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March 8th, at the Rialto Square Theater

Dave Calendine on the Barton Grande Theater Pipe Organ.



Dave Calendine has played the organ for more than 30 years with the Detroit Red Wings and at the Fox Theatre. He also works as an accountant during the day for Delaware North, the company that handles food, beverage, and retail operations at the arena. “My day job is accounting, you know, with Delaware North. So during the day, I’m about four floors underneath here in the office or at the arena, doing my accounting job. Then it’s just like, ‘Okay, time to put on my jersey. And here we go,’” Calendine said. The organ Calendine plays at Comerica is a digital Hauptwerk organ, essentially a large theater pipe organ connected

to the stadium’s sound system. The instrument comes apart into many pieces, which Calendine jokingly calls the “Organ from IKEA” because of how it’s assembled. Calendine’s love of music began as a child in Ohio, starting piano at age three and organ at 15. He heard a theater organ at the age of 16 and knew he had to play one. Calendine continues playing at Red Wings games, the Fox Theatre, and even at his church. He clearly loves what he does and being part of the Tigers experience. “I’ve always had fun doing what I do. Yeah, I play the same thing over and over a lot, but I make it fun for myself because if I make it fun for myself, somehow that plays out through the music that I play,” Calendine said. “It’s just amazing what some simple notes on a keyboard will do to get people into the game.”

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APRIL 19th SOCIAL AT THE RIALTO SQUARE
THEATER

Guest Artist: FRANK PELLICO,

HAPPY HIS FINAL CONCERT HAPPY

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February 23, 2025 was a historic day. The Chicago Blackhawks took on the Toronto Maple Leafs at United Center that Sunday evening. Part of what made this game special was that Frank Pellico played the organ for Chicago for the final time after 33 years.

Frank has been on the keys for Chicago since 1991 and has become a legend in town. He was responsible for playing some of the most incredible national anthem renditions along with catchy tunes for years. During a few of his moments with the crowd, it was clear that Frank was emotional about this day, and rightfully so.

Frank has blessed many with his music all his life playing on his Hammond X66 organ. Frank is coming out of retirement to play one more time for JATOE. This will be his final concert and JATOE is honored he is doing this for us, He has some surprises planned for JATOE and we have some for him, so plan to attend for this very special concert with the music Frank is famous for.