

### January / February Social

Our next social will be on **Sunday February 24th at 3:00 PM at Allen Organs of Chicago**. Our artist for the afternoon will be ATOS Chairman, **Dave Calendine**!

Don't forget to bring refreshments to share with your fellow theatre organ enthusiasts. **DOORS ARE AT 2:30!** See you there!

### Directions to Allen Organs of Chicago



From Rt. 55 take 53 south to the second traffic light (Crossroads Pkwy). Turn right to the first drive on the left and follow around the building to the front (faces Rt. 53). From Rt. 53 drive north to the second traffic light (Crossroads Pkwy). Turn left to the first drive on the left and follow around the building to the front (faces Rt. 53). Address: 181 Crossroads Parkway, Suite D, Bolingbrook, IL. (Lee's Allen Organ awning is visible from Rt. 53) Phone: 630-428-9701

### Highlights:

- \* Sunday Feb 24
- \* Allen Organs of Chicago
- \* Doors: 2:30 pm
- \* Start: 3:00 pm
- \* Artist: **Dave Calendine**

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### Information

- ATOS Convention registration is now open
- ATOS Membership sale is still in progress
- Renew your CATOE membership now!
- It's not too late to donate to CATOE to get a tax deduction for 2018!



## Dave Calendine

his hands on that organ.

At the age of 16, after getting his driver's license, he drove back and forth to Akron for days until they finally let him in to play the organ. After playing it for about twenty minutes, Dave went home a very happy guy. Less than a week later, he was offered a job as house organist at the theatre and remained there for three years, playing for several shows a week. His love of classic movie palaces came from working at this theatre. From there, he went on to play at several other theatres across Ohio, eventually the country, and even overseas. David has also played at several restaurants that had theatre pipe organs in them.

Dave lives in Westland, MI, a suburb of Detroit and is one of the house organists at the 5,100-seat Fox Theatre. He also plays regularly at the Redford Theatre in Detroit for the Red Wings and at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Dave got his musical start by taking piano lessons at five years old from Mr. Harry Brown. He helped Dave learn to read music, and to improve his ability to play by ear. When he was fifteen he started practicing both the organ and piano and soon was playing at church for preludes and offertories. He soon found out about the theatre pipe organ at the Akron Civic Theatre. It also turns out that there was an organ concert coming up soon that changed his life. The organist's name was Lyn Larsen and he was playing the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ. David couldn't believe that all of that music, drums and all, came from one person at one organ console. He knew he had to get

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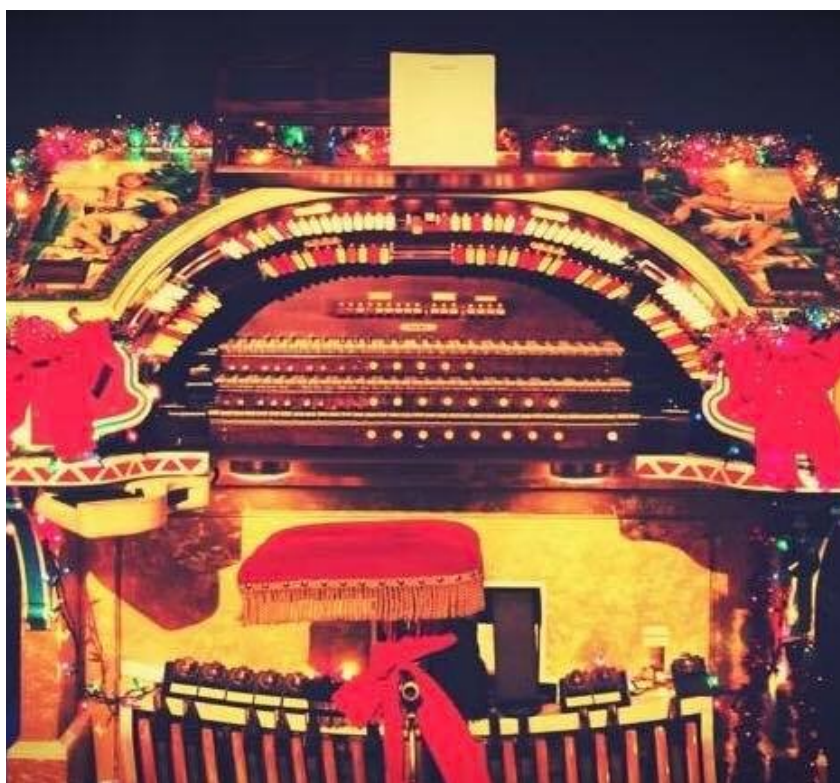
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*Catoe's Mighty Wurlitzer all decked out for Christmas*

## Holiday Time in Chicago

Did you get a chance to hear any of the holiday performances around the Chicago Area? So many shows featuring our 3/10 Wurlitzer in the Tivoli, the 3/16 Geneva/Marr Colton at the Arcada, the magnificent 4/21 Wurlitzer up in Mundelein and the 2/7 baby Barton in the York Theatre in Elmhurst. The 4/27 Barton in Joliet was also used many times in December to entertain the patrons at the Rialto.

We have two new artists that are going to perform for us this year – Vice Chairman of ATOS, **Tedde Gibson** will entertain us in August. Tedde will accompany a short silent as well. ATOS Board Youth Representative and 2018 Young Organist winner **Luke Staisiunas** will be in town in November. Both of these young men are very talented and should put on a great afternoon of music. Check out page 4 for the line-up.

ATOS Convention update – we have narrowed the selection of hotels to three in Lisle along I-88 and around Naperville road. They all have similar rates and available space, so it is now down to which hotel has the best dates available. I would like to try have the convention conclude before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July if possible. Once we get the hotel selected, then we can start talking with the theatres and finally the artists.

Are you going to the 2019 ATOS Convention in Buffalo? You should if you can – they have a great selection of theatres and artists.

### Coming up

**David Rhodes** and **Tim Charlton** share bench duties at the Tivoli Theatre on CATOE's 3/10 Wurlitzer each Friday and Saturday nights playing before the movies. Stop in and enjoy their performance on our Mighty Wurlitzer!

CTOS will have Jay **Warren** perform at their social on Sunday January 20th. Doors 2:30 program at 3 at the Allen Organ Studios of Chicago.

And speaking of Jay, he will accompany the silent classic **The Pilgrim** at the **Arcada Theatre** in St. Charles on Tuesday February 12th at 7:30. Tickets are \$10, but are \$8 for CATOE members.

JATOE will have Lori **Morland** on Sunday February 17th at the **Rialto** with guest performers, **Southlake Children's Choir** Doors 1:30 program at 2

Did you renew your membership? You won't want to miss any of the exciting socials coming up in 2019! **RENEW NOW!**

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## Upcoming CATOE Events

24-February—Dave Calendine at Allen Organ Chicago

23-March—John Devona at Tivoli

7-April—John Lauter at Mundelein

20-May—Walt Strony at Organ Piper Pizza, Milwaukee

30-June thru 5-July ATOS Convention in Buffalo

25-August—Tedde Gibson at Allen Organ Chicago

September—Arcada Theatre

October—David Rhodes at Mundelein

3-November—Luke Stasiunas at DGNHS

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