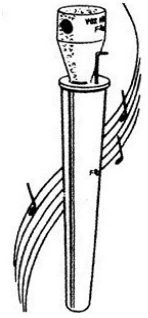


March/April 2019

The Newsletter Voice
of the Chicago Area
Theatre Organ
Enthusiasts



Highlights:

- * **March Social 3/23**
- * Tivoli Theatre
Downers Grove
- * **10:00 AM**
- * Artist **John Devona**
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- * **April Social 4/7**
- * St. Mary of The Lake
Mundelein
- * **3:00 PM**
- * Artist **John Lauter**

Up Coming Events

There is a lot going on in the Chicago Area in the next few months! On page 2 and 3 there is information about our next two socials featuring **John Devona** and **John Lauter**.



In May we have been invited to hear **Walt Strony** perform at Organ Piper in Greenfield Wisconsin. This social will be on the 20th (a Monday) at 6:00 pm. Talk with fellow enthusiasts to see about car pooling to hear Walt and see the car show. More info in the May newsletter. That will be a very busy theatre organ weekend. May 18 features **Dave Wickerham** at the Sanfilippo Estates in Barrington, May 19th has **Pierre Fracalanza** at the Warren Center in Indianapolis and also on the 19th, CTOS has **Dave Wickerham** at the Allen Organ Studios of Chicago in Bolingbrook. Get your car gassed up and get ready for some fantastic concerts!

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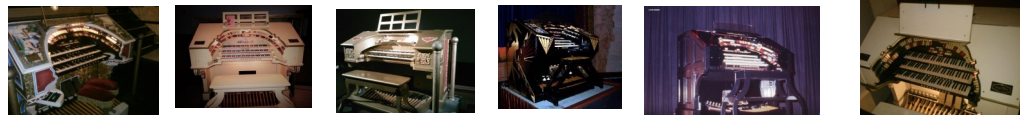
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CTOS and JATOE will be presenting **Donnie Rankin** at the Allen Organ Studios of Chicago in Bolingbrook on Sunday March 31st at 3:00 pm. More information can be found on their web pages.



Did you renew your membership? If not, this will be your last newsletter. I hope that you will renew for this year. Remember that our dues are not only for socials and organists, but also must cover repairs and other maintenance of the **6 theatre organs** that we maintain. With the convention coming, we need your support. Thank you.



March Social

The next CATOE social will be held on **Saturday March 23rd** at the Tivoli Theatre in downtown Downers Grove

Providing entertainment for the day will be **John Devona! Doors at 9:30 and John will begin at 10:00 am.** Don't forget some tasty treats to share with your fellow enthusiasts and also bring your music so you can give the Mighty Wurlitzer a try!

John Devona
Saturday March 23—10:00 am
Tivoli Theatre



The 3/10 Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ was originally installed in the Indiana Theatre in East Chicago Indiana. The organ was purchased by CATOE and relocated to Main Township High School. When the school was scheduled to close in 1992, CATOE moved the organ to

the Tivoli Theatre. Willis and Shirley Johnson commissioned an artist to provide the artwork that now graces the console. CATOE greatly appreciates all that the Johnson family does to support the use of our Mighty Wurlitzer



Directions to the Tivoli

The Tivoli Theatre located at: **5021 Highland Ave. Downers Grove, IL 60515 Phone: 630-968-0219.** It is one block east of Main Street on Highland Avenue. Main street is Lemont Road when coming from the south suburbs, and is easily reached from I-55 (Stevenson) on the south, Ogden Avenue on the north, and east of Route 53 and the I-355 North/South Toll.



Please invite all of your neighbors, friends, and family members to attend.

April Social

Our April Social will be held on Sunday April 7th featuring John Lauter at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein.. Doors at 2:30 and the program will begin at 3:00pm. Joining us will be our friends from the Dairyland Chapter. Don't forget to bring along some tasty treats to share with your fellow enthusiasts.

Detroit native John Lauter has been presenting theatre organ concerts for over 20 years.



John made his public debut at the Redford theatre at age 16. Since those early days John has presented concerts in Chicago at the Oriental theatre, VanDerMolen residence studio, Krughoff residence studio, the 19th Hole restaurant and the St. Mary of the Lake Seminary auditorium in Mundelein.

Lauter has been featured in programs at the Paramount theatre in Denver, the Castro theatre in San Francisco, the Richard Knight auditorium of Babson College in Boston, the Organ Stop Pizza restaurant in Phoenix, the Rialto theatre in Joliet, IL, and the Palace theatre in Marion, Ohio.. Lauter was a featured performer at the American Theatre Organ Society's 2009 convention in Cleveland.

In preparation for the opening of their new IMAX theatre, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn contracted John to compose and record a silent film accompaniment to a silent film collage featured in a specially produced IMAX short subject shown before each feature there.

John is the organist for the Unity Church of Lake Orion and is also in demand as a pianist at local Detroit restaurants.

John lives in Farmington Hills, Michigan with his wife Amy, son Benjamin and daughter Maryanna.

Directions to Mundelein

From the SOUTH:

To reach the seminary from Interstate 94, take the Hwy 176 exit and turn right at the foot of the ramp to head west (the ramp loops around). Go approximately 4 miles. Soon after passing Marytown on your right, you will see signs for the University . Continue to Rt. 45 and turn right. Entrance is on your right.

From the NORTH:

From Interstate 94, take the Hwy 137 exit and turn right. Go approximately 3 miles and turn left on to Highway 21. Go about 2 more miles and turn right on Hwy 176. Soon after passing Marytown on your right, you will see signs for the University. Continue to Rt. 45 and turn right. Entrance is on your right.

Note: Please use the entrance on Route 45.



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What's Up in the Area?

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!

Check out our web page www.catoe.net for more information about CATOE and upcoming socials and events.

We will be scheduling a business meeting as we need to elect officers for 2019-2020. Watch for that coming up in June or July. We are also looking for someone to take over the Social setup.

Silent movies continue at the Arcada in St. Charles. April 9—"Our Hospitality" starring Buster Keaton with **Jay Warren** at the Geneva Marr/Colton Theatre organ. \$8.00



Chicago Convention Update—looking at hotels (down to 3) to get the best rate that we can. There was some confusion at the February Social, but just to clear things up, the convention will be held here in 2022 to accommodate changes in the 2020 convention location.



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