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The Newsletter Voice of the Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts





May Social

Our next social will be on will

* Sunday May 22

Highlights:

- Allen Organs
 Bolingbrook
- * Doors: 1:30 pm
- * Start: 2:00 pm
- Artist: Dave
 Wickerham

Sunday May 22nd at Allen Organs of Chicago. Our artist for the day will Dave Wickerham !

Doors for the social

will open at **1:30** and Dave will

begin his program at **2:00**. This



will be a fantastic concert so you

won't want to miss it. Thanks to our friends at **CTOS** for cohosting.

Please come on out to hear the big 5 manual Allen—and don't

forget some treats to share with your fellow enthusiasts

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Directions to Allen Organs of Chicago

From Rt. 55 take Rt. 53 south to the second traffic light which is 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 which is Crossroads Pkwy. Turn left to the FIRST drive on the left and follow around the building to the front (faces Rt. 53)

Address: 181 W. Crossroads Pkwy, SUITE D, Bolingbrook Phone: 630-428-9701



Meet Dave Wickerham

Dave Wickerham was born in Encino, California in 1962. He began playing the electronic organ at the age of four and had his first pipe organ experience at age10. His musical education started at age 7.

When he moved to Arizona in 1976, he became Associate Organist at the famous Organ Stop Pizza Restaurants in Phoenix, Mesa and Tucson. While in Arizona, he continued his musical studies with Roseamond Crowley, one of the few remaining descendants of the Louis Vierne line of organists. He attended the University of Arizona in Tucson on a full scholarship, pursuing classical organ studies for six years with Dr. Roy Johnson.

In 1984, Dave moved to the Chicago area to become Staff Organist at Pipes and Pizza in Lansing, Illinois. In addition to his performance there, he concertized frequently, as well as ministering musically and serving at various churches.

August of 1990 found the Wickerham family – Dave, his wife and two young children - moving to Wisconsin, where he was one of the featured Staff Organists at the Piper Music Palace in Greenfield, a position he held for 10 years.

In the spring of 2000, Dave ushered in the new millennium with a limited special engagement, as a featured organist at "Roxy's Pipe Organ Pizzeria", part of a \$26,000,000 expansion phase at the FIESTA Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Wickerham's, Dave, Rhonda, and now three great kids, spent a year and a half there before returning back home to Wisconsin in August of 2001... For the next three years, Dave resumed his position at the Piper Music Palace and was also the Principal Organist at Williams Bay Lutheran Church in Lake Geneva, WI.



He enjoys concertizing frequently to many audiences including various chapters of the American Theatre Organ Society. In April of 1999, he took great pleasure being a feature artist in Melbourne, Australia for the convention of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia for which he received rave reviews. He returned "Down Under" for a six-week concert tour in Australia and New Zealand during the summer of 2003 and very recently has completed a similar tour concluding November of 2012.

Dave also enjoys recording and has recently "sold out" his fourth CD "Sounds of Music" recorded on the famous 5 Manual, 80 Rank Theatre Organ at the Sanfilippo Residence in Barrington, IL. There are two NEW recording projects that are soon to be completed and released.

After seven years as Organist - Curator with the legendary Milhous Collection in South Florida, Dave and his family currently enjoy living in Upper Michigan where he has accepted the position of Co-Manager and Organist in Residence at Crystal Theatre in Crystal Falls. This 1927 theatre is now a regional Performing Arts Center and houses a 3 manual, 21 rank Moller theatre organ that Dave also looks after.

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Theater Organ Concert



"Americana

with some of America's all-time favorite songs !

University of St Mary of the Lake -

Cardinal Mundelein Auditorium

1000 E Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060

3:00pm Sunday May 15th



***** Afternoon concert of theatre organ music

Village of Mundelein Community Choir

*A sing-a-long

***** Silent movie with live theatre organ music

Along with the sights, sounds and beauty of the historic Seminary grounds in their vibrant spring time glory.



Proceeds benefit the Mundelein Seminary Music Program and the continued upkeep and restoration of a gift from George Cardinal Mundelein in 1925 – Mundelein's first Fire Truck – <u>Old Number One.</u>



\$20 General Admission - Handicap Accessible - Tickets online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/americana-theater-organ-concert-tickets-18390100285?aff=es2 or for more information email vlappe7@gmail.com or call 847 404-2347. <u>This is the "be-there" event of music !!!</u>



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The Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts are committed through performances and educational efforts to help the public understand and appreciate how remarkable these organs truly are. It is also why we are dedicated to their preservation.

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What's Up in the Area?

David Rhodes and Tim Charlton gress of the work at the theatre! 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.catoe61.org and look at the Restoration Funding Page for current information on the Arcada Project.

If you have facebook, look for the Arcada Theatre/Geneva Marr **Colton Restoration page** for information and pictures of the pro-



The silend movie Mark of Zorro will be shown at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights on Friday May 13th, 7:00 pm. Church is at 302 N. Dunton Ave. Organist will be Tom Trenney.



Our next social will be on Sunday June 12th at Downers Grove North High School. Doors at 2:00, Program at **2:30**. This is a rare opportunity to have a social on a Sunday afternoon at DGNHS. Plan to attend and invite your friends and neighbors.