

RELAY CHATTER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE JOLIET AREA THEATER ORGAN ENTHUSIASTS



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» UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 31, 2019

JATOE & CTOS

Allen Organs of Chicago

Doors open at 2:30pm

Program at 3:00 pm



Guest Artist:

Donnie Rankin

MEET THE FUTURE!

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP - As you know we now have two levels of student membership. It is with great joy to report to you that three of Sarah Randolph's organ students have taken up our offer. The JATOE board decided to kick start this membership and waved the membership fee for 2019 for any of Sarah's organ students who wanted to join JATOE. We give them our full support as they are introduced to the Barton Grande Pipe Organ and JATOE! This is their inheritance! They are the Future! (See page 2 for more.)



The group pictures of students at Rialto Grand Barton Pipe Organ are Left to Right:

Front Row - Sophie Ervin (8th), Laura Lee (5th), Victor Cieslak-Kaczmarczk (6th)

Back Row - Lola Rodriguez (7th), Evelyn Moan (7th), Allison Renehan (6th) Anja Klauser

As stated in our Bylaws under Section IV - Dues

Renew your membership

D. Dues must be paid by *January 31st* of each year. If delinquent dues are paid by March 15th, full membership will be restored.

E. Any member whose membership has lapsed, may not hold office, chair or serve on a committee, vote on any issue, or receive the Relay Chatter newsletter until reinstated.

I sincerely regret that this will be your last newsletter if you have not renewed your membership. If you have just forgotten, Please do so now! The simple, short form is on the last page. You don't want to miss out on all the great things JATOE has planned for this year.

Our membership is what makes JATOE what it is!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! GREAT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Upcoming Events



CTOS March 31st, 3:00pm

Allen Organs of Chicago

Artist: Donnie Rankin

DAIRYLAND March 23rd, 2pm

at Carmex

Silent Movie: Hot Water

Artist: Jelani Eddington

CATOE March 23rd, 10am

Tivoli Theater, Downers Grove

Artist: John Devona

April 7th, 3pm

CATOE/DTOS at Mundelein

Artist: John Lauter

ST LOUIS– Party on the Pipes

April 5th to 8th

Schedule & Registration at

SLTOS.org

or call (618) 476-3233

Rialto's

Local Music Mondays

Monday April 22, 6:30pm

The Tim Placher All Stars on stage. Glenn Tallar at the Barton Grande. Tickets \$20.00

Due to the availability of the theater in April, we won't be having an event. The only Sunday open is Easter Sunday, and like December we believe spending time with family and friends is just as important. Please enjoy the other events happening in and around the



Please Welcome Donna Virklan to our group. Donna comes to us from Lockport. **Welcome Donna!**

Please welcome Coleen Koditek to JATOE! Coleen comes to us from Joliet. **Welcome Coleen!**

Please welcome Cathy Dolan to our JATOE family. Cathy comes to us from Crest Hill, IL **Welcome Cathy!**

Welcome Gene Terry to JATOE Gene joins us from Bristol, IL **Welcome Gene!**

It is with great joy we welcome Laura Lee (pictured), Jenna Muench and Anja Klauser to JATOE. Laura is in the 4th grade, Jenna and Anja are in the 5th grade. They are organ students of Sarah Randolph. All three students come to us from Lockport. We must thank Laura's, Jenna's and Anja's parents and Sarah for supporting them in this musical endeavor. We all know how busy parents are with their children's after school activities and things they do. All of us here at JATOE also support them as they are introduced to the Barton Grande Theater Pipe Organ at the beautiful Rialto Square Theater. Young people like this are the hope and future of this magnificent instrument. **WELCOME Jenna, Laura & Anja**



Check out the article that was written about them in the Feb 8th Herald Newspaper. <https://www.theherald-news.com/lists/2019/02/07/a314964f36614f8a88dce1f03e409cca/index.xml?>

Please Welcome Beverly Adelman to JATOE! Beverly comes to us from Joliet. Beverly is classically trained and is organists at First Presbyterian Church. **Welcome Beverly!**

Please remember the following members in your prayers.

