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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE JOLIET AREA THEATER ORGAN ENTHUSIASTS

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JATOE HELPS STUDENTS PRACTICE

By Joel Martis



When Sarah Randolph retired from the Lockport School district last year, she really didn't retire completely. She continues to spread and encourage her love for music to others, especially students. Sarah has offered free piano and organ lessons to whoever would like them. How generous is that to give of her time to continue to teach. She really is a remarkable giving person. Sarah called me and told me that two of the student volunteers that help us out in October had taken her up on her offer for free lessons on the piano. Sarah gives these lessons by appointment at the First Presbyterian Church on Western Ave and Raynor Ave in Joliet. Sarah told me how they come for their lessons but they don't have anything at home to practice on at home. Well we all know that is not a good situation. I said, "let me see what I can do about that". I explained to the JATOE Board about this situation and asked them if JATOE would purchase two electronic keyboards for them to practice on at home. It was a resounding YES!. On January 16th I presented the keyboards to the two students at the church. Not only them but their families were overwhelmed by JATOE's generosity. What better can we do as a musical organization then to encourage young people in learning music by playing the piano and organ. We thank Jacquelyn and Ashley and all the students that help at our socials. All of you, our members have a part in this too. If it was not for you, JATOE would not be able to do this. We really do have a very special organization and an outstanding membership.



Joliet Area Theater Organ Enthusiasts

Annual Renewal Form

Please Print or affix an address sticker

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ E-Mail _____@_____

Our Newsletter is sent by email unless the by mail box is checked

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JATOE Annual Membership Dues \$40.00

(Any Amount over \$40.00 is Tax Deductible)

Make checks payable to: JATOE

**Mail this form and remittance
before March 31st to:**

**Jim Patak
1406 Mandel Ave
Westchester, Ill 60154**

Annual Dues Amounts

Students	\$15.00
Regular	\$40.00
Supporting	\$50.00
Sponsoring	\$100.00
Sustaining	\$500.00
Presidents Club	\$1000.00

(Any Amount over \$40.00 is Tax De-

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE RIALTO

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age) _____

Thank You for your continued support of JATOE and its mission to care for and maintain the Rialto's
Barton Grande Theater Pipe Organ.

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th at 2 PM

JELANI EDDINGTON

Enter 121 Scott St. Stage Doors open at 1:30 pm Show starts at 2:00 pm. Bring Refreshments!



Jelani has something special planned for us. You will not want to miss this social!

During the years that Jelani Eddington has given concerts, he has easily established himself as one of the most prominent and sought-after artists on the concert circuit. Jelani has performed in most of the major concert venues throughout the United States, has toured extensively abroad, and has received numerous awards and recognitions, including his selection as the 2001 Theatre Organist Of The Year.

Jelani Eddington was born in Muncie, Indiana and grew up in a very musical family. Between the interests of his mother, a professional music teacher of many years, and those of his grandmother, a well-respected piano instructor, it was no surprise when Jelani demonstrated an inclination toward music at a very early age.

Shortly after beginning piano instruction at the age of four, Jelani began studying classical piano under the direction of his grandmother. At the age of eight, a trip to hear the 4-manual 42-rank Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ installed in the Indianapolis, Indiana restaurant, the Paramount Music Palace, introduced Jelani to the sounds of the theatre pipe organ. Soon thereafter, he began to pursue classical organ lessons and ultimately began studying theatre organ under the direction of John Ferguson, whose skills as a theatre organ instructor have been highly acclaimed internationally.

At the age of 13, Jelani won the American Theatre Organ Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition, prevailing over competitors ages 13-21 from the United States, England, Australia, and New Zealand. Jelani remains the youngest competitor ever to win this title. Jelani went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude from Indiana University in 1996, and later received a Juris Doctor degree from the Yale Law School in 1999, after which time he was admitted to practice law in New York and later in Wisconsin.



During the course of his concert career, Jelani has been featured at numerous national and regional conventions of the American Theatre Organ Society, and has toured extensively throughout the world. He has also produced and marketed over 30 theatre organ albums on some of the best-known and most dynamic instruments in the country.

In 2014, Jelani became the first—and to date only—musician to have a video of his theatre organ performance go “viral.” Within a few short weeks, Jelani's performance of John William's Star Wars Symphonic Suite was viewed on YouTube over 1 million times in more than 200 countries around the world. As of 2016, that video has earned more than 2.2 million views worldwide.

HELLO

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Keith Lencho and Shirley Mostyn. Keith comes to us from Skokie and Shirley from Joliet.

WELCOME to JATOE!



Featuring
Nick Renkosik
Dave Wickerham
Henry Evans
Bert Kuntz
Marvin Faulwell
Bob Ruby
Brad Kuntz percussionist



St. Louis Theatre Organ Society

The Mid-America Theatre Organ Festival

Party on the Pipes March 11th - 13th, 2023

\$525.00 per person for 3 days of music, fun and food!

Open Console all venues including the Fabulous Fox!
All meals and transportation furnished with
pick up at airport, train or bus station.

