

# Relay Chatter



The Official Newsletter of the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

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## Social Lineup:

**Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017,**  
**1:30 pm doors, 2:00**  
**pm concert. Rialto**  
**Theatre, Joliet, IL.**  
**Artist will be Tim**  
**Duckworth from Co-**  
**lumbus, IN. Don't miss**  
**this exciting young art-**  
**ist as he returns to the**  
**Chicago area.**

**Saturday, Dec. 23,**  
**2017. Doors, 1:30 pm,**  
**program 2:00 pm, Ri-**  
**alto Theatre, Joliet, IL.**  
**Artist will be Larry**  
**Krupp from Collins-**  
**ville, IL. Larry is ex-**  
**cited to be performing**  
**in the Chicago area for**  
**the first time. Don't**  
**miss this exciting new**  
**performer for JATOE**  
**audiences.**



## President's Message

My first thoughts and prayers go out to our good friend Norma Peters. She recently broke a hip while falling in her kitchen. She will have a long recovery after her surgery.

My second concern is that I forgot to thank Stefania and Gerry Long for helping with the refreshment table for the time they did. I apologize for that oversight.

I hope you that were at the Rialto to hear Juan Cardona enjoyed his playing as well as I did. It was a pleasure to have his parents along with him on this jaunt. He lives in New Town, Connecticut.

I don't know if you members are aware that JATOE is only required to have 4 socials a year. This is in our by-laws. Thankfully we can afford to present almost one social a month to our wonderful members.

The Rialto is apparently doing OK as I have not heard anything to the contrary. Please look at the Rialto Website (rialtosquare.com) for upcoming shows. There will be a lot during the holiday season starting with the Von Heidecke Nutcracker at the end of November.

Back to Norma, who has helped with the refreshment table for many years. I hope someone will step up and help Dolores with the food table. Thanks to Thom Theobald for carrying supplies from our green room cabinets.

Don Walker has some interesting artist for the upcoming months. Please be sure to read his sidebar for what is coming up.

Well, fall is here even if it didn't feel like it. So get out and see the colors of fall as you drive around. I know Dolores and I will as we go to our Lake House. We have done this many times before and the Baraboo, Wi. Area is always beautiful this time of year.

Stay well all of you.

Jim Patak

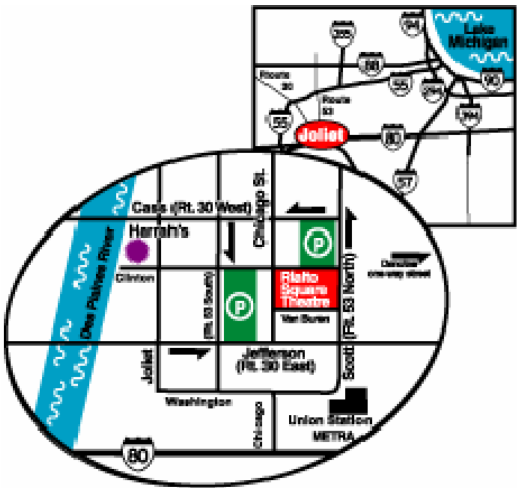
## JATOE Classified

A friend of JATOE members Ed and Sue Mathauser passed away. He owned a Hammond Elegante organ that is in excellent condition both mechanically and cosmetically. The family is looking to sell the organ. Please contact Ed and Sue at (630)-969-3131 for more information.

## Tim Duckworth Return to the Rialto!

Tim Duckworth is currently 20 years old and began his keyboard adventures on the piano at age 6. Upon hearing a theatre organ about 5 years ago, he adapted his skills to include all of the complexities that the theatre organ “sound” requires. He has had very little formal training and plays entirely by ear, not that one could tell by hearing! Besides a love of theatre and film, Tim’s hobbies include virtual theatre pipe organs (VTPO) and his home instrument is entirely virtual, comprised of Hauptwerk and other computer components. He has been known to bring it along to perform when a traditional organ is not available. A resident of Columbus, IN, Tim has played for the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts, the Indianapolis Chapter of ATOS,

and events in-between, frequently entertaining at retirement homes.



**Doors to the Rialto open at 1:30 pm, and Tim’s program begins at 2:00 pm. Please bring refreshments to share. Open console will follow Tim’s program.**



## Larry Krupp debuts at the Rialto!

Since the age of 5 Larry Krupp has had a passion to play the organ. It started with the family’s Wurlitzer Spinnet organ in the living room and he was soon picking out tunes on the instrument his father used to rehearse the church choir in their home. At age 13 he became a student of Bob Heil, himself a student and protégé of legendary theater organist Stan Kann. The Wurlitzer Spinnet was soon upgraded to a new Hammond B3. When Mr. Heil went on tour for the Holiday Inn Corporation he arranged an audition for Larry with the eminently regarded Theatre Organ instructor John Ferguson who was living and working St. Louis at the time. Larry became John’s student at age 16 and continued studying Theatre Organ technique and registration even after he entered college until Mr. Ferguson moved to Indiana. While majoring in Piano performance at university Larry’s passion for the Theatre Organ continued, and continues to this day with a three manual Rodgers Trio Theatre Organ in the living room. Larry and his wife of 45 years, Bonita (also an organist and pianist) live with their two Great Danes in Collinsville, IL.

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