Jan Challender and Barbara Petry



LIVE AT ALLEN ORGANS OF CHICAGO

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

DONNIE RANKIN



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. Since then, Donnie has won several organ competitions and awards, including being named the Overall Winner of the American Theatre Organ Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition in 2007.

Donnie began studying with noted organist Jelani Eddington in September 2007. Since that time, Donnie has performed for theatre organ audiences around the world. He resides in Ravenna, Ohio, and is a staff organist at the Civic Theatre in nearby Akron – the very same organ Donnie first heard when he was three years old.

Doors open at 2:30pm Show starts at 3:00pm Bring Refreshments!



GOAL=30



JATOE NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations!

Since the beginning of 2018 when we started this membership drive, the thermometer has steadily been going up. **We have achieved our new goal of 25 new members!** WOW is all I can say! Who would have thought? We can't stop here. I am raising our goal to 30. Can we accomplish this? Absolutely!!!! We have a lot to offer and it's all because of you, our members. **Our Organization is GREAT because of its Members!**



ATOS MEMBERSHIP HALF PRICE!

New members, and members who have let their membership lapse for a period of 2 or more years can join for half price. \$25.00. If you thought about joining ATOS, want to see what its about, or want to come back, well here is your chance. Here is the link to their membership page.

<http://www.atos.org/atos-membership>

VTPO NEWS

Taylor's Pride & Joy

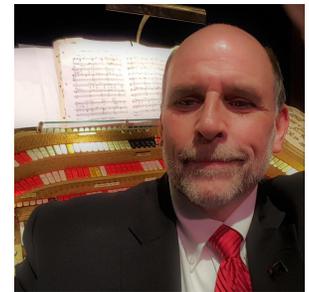


My virtual organ began life in the State Theatre in Toledo Ohio. The 3/11 Marr Colton was installed in 1927 and played until April 17, 1971 when the great Kay McAbee played the final concert at the theatre to a packed house. I have a copy of that final concert and listen to it often.

Rick Shindell maintained and played that instrument for several years in the theatre. He made a record on the Concert Recording label just before the organ was removed. Rick was a regular visitor to Fay and Bob Wheelers in Lockport.

After leaving Ohio, the organ went to Wisconsin where it was "updated" with more stops and many of the ranks of pipes were replaced and several were added. The ornamentation was removed, it was painted off white. Several years later, the organ was given back to the Toledo Organ Club and parts of the organ were installed in the Collingwood Arts Center. It was used for about a year and then removed. The console was listed for sale in 2010 and I purchased it to replace the 2 manual Marr Colton that I had installed in my basement. I began working on it, installing the Artisan Micro Midi System as the relay and used their sound engine to start with. With the release of the Hauptwerk sound engine, I decided to upgrade and use their samples. The sound system has 10 channels that use 6 Behringer 60 watt speakers and 2 sub woofers. I kept four of the original stop tabs from the 3 manual, four from the 2 manual and then ordered new stop tabs from Arndt Organ Supply.

I was fortunate to meet Rick several years back and he has provided me with many pictures of the organ in the State Theatre as well as a video of him at the console. I hope (when I retire) to start the console restoration and find the ornamentation to have it look as it did when it was in the theatre.



Special note: Taylor's virtual theater pipe organ also was a featured article in an issue of the ATOS journal.

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February 21st - Sleepless in Seattle - **Don Young**
March 14th - Bohemian Rhapsody - **Don Young**
April 25th - Rudy
May 30th - Star Wars: The Force Awakens
June 20th - Ferris Bueller's Day Off-**Jim Patak**
July 18th - Field of Dreams-**Jim Patak**
August 15th - The Sting-**Judy Matarelli**September
19th - Walk the Line -**Don Walker**
October 17th - Hocus Pocus - **Carl DeSanti**



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short business meeting with
annual reports and
nominations for the JATOE
board per our bylaws.

2019 JATOE RENEWAL

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