatter



The Official Newsletter of the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

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President's Message

Social dates:

**Sunday, March 13,
2016-Rialto Thea-
tre, Joliet 2:00pm,
Donnie Rankin, art-
ist.**

**Sunday, May 29,
2016- Rialto Thea-
tre, Joliet 2:00 pm,
Don Young, artist.**

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

**There will be no
regularly scheduled
social in April due
to the 20th annual
extravaganza at the
Rialto.**

**This is your official
notice of the re-
quired business
meeting to be held
at the March 13th
social—Rialto Thea-
tre, Joliet.**

It seems that I just wrote the President's Letter just a few days ago. So I have to think of something interesting to tell you.

Dolores and I and a few JATOE members attended the CTOS social on Sunday and heard Mark Noller perform on the 5 manual Allen in Lee Maloney's studio. This is one of the finest programs I have heard in a long time. We will get him at the Rialto later in the year.

I am selling tickets for the 20th Extravaganza and I believe that all of you received the flyer. The theatre told me that this year's show would be the last with this format. I'm not sure what that means. On the flyer there is a way to see the Sanfilippo Mansion if you have not as yet been to this wonderful place. I tell everyone it is a must see, so put it on your bucket list.

We are sorry that we had to cancel the February Social, however, the theatre is always first. This is the first time that this has happened since I became president. We have a few more dates, as you will read in Don's Sidebar.

We are required to have a business meeting, so we will have a short meeting at the next social.

I'm sure that you and I are very tired of the race for the presidency and the hype about the Super Bowl. I'm hoping that everything gets back to normal soon.

The Rialto is being used for the filming of the show EMPIRE. The film crew will be there from the 14th to the 19th of this month. There will be some special events in May because the theatre will be celebrating its 90th birthday.

JATOE lost 2 members in the last few weeks. Lorraine Wisvader and Dr. Jean Jacobi. Our best to the families and we hope that everything works out well for them.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES. Jim

A plea from a person in need...

I am Susan Lee Engel and live in a suburb of Chicago relatively near Ohare airport.

I need to sell a Gulbransen Premiere theatre organ that I used, and then my teenager daughter. She sadly is no longer interested in playing the organ. It was last serviced about 8 months ago. My husband has abandoned me because I am ill, and he is giving me very little money. I cannot survive. I cannot pay for my oxygen, physical therapy, pain therapy, many medicines, and I have to get food from food pantries. Things are very hard.

I don't really want to go on Craig's list or e-bay, or advertise in a newspaper because I am not well enough to do all that is entailed for that, and the dangers inherent in that.

Would you know anyone who might be interested to purchase this organ, you, or would you know of anyone that might know someone? I am in a very sad and tragic situation, and I must sell personal possessions in order to survive. I hope you could please try to help me.

Thank you so very much. Warmly, Susan L. Engel

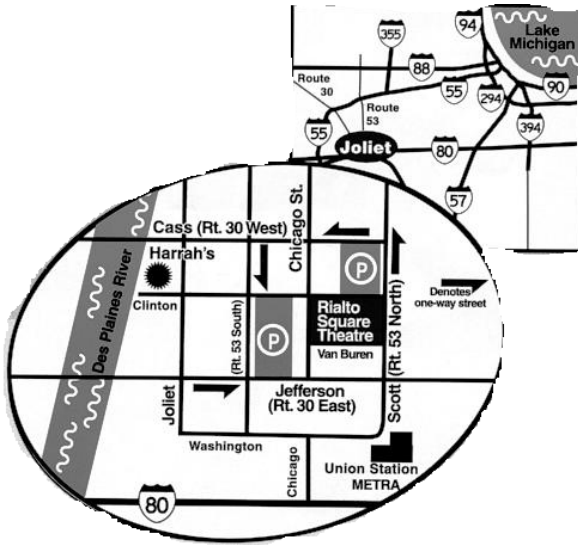
If you can help Susan, please contact Lee Maloney at Allen Organs Chicago, 630-428-9701.

Exciting young organist, Donnie Rankin to perform at the Rialto!

Donnie Rankin first took an interest in the theatre organ at the tender age of three when he first heard the sounds of the Mighty Wurlitzer at the Civic Theatre in Akron, Ohio. Following that initial introduction to the King of Instruments, he frequently played on his great-grandfather's home organ. In 2000 Donnie acquired an instrument and began taking formal lessons. Classical piano training followed in 2005, and his budding talent quickly blossomed into first rate musicianship.

The stage door to the Rialto will open at 1:30 pm and Donnie's program will begin at 2:00 pm.

Please bring a food item to share with our members and guests. Social date: Sunday, March 13, 2016.



Our own Don Young appears at the Rialto on May 29th!

Don Young has been performing professionally most of his adult life. He has performed in numerous bars and supper clubs in the Joliet area. He studied theatre organ with the legendary theatre organist, Kay McAbee. His theatre organ technique is exciting, but he knows how to handle a ballad as well. He has performed at the Rialto as one of the weekly summer tour organists so he has gained a lot of practice time and experience on the Barton organ. Don is very excited to perform for JATOE once again.

The stage door to the Rialto will open at 1:30 pm and Don's program will begin at 2:00 pm. Please bring a food item to share with our members and guests. Social date: Sunday, May 29, 2016.

