

Relay Chatter



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Join us on Sunday, September 23 at the Gallops/Dissell residence in Ottawa, IL to experience the largest virtual theatre organ in the world. The artist will be Chris Gorsuch of San Diego, CA. There will be no open console, but please bring a refreshment to share. Due to space limitations in this private residence, seating is limited, so please read the special instructions below to make reservations!

Join us on Sunday, October 21 at the Rialto Theatre in Joliet IL as we feature for the first time organist, Justin Stahl of Indianapolis, IN. Justin is a student of former ATOS Young Organist competition winner, Martin Ellis. Doors will open at 1:30pm, and the concert will begin at 2:00pm. Please bring refreshments. Open console will follow Justin's program. You will not want to miss this exciting young artist!

President's Message from Jim Patak

Hello Members!! I hope that all of you are taking the heat in stride and that you are all comfortable. Dolores and I have not spent much time at our lake house in Wisconsin because of the heat. I can't wait for fall.

The daily tours at the Rialto Theatre have picked up in attendance. The tours are at 10 and 12 am Monday through Friday with organ concerts at 11 am and 1pm. We are getting many people from out of state.

There are 5 of us playing these tours. Sam Yacono-Monday, Len Perretta-Tuesday, Don Young-Wednesday, Joel Martis-Thursday and me on Friday. It has been fun, but hot.

We will be working on the Barton this fall to get rid of air leaks and also doing some chest work. We also have a smaller xylophone that we hope to install. We also received a free, well working Glockenspiel that might be an addition to the organ or that we might be able to sell.

The production of our latest CD is extremely slow in getting done. We have no date as to completion.

Some of you attended the presentation honoring one of our members -Jim Shaffer. It took place at the Arcada Theatre in Geneva where Jim has worked on the organ and has gotten it to a wonderful state. Dennis Scott played a silent movie at the presentation to a well-attended audience.

Don Walker has a number of socials planned and is sure to read his notice about these.

The next Extravaganza is taking shape. Artists have been contacted; music has begun to be developed with some surprises in the making. The show always takes place the last Saturday in April, so please mark your calendars. JATOE will also be at the Sanfilippo Mansion on the Sunday after the Extravaganza.

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Special instructions for the September social!

We don't like to limit attendance at our socials, but we have no choice due to space limitations at our September social venue. As a result, we need to take reservations and limit attendance to 45 persons. We realize that some of you will be disappointed, and we apologize for this. The board has decided that going forward, we will make every effort to assure that all members can attend our socials.

Reservations will begin on September 1 and end on September 15. To make you reservation, please call the following number (815) 312-2314. Leave your name, telephone number and please speak slowly! Reservations are open to JATOE members and their spouse or significant other only! No guest are allowed! Please note that this number will only accept voicemails. You will receive a callback as to the status of your reservation. Reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. Calls made before September 1 or after September 15 will not be accepted! Thank you for your cooperation.

Chris Gorsuch at the largest virtual theatre organ ever built!

The Gallops/Dissell residence is located at 3460 N State Road 23, Ottawa, IL 61350. A map showing the exact location is below. The easy way to get there with no GPS is to get on your closest Interstate and go to exit 90 on I-80 West. Once at exit 90, turn right and go 4.6 miles north on IL State Route 23. The house number is on the black mail box (there are two of them together) by the side of the road. The residence is the only house going north that is 1/4 of a mile off the road on the right. All other houses are close to the road. There is a red barn and house on the other side of the road from the driveway. **Please watch for the parking attendant as they will direct you to a spot to park. The doors will open at 1:30pm, and the concert will begin at 2:00pm. No open console time will be allowed. Refreshments will be served after Chris' program. Please see page one of this newsletter for instructions for making reservations! No one will be admitted without confirmed registrations! Thank you!**



Justin Stahl makes Rialto Debut!

Justin Stahl is a native of Beech Grove, Indiana. Beginning at age five with the encouragement of his great-grandfather, Justin was mostly self-taught in piano and organ. His passion for music has reached many venues that have included accompanying for several choral programs, contributing as his church's music director, playing for community theatre, and serving for over ten years in the Indiana Army National Guard Band.

A graduate of Marian University with a Bachelor's degree in music performance concentrating in piano, Justin recently attained his teaching license with hopes of teaching high school choir. Continued work with Martin Ellis is enabling his to advance his aspirations as a theatre organist. Justin's approach and philosophy includes the continued interest of the theatre organ by way of a mixture of classic and contemporary literature.

Doors to the Rialto will open at 1:30pm, and Justin's program will begin at 2:00pm. Please bring refreshments. Open console will follow the program.

