

Relay Chatter

The Official Newsletter of the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts



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Our next social will occur on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the Rialto Theatre, Joliet, IL. The Rialto stage doors will open at 2:30 PM, and the program begins at 3:00 PM. Please note the later starting time! JATOE members and a guest to perform! See page two for further details. This meeting will serve as our official membership meeting!

Join us on Sunday, March 19 at the Rialto Theatre, Joliet, IL for long-time favorite, Warren York. Warren always has some new, exciting arrangements for us so you will not want to miss his return appearance for JATOE. Doors open at 1:30 PM, and the program begins at 2:00 PM. See page two for details.

President's Message

I hope all of you had a very nice holiday season and are looking forward to a great 2006. This last year was not the best for some of our members and friends. We lost Jack Quedens, Len Clarke and Alice Edelmann (Auggie's wife). We extend our sympathy to the families involved.

Robert Ridgeway, the curator of the Victorian Palace is now in Thailand for his knee replacements. His date of the operation was January 20, 2006. We hope everything has gone well. Bill Brown (the father of the Pipes and Pizza Parlors and benefactor of our Barton) has been recuperating in Phoenix from a serious illness. We also hope that he is continuing to recover. Our own membership chairman, Don Borre', has returned home after a serious surgery and is recovering well.

On a better note, our Extravaganza 10 is coming along very well. The artists for the April 29, 2006 Rialto show are: Jelani Eddington, Chris Elliot, Chris Gorsuch, Rob Richards along with Ralph Wolf, and the first woman, Rosemary Bailey. This is a wonderful lineup. The De Paul University Wind Ensemble will support them.

On Friday night the 28th, we will feature Rob Richards, Ralph Wolf and Chris Gorsuch. This will be at the Van Der Molen residence. On Sunday, April 30, 2006 we will feature Jelani Eddington, Chris Elliot and a special performance with Jelani and Chris Gorsuch of the Leroy Anderson Concerto. This day will be at the Sanfilippo Victorian Palace. Be sure you see me for tickets for all of the events.

The Barton is continually being worked on to keep it in shape. Three pipes were taken to Berghaus Organ Company for repair. It was a challenge getting the 8 foot long, 8 inch diameter pipe into my Toyota Corolla. It made it with nothing to spare. I had intended to carry it on top with the toe pointing into the wind so the pipe would be speaking all the way. That might have startled some people, so I thought better about that.

Please let Don Walker or myself know if any of our members are ill or need of some good thoughts to get them through their bad times. We are not always aware of what is going on. Please support the other chapters in the Chicago Area (CATOE, CTOS) and please support the Rialto Square Theatre.

Jim Patak

In the News

- The ATOS Hobbyist Competition was established to help all hobbyist organ players become more familiar with the theatre pipe organ. Entrants will submit a recording on cassette tape or CD-R with two selections of your choice. Two internationally known theatre organ concerts artists will judge the entries and a winner will be selected and announced during the ATOS Annual Convention in Tampa, FL. For more information, contact Dan Bellomy at (781) 266-6874 or via e-mail at: bellomy@atos.org
- The ATOS Electronic Theatre Organ Competition is offered to allow ATOS members who may not have access to a theatre pipe organ to participate in a theatre organ competition. Entries must be recorded in the "theatre organ style" on an electronic organ having a minimum of two 61-note manuals and a 25-note pedal board. Each entry must include three separate songs, an "up-tempo" selection, a "ballad," and a third of the entrant's choice. Contact Bob Acker at (972)727-5024 or via e-mail at: acker@atos.org for more information.
- Young Glenn Tallar continues to perform at Beggar's Pizza in Lansing, IL on Tuesday nights from 6-9 PM. Response has been so positive that the owner has agreed to add two more nights to the playing schedule, Saturday and Sunday's from 3-7 PM. Glenn has worked very hard to bring the long-neglected Barton organ back to playing condition, so please support this worthy venture! Beggar's is located at 3524 Ridge Road in Lansing, IL. Their phone is (708) 418-3500. The food including pizza, pasta and sandwiches is very good.
- **It's not too late to renew your membership for 2006!** Please send your check for \$25.00 or more to Don Borre', 8205 Mango, Morton Grove, IL 60053, (847)966-8473. If you are interested in joining, please call Don or check out our website for a Membership Application.

