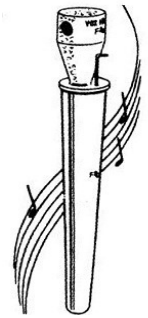
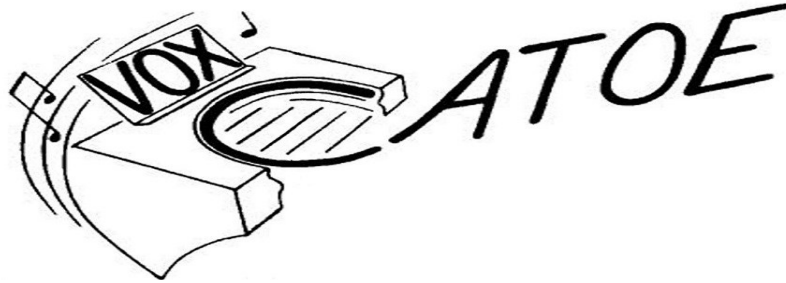


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The Newsletter Voice
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Highlights:

- * Sunday May 20
- * Allen Organs of Chicago
- * Doors: 2:30 pm
- * Start: 3:00 pm
- * Artist: **Dave Wickerham**

May Social

Our next social will be on

Sunday May 20th, 3:00 PM at Allen Organs of Chicago.

Our artist for the afternoon will be **Dave Wickerham!**

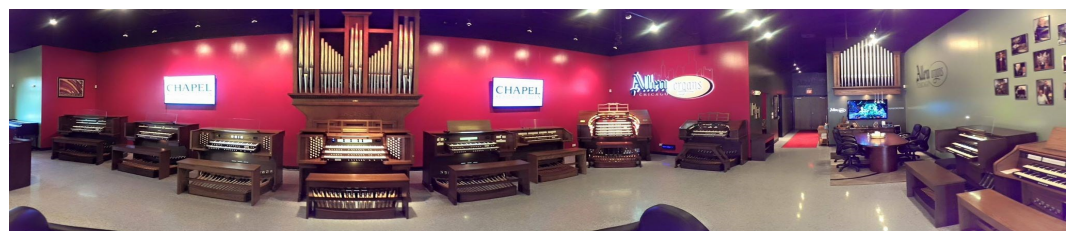


Please join us and our friends at JATOE and CTOS for this exciting afternoon of music and fun. Don't forget to bring refreshments to share with your fellow theatre organ enthusiasts. **DOORS ARE AT 2:30!** See you there!

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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

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 age ten. His musical education started at age seven.

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 two years 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 2012, as well as October/November of 2015.

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 several NEW recording projects that are soon to be completed and released.

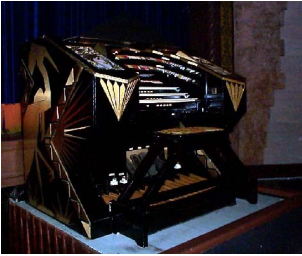
After seven years as Organist - Curator with the legendary Milhous Collection in South Florida, Dave and his family currently enjoy living in Upper Michigan in the historic town of Crystal Falls.

Dave and Rhonda have three grown kids, two married with children of their own. So, with three grandchildren and concertizing, there are many opportunities for travel.

**David Wickerham
is performing
the May Social
for CATOE,
JATOE and CTOS**

CATOE News

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!



The Arcada Theatre is continuing with their Silent Tuesdays with **Jay Warren** at the console providing accompaniment to classic silent movies. The next movie will be April 17th at 7:30 titled "Pandora's Box". Tickets are \$10 (\$8 for CATOE members) See attached for additional performances!

Downers Grove North High School has several band and choir concerts scheduled for the "spring" semester. The 3/10 Wurlitzer is used 30 minutes prior to each of these and we encourage you to stop over and hear the organ and enjoy these talented young musicians. **David Rhodes** will be on the bench starting at 6:30 on April 26th and in May on the 1st and the 10th.



If you are purchasing anything from Amazon—don't forget to go to smile.amazon.com and select us (Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts) so that we can receive support from your purchases!

JATOE is having a social at the Rialto on April 15th with **Bert Kuntz** on the Barton Grande. Doors at 1:30 with the social starting at 2:00 pm.

CTOS is having their social on Sunday April 29th with **Taylor Trimby** on the Allen Theatre Organ. Doors at 2:30 with the social starting at 3:00 pm

Dairyland is having their social on May 14th with **Dave Wickerham** at Organ Piper Pizza. Time TBA

Land of Lincoln is having their social at the Coronado in Rockford on Saturday April 28th with **Dennis Scott** at the 4/17 Barton Grande. Doors 9:30 Social begins at 10:00 am



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David Gray at Mundelein

What a fantastic afternoon at Mundelein with David Gray at the 4/21 Wurlitzer! His performance was one of the best we have heard in a long time! David said that he has wanted to play the Wurlitzer (on his bucket list) and was excited to be on the bench. One of the many highlight of the afternoon was David's note for note replication of the Johnny Seng classic St. Louis Blues March. His ability to do that was a testimony to all of the work that David Rhodes and Tim Charlton have done to get the Mundelein Organ back to that



great sound that Johnny Seng created. Thanks to our friends at Dairyland for helping to make this concert possible.