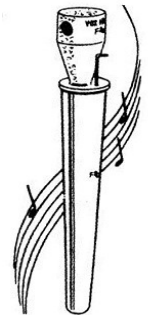
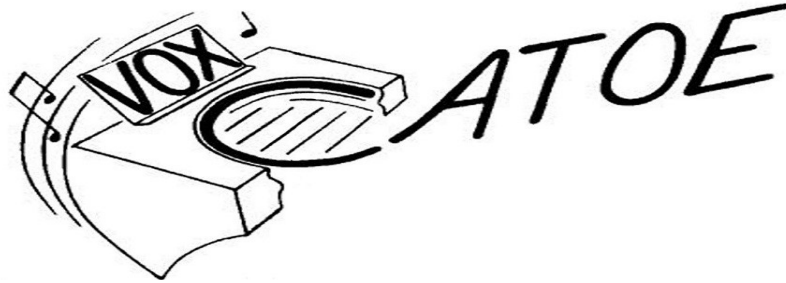


March-April 2016

The Newsletter Voice
of the Chicago Area
Theatre Organ
Enthusiasts



Highlights:

- * Saturday April 23
- * Tivoli Theatre
- * Doors: 9:15 am
- * Meeting 9:45 am
- * Start: 10:00 am
- * Artist: **Paul Johnson**

April Social

Our next social will be on **Saturday April 23rd** at the Tivoli Theatre. **Paul Johnson** will be performing at CATOE's 3/10 Wurlitzer.

Please come on out to hear our Wurlitzer—and don't forget to bring your music and some treats to share with your fellow enthusiasts

THIS IS A BUSINESS MEETING AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD !!!!!

Doors 9:15, Meeting 9:45 Social 10:00



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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 Lem-



ont 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.

Paul Johnson

Paul Johnson has been playing piano since age 6 and organ since age 10. His first experiences were playing in church, and by the time he turned 16 and got a drivers license he was playing organ in various churches, and for the most part has never stopped. He is currently the Music Director/ Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Kankakee where he resides. There he plays a 34 rank Keates pipe organ . While primarily a church organist, he has played 2 theatre organ programs at the Rialto for JATOE and one at a private home in Indiana.



was there for several years. He then did about 2 years at 3 different locations in Chicago. It was while at Café Luciano on Rush street he drew the attention of celebrities like the late Dave Duerson (85 Chicago Bears Superbowl Champs) who engaged Paul to play in his home. He also drew the attention of the Pritzker family, and played in their homes for various events as well as other top Hyatt execs. Sun-times writer Bill Zwecker said of Paul “he tickles those ivories with style, he’ll make you smile.” Currently Paul continues to entertain at the piano at Perry’s Steakhouse in Oak Brook mall on Tuesday evenings, and for 3 years now has been one of the many pianists you hear at the Marianos grocery stores, where is one of the founder, Bob Mariano, favorite players.

Paul will be playing an eclectic program featuring movie themes, standards, a hymn arrangement, and a few surprises.

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The theater organ side of Paul comes more from his work as a solo pianist, which he has been doing since 1990. He started at Washington Square Restaurant in Naperville and

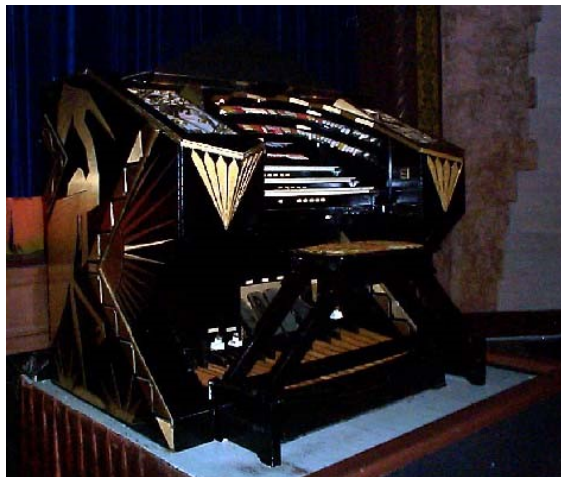
Fund Raising for the Arcada

The Arcada project is continuing as we are starting the fund raising for the restoration of the console. For those that would like to contribute, please send your tax deductible donations payable to CATOE at:

**CATOE Arcada
Organ Restoration
P.O. Box
2631 Joliet Illi-
nois.**

We need to raise \$64,500 for the

console restoration and \$25,700 to install a new blower and complete the Left Chamber restoration. Below is the URL for the Arcada Theatre Organ Restoration donation page if you wish to send in a contribution—is at RAZOO



<https://www.razoo.com/us/story/Arcada-Theatre-Organ-Restoration>

From the Editor....

What's going on? Well in **May**, The University of Saint Mary's of the Lake will be having a fund raiser on **Sunday May 15th**. Tickets are required and should be purchased in advance. More next month!

Our next social will be on Sunday May 22nd featuring **Dave Wickham!** He will be performing on the 5 manual Allen Organ at **Lee Maloney's** Studio in Bolingbrook. Join us along with our friends from **CTOS**. Doors 1:30 and the concert begins at 2:00 pm.

In **June**, we will be at **Downers Grove North High School** for a Summer Social with their 3/10 Wurlitzer.

July/August is to be determined but the time might be reserved for working at the **Arcada**...and speaking of the **Arcada**,

September, we will help the **Arcada** Theatre celebrate their 90th Birthday.

October and November are still in the works and to close out the year, we will be back at the **Allen Store in Bolingbrook** in **December** to hear a very special holiday

performance!

Keep an eye on this newsletter or check out our web page for more details as they become available.

If you missed the **Timothy Duckworth** social—you missed a great afternoon. Timothy is one very talented young man. His performance was all from memory and included several fantastic numbers including "Land of the Pharos", "Tea for Two" and "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue". We were very happy to have him perform and look forward to his return.

At the social, I asked for volunteers to help as we start the restoration of the organ at the **Arcada Theatre** in preparation of the 90th Birthday in September. Thanks to **John Tosaw, Tom Theobald** and **Mel Ziska** for volunteering. If you would like to help—let me know. We will be having day time and evening work sessions starting soon.

At **Downers Grove North High School**, pre-music department events will feature the 3/10 Wurlitzer. Music starts at 6:30 and can be heard on April 12, May 3, 5, 19 and 25. In addition, you get to hear a great musical program at the school. Stop by and say Hi!

Interested in helping setup at a social? How about being on a Work Crew? Contact David Rhodes or Taylor Trimby!





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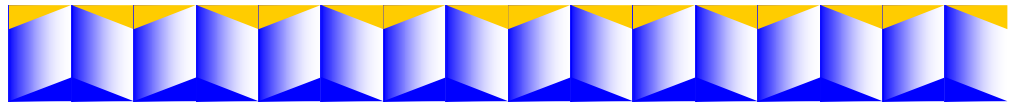
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the American Theatre
Organ Society**



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.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-

gress of the work at the theatre!



April 23rd is our next meeting and it is a Business, Nomination and social all in one! Doors for this important meeting will be at **9:15**, with the business meeting and nominations starting at **9:45**. Our artists for the day, **Paul Johnson** will start his performance immediately after our business/nominations meeting has concluded.

