

Relay Chatter



The Official Newsletter of the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

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President's Message

Join us on Sunday, March 6 at the Rialto Theatre, Joliet, IL as we welcome our own Don Walker at the Barton with special guest artist! Doors open at 1:30 pm and the program begins at 2:00pm. Please bring refreshments to share.

Join us on Sunday, April 10, 2011 for a social at the Rialto Theatre, Joliet. Artist TBA. Don't worry...you will not want to miss this social! Doors open at 1:30pm and the concert begins at 2:00pm.



The social scheduled on Sunday, March 6 will include our sister chapters of ATOS, Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts, CATOE and Chicagoland Theatre Organ Society, CTOS. Please show your support as we welcome our local neighboring chapters to this special social event.

WOW!! What a great 40th Anniversary Celebration we had on the 13th of February at the Rialto Theatre. It was even on the Theatre Marquee. We had over 100 people attending.

Our guest artist (Taylor Trimby) played a wonderful program and Gourmet Catering provided a great meal. The meal was provided for us by the Rialto Theatre. Taylor's sister provided the cake with the top a beautiful carving of the Barton console. The carving was of Styrofoam and decorated so that it looked better than the original console Thanks Jan!, you are unbelievably talented.

If any of you that attended the affair would like to write the theatre a thank-you note, here is the address:
Randy Green

c/o Rialto Square Theatre

15 E Van Buren Street

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According to our by-laws the April Social is where you as members nominate the new Officers and Board for the following 2 years. The election is to take by mail in the month of May. Please think about who you would like to direct us for the 2 years ahead.

The Barton, as you have heard, is sounding great. There are always some problems to take care of. We are presently awaiting Century Organ of Minneapolis, MN to come and do some needed work for us. We have 5 new regulators awaiting installation. We also have a smaller Xylophone that will eventually be installed on the lower balcony in front of the Solo swell shades. The theatre has already given me permission to install it there. This will be a quieter/softer sounding xylophone which will be a great addition to the organ.

Some of our members have had some serious health problems and I would hope that you would keep them in your thoughts. (Jim/Cyndae Koller-Leroy/Barbara Petry-Bill/Lorraine Richardson)

I hope you all will decide to be at our 15th Extravaganza. It will be another wonderful show with Jelani Eddington/Chris Gorsuch/Brett Valiant/Jerry Nagano and The John Burnett Big Band.

Check out our next socials in this letter and we hope to see you at the Rialto Square in the coming months.

Jim Patak

JATOE member, Jerry Long has notified us of some concerts by Aram Basmadjian. He has offered his highest recommendation for this classical organist. On April 8, 2011 Aram will be performing at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago on the 4/126 Aeolian-Skinner organ. Concert time is 12:00 pm. For more information on this dynamic young artist, go to www.organ-concerts.com.

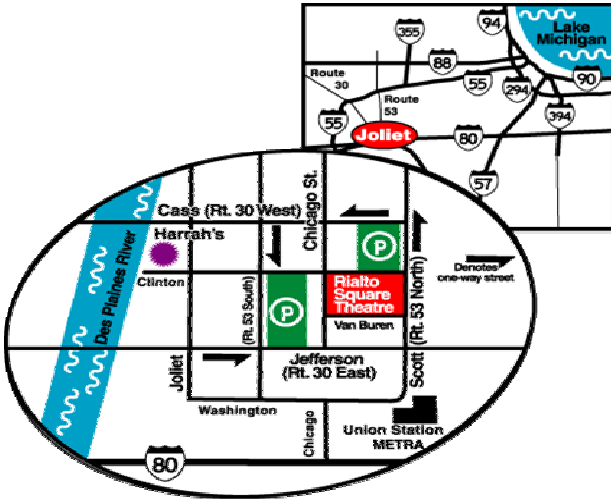


DID YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP???

Don Walker to perform on March 6 with special guest artist!

Join us at the Rialto with neighboring ATOS chapter, CATOE and CTOS as we feature our own Vice President Don Walker at the Barton. You will not want to miss Don's program along with the special guest artist!

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 the programme.



Surprise guest artist!



Don Walker



JATOE 40th a huge success! (By Don Walker)

As mentioned in Jim's President's message, the 40th anniversary celebration was a huge success! Many thanks to Jan Stack, Taylor Trimby's sister for the conception and design of the stunning birthday cake pictured below. It took many weeks of work. As you can see from this photo, it was quite the talk of the afternoon! Taylor's program was well received and brought back many memories for those who have followed his music over the years and his involvement with JATOE. He began with a rousing, "Serenata" by Leroy Anderson, and included such favorites as a medley of radio themes, "Little Orphan Annie," "My Echo, My Shadow and Me." Don Walker continued sharing his vocal stylings by offered his rendition of "My Funny Valentine." Taylor's concluding piece was an exciting, "Sabre Dance." Taylor offered an encore piece, and quipped that no matter how hard he has tried over the years, Sam Yacono could never 'copy' his arrangement of "The Muppet's Theme." Many thanks to our master of ceremonies, member Sam Yacono who reminisced about his early days in JATOE and the many people who made it a success. We also heard from Taylor Trimby and Lee Rajala who shared their fond memories of the chapter. We thank the Rialto theatre management for the delicious catered dinner in the rotunda and the many years of support and encouragement they have provided! We look forward to many more years of providing exposure to the general public to the theatre organ experience!



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