

Relay Chatter

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Our next social will take place on Sunday, August 19, 2007 at the Rialto Theatre in downtown Joliet. Featured artist will be Taylor Trimby at the Barton Grande. Doors will open at 1:30PM and the program will begin at 2:00PM. See page two for details.

On Fridays, July 20th thru August 24th The Silent Film Society of Chicago presents "The 2007 SILENT SUMMER Film Festival" at the historic Portage Theatre, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. For more information visit: www.silentfilmchicago.com or call 777-205-7372. All features are 35mm prints.

President's Message from Jim Patak

The summer is moving along very rapidly, we are already in the hot season. Some of our members were at the New York City ATOS Convention over the 4th of July. Dolores and I enjoyed the venues, however, we were on busses for too long a time.

The highlight for us was the concert by Walt Strony at the Radio City Music Hall. The convention almost did not get to RCMH, but two doctors donated \$35,000 to offset cost of the rental.

Another great trip was to West Point Military Academy for a concert in the Cadet Chapel by Scott Foppiano. The organ there is a 4/346 Moller. We were also fortunate to see the Macy's Fireworks display from a cruise line boat that many of the convention people attended.

The ATOS as well as our Chapter would hope that all of you would also be members of the American Theatre Organ Society. Being an ATOS Member gives you input in helping set the direction of the parent organization. You also get a fine magazine 6 times a year. Membership also gives you the chance to attend the national/regional conventions. Ask any of our members that have attended these for there take on the good times they have had.

While I have mentioned the national conventions, you might want to attend the next two that are within driving distance of our area.

The 2008 convention is in Indianapolis, IN. The 2009 convention will be in the Cleveland, OH area.

The Rialto Theatre is going through a great deal of renovation this summer, with all the faux marble being polished, new paint in the Esplanade and Rotunda. All dings in the plaster are being repaired and new carpeting is being purchased. There are also new windows in the building proposed and possibly an elevator being installed. The 81 year old lady will look wonderful again.

We are sorry for the confusion about July 22. We had hoped to have a social on that date along with the ATOS Summer Camp. The ATOS stated that they did not want any one at the theatre except the teachers, students and the JATOE Board. We did not know this when we stated that we might have that day as a JATOE event.

Jim Patak

ATOS Summer Camp

The ATOS Summer Camp originally suggested by our Board Member, Mike Cierski, was a great success over the third weekend of July. Mike Cierski must be commended for his thought and the carry through of this project. There were 22 young people from all parts of the country participating in this first theatre organ summer camp.

The artists that provided the teaching/lecturing for the group were- Jelani Eddington, Donna Parker, Jonas Nordwall, Martin Ellis, Jeff Weiler and Clark Wilson. The main host for the event was Paul Van Der Molen, who graciously opened his home for all that attended.

Sunday afternoon, JATOE provided a dinner for the participants and their parents/chaperones. This was held in the Rotunda and was catered by Mrs. Gourmet and her crew. Later, all the participants played the Rialto Barton with the instructors helping them with registrations and tips on playing.

Sunday was the final event for the summer camp with all of them going to the San Filippo Victorian Palace. What a thrill this must have been for the attendees who have not been there previously.

It has already been written that this event should take place yearly, for these young people are the future of the theatre organ movement.

JATOE must thank Madeline/Jim Bradley for the help they provided.

Jim Patak

Taylor Trimby returns to the Barton Grande!

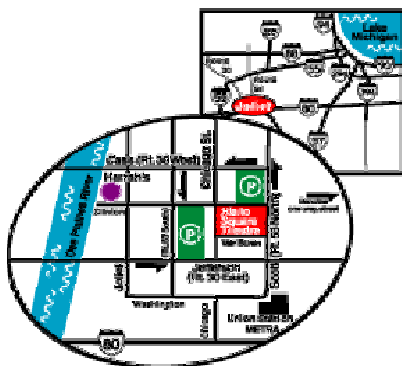
Taylor Trimby heard his first theatre pipe organ concert in 1966 at the Rialto Theatre and was hooked on the spot. After the concert, he made a promise to himself that he would play that organ some day. Just 6 years later, he was appointed as the house organist at the Rialto, playing for the first time on February 12, 1972. Over the years, Taylor has played for many tours, pre-show performances, and several solo concerts. He also wrote, directed and played for the radio show "Musical Memories Old and New" that originated from the Rialto for over 4 years and was broadcast over WJOL.

In addition to the Rialto, Taylor has also played in Rockford, Orlando, Birmingham, New Orleans and Santa Barbara.

Taylor is the proud owner of a 2 manual Marr&Colton organ that came from the Dexter Theatre in Detroit Michigan.

Recently, Taylor was back at the Barton console playing for the Rialto Theatres' 85th birthday celebration. **The stage doors to the Rialto Theatre will open at 1:30 PM and Taylor's program will begin at 2:00 PM. Please bring refreshments to this social event.**

Open console will follow Taylor's program. Please limit your open console time to ten minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to play the Barton. The Rialto is located at 102 N. Chicago Street in Joliet, IL.



ATOS Summer Camp 2007 Photos

Here are some photos from the recent ATOS Youth Camp held in Wheaton, IL. JATOE's own Justin Krasowski and Glenn Tallar attended the camp. (Photos courtesy of ATOS)



(Left photo) Donnie Rankin (2007 ATOS Young Organist Competition winner), Glenn Tallar (Wisconsin), Shane Krepp (Nebraska), Eric Fricke (finalist in the 2007 ATOS Young Organist Competition) and Danny McCollum (Florida) at the Sanfilippo Victorian Palace. Donna Parker photo 2007.



(Right photo) Glenn Tallar, Justin Krasowski, Jeff Weiler, Dean Rosko, and David Rhodes at the Wheaton Fox on break. Donna Parker photo 2007.



(Left photo) At the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. JATOE hosted the kids for an evening, providing a delicious dinner in the rotunda of the theatre, then letting the kids play the organ...some coming up on the lift for the full effect! Donna Parker photo 2007.

(Right photo) Martin Ellis, the first winner of the ATOS Young Organist Competition, and Donnie Rankin, the most current winner at the Rialto Barton. Donna Parker photo 2007.