Home Base: Fairfield Inn & Suites O'Fallon, IL

(618) 206-8869 for hotel reservations

Code: Party On The Pipes
or
St. Louis Theatre Organ Society

Schedule and Registration Information

call (618) 476-3233

Click on the link below to register on line or fill out the paper form and mail it.

Online Registration: www.atos.org/convention



Registration is OPEN



it's time to
**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**
FOR 2023

Convention Schedule

SUNDAY, JULY 2 – PRE-GLOW

The Pre-Glow begins with a visit to the incomparable Sanfilippo Estate. **Richard Hills** will be featured at the 5/80 Wurlitzer. After the concert we will adjourn to the pavilion to ride the historic 1890 carousel.

MONDAY, JULY 3

MORNING: **Walt Strony** at Mundelein. 4/21 Mundelein Organ

AFTERNOON: Membership Meeting / No Host Cocktail Party

EVENING: **Dave Wickerham** at the Rialto Theatre. 4/27 Barton Grande

TUESDAY, JULY 4

MORNING: **Justin Stahl** at the Tivoli Theatre. 3/10 Wurlitzer

AFTERNOON: YTOC and **Aaron Hawthorne** at the Arcada Theatre. 3/19 Geneva Marr/Colton

EVENING: July 4th Celebration at the Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

MORNING: Workshops/Seminars/Open Console at the Hotel.

AFTERNOON: Award Ceremony / Luncheon

EVENING: **Tedde Gibson** silent movie “Captain January” at the Arcada Theatre. 3/19 Geneva/Marr Colton

THURSDAY, JULY 6

MORNING: **Brett Valliant** at Mundelein. 4/21 Mundelein Organ

AFTERNOON: Member Forum/Seminars

EVENING: ATOS Finale – **Simon Gledhill** at the Rialto. 4/27 Barton Grande

FRIDAY, JULY 7 – AFTER-GLOW

The afterglow will feature a visit to Organ Piper Pizza and Carma Labs.

Zach Frame will perform on the 3/30 Wurlitzer at Organ Piper Pizza

Jelani Eddington will perform on the 4/90 Wurlitzer at Carma Labs.



Sheraton Hotel



July 2 – 7 2023

Hosted by: Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

2023 Registration Form

Online Registration: www.atos.org/convention

Please Print

ATOS Member _____

Spouse/Other _____

Address _____

City/State/Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

ATOS Chapter _____ Print on Badge Y N

Please indicate any special assistance or dietary needs below.
(i.e. wheelchair access, lift to board bus, nut allergy)

We strongly encourage you to contact us well in advance so we
can accommodate your needs

Item	Dates	#	Price	Totals
Earliest Registration	Thru 1/31	___	@ \$429 =	\$ ____
Early Bird Registration	Thru 2/28	___	@ \$439 =	\$ ____
Regular Registration	Thru 5/31	___	@ \$449 =	\$ ____
Late Registration	After 5/31	___	@ \$479 =	\$ ____
Youth Registration (25 & under)		___	@ \$199 =	\$ ____
Pre-Glow (Limited Seating)	Sun 7/2	___	@ \$125 =	\$ ____
After-Glow (Limited Seating)	Friday 7/7	___	@ \$125 =	\$ ____

Convention Highlights CD _____ @ \$30 = \$ ____

Includes USA Shipping, international to be determined

Convention Total \$ ____

Luncheon Banquet Selections:

Pasta Primavera \$35 \$ ____

Chicken Marsala \$38 \$ ____

Steak Tenderloin \$41 \$ ____

Grilled Tilapia \$42 \$ ____

Banquet includes salad or soup, garlic mashed potato,
seasonal vegetable, cheesecake, and beverage

Indicate Salad ____ or Soup of the Day ____

Total Enclosed \$ ____

Payment

☐ Check enclosed, payable to ATOS CONVENTION

Charge my ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Name on Card _____

Account Number _____

Security Code _____ Expiration Date _____

(3- or 4-digit code)

Signature _____

CANCELLATIONS

A full refund will be made if the request is made before
May 31st. After May 31, a \$150 service fee will be charged
No refunds after June 21.

WAITING LISTS

A waiting list will be created once the Pre-Glow and/or
After-Glow are filled. You will be contacted in the order
received should an opening occur.

Mail Completed Registration form to

Joel Martis, Registrar

CATOE/ATOS Convention

PO Box 2631

Joliet, Illinois 60434

****ATOS Membership is required -per household.** The annual
membership is \$50 but a special \$25 one-time membership
is available for first-time members or for those whose ATOS
membership has been expired for more than 2 years. A separate
check made out to ATOS is required for membership or online
at www.atos.org/atos-membership

****Questions? Email to** catoe2023@att.net or registrar@atos.org
or call 1.779.624.6760

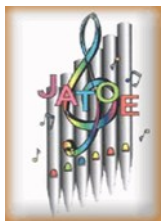
Hotel Reservations

The Sheraton Lisle offers rates starting at \$109 single, double
or triple occupancy. Phone 1-630-505-1000 and ask for the
American Theatre Organ Society rate -- or visit:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1667493053430&key=GRP>



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