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## Rialto Will Close Again for the Summer of 2026

Once again the Rialto will close for the summer, right after their last 100th Anniversary Celebration on May 14th until the middle of September to replace the heating and air conditioning systems. If you remember they closed for the summer last year for the bathroom renovations and then the asbestos fiasco hit. The summer time is the theaters slowest time of the year. Lets hope all goes well for them this summer.



Your Annual Membership Dues can be paid at any social. Attached is the form to fill out to mail them to Jim Patak. Please pay by March 31st.

Thank You for your continued support!

# **FEBRUARY 22ND SOCIAL AT THE RIALTO SQUARE THEATER**

**Guest Artist: Steven Eaklor**

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

**Bring Refreshments!**



Steven Eaklor is one of the most versatile and accomplished Concert and Recording organists in the world. Equally at home in the classical organ repertoire, Theater Organ, Jazz, Hammond Pop and Gospel styles, his arrangements and orchestrations are renowned for their innovation, excitement and pure musicality. Steven's musical training began at the age of 6, on the Hammond Chord Organ. Soon advancing to Pipe Organ and Trumpet, He pursued and completed formal study at Adams State College in Colorado, earning a B.A. in Music Performance. Steven's passion and utter mastery of the Hammond Organ brought him to a career with the Hammond company, and for 15 years he served as Director of Product Planning and Development. His ideas and innovations continue to be found throughout the Hammond/Leslie product line. Steven's devotion to Sacred Music performance and his vast knowledge of Gospel Music has led to positions as Organist and Choirmaster at Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church in Philadelphia, and Minister of Music at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chicago, as well as numerous National Gospel Music Seminars and Clinics for the Hammond Organ Company. Steven also tours with the R&B group "August", and performs to popular and critical acclaim worldwide as a solo Hammond, Theatre Organ and Classical Artist.

## 2026 Annual JATOE Dues



Dear JATOE Member,

This is your annual due's notice, due by March 31st. Please fill it out so we have your updated information, especially your email address and mail it to **Jim Patak at the address below**. Thank You for your continued support of JATOE. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in 2026.

You can affix an address label.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Please check the box if you prefer to receive the newsletter by regular mail.

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Do you belong to the American Theater Organ Society (ATOS)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: JATOE**

**Mail this form and remittance 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