Members to perform on Feb. 26 along with Membership Meeting

Please join fellow JATOE members and guests on Sunday, February 26 at the Rialto Theatre, Joliet, IL. Pursuant to our bylaws, **this meeting will serve as our annual membership meeting.** Please attend so that you know what your JATOE is actively pursuing. We are going to showcase some of our talented members and a guest. Don Walker, Vice President of JATOE will perform some of his trademark ballad selections. Don has been an active member of JATOE since 1983, and enjoys a career as an Assistant Bank Manager in Joliet. Justin Krasowski is only 19-years-old but has demonstrated a sincere interest in theatre organ music as well as the technical side of theatre pipe and electronic organ repair. He is currently employed with the *Beautiful Sound*, the local Allen Organ dealership in Countryside, IL. Justin is very excited that JATOE is providing him with this, his first cameo appearance! Tim Tallar, older brother of Glenn Tallar who performed for us this past October embraces the Chicago "roller rink style," much like his brother. However, Tim gives the music his own unique twist that is quite pleasing. This is also Tim's first appearance for JATOE. Tim is no stranger to a theatre pipe organ because his parents own a 3-10 Barton! Tim is an electrician by trade and is married to his lovely and organ supporting wife, Theresa. Mike Cierski, ATOS board director and JATOE board member is not only a fine organist, but works during the summers for Berghaus Organ Company. Mike is very active in supporting the young organists both locally and internationally. He is currently working to put together the ATOS Summer Youth Camp that will allow interested young people an opportunity to receive coaching from internationally known theatre organ instructors and technical training on theatre pipe organ maintenance. Mike studied with Jelani Eddington and John Ferguson of Indianapolis, IN. He is also Assistant Music Director at St. Victor's in Calumet City and is a full-time music student at Chicago State University. Finally; our President, Jim Patak has been a tireless worker for both JATOE and a volunteer at the Rialto for many years. Jim and his wife Dolores are curators of the ATOS archives in the Rialto Building. Jim is also one of the two staff organists at the Rialto Theatre in Joliet. Because of Jim's gregarious nature, we have a great working relationship with the theatre staff. The promises to be a fun day of musical variety for all ages! Don't miss it! **The Rialto stage doors will open at 2:30 pm, and the concert will begin at 3:00 pm. PLEASE NOTE LATER STARTING TIME! The Rialto Theatre is located in downtown Joliet at 102 N. Chicago Street, Joliet, IL.** Please see the map below for directions from all major expressways. Please bring a refreshment of you choice. Open console will follow the performance. Enter the stage door at the rear of the theatre off of Scott Street. We will see you there!



Don Walker



Justin Krasowski



Mike Cierski



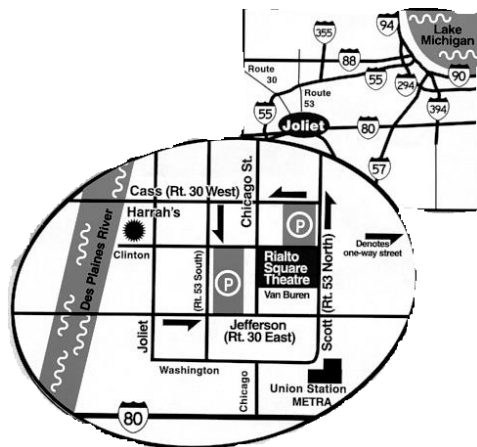
Tim Tallar



Jim Patak

Warren York Returns to the Barton!

Join us on Sunday, March 19 at the Rialto Theatre, Joliet IL for a return performance by JATOE favorite, Warren York of Urbana, IL. Warren is one of the most dedicated of organ enthusiasts and is known to drive several hundred miles to attend theatre organ concerts and socials in the Midwest. Warren has the unique ability to listen to arrangement or bands, orchestras and other organists and create his own unique arrangements by ear! Yes, he doesn't read a note of music! Warren has performed for many chapter across the Midwest, and often carries his Yamaha organ to venues for performances. Warren is staff organist and curator of the Virginia Theatres 2-8 Wurlitzer in Champaign, IL. In addition to his performances, Warren is also a past director for the Central Indiana Chapter of ATOS. Don't miss this exciting and dynamic program! **The Rialto stage doors will open at 1:30 PM, and the program will begin promptly at 2:00 PM.** Please bring a refreshment of your choice to share with our members and guests. Open console will follow Warren's program.



Virginia Theatre, Champaign, IL



Warren York at the Virginia Theatre

