

Relay Chatter



The Official Newsletter of the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

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Sunday, Sept 10, 2017,

1:30 pm doors, 2:00 pm concert. Rialto Theatre, Joliet, IL. Artist will be Juan Cardona from Newtown, CT. Don't miss this exciting artist who is flying out all the way from the East coast to share his music with us!

Sunday, Oct 1, 2017.

Doors, 2:30 pm, program 3:00 pm, Allen Organ Showroom, Bolingbrook, IL. Our artist will be one of the most talented young theatre organists in the world, Mark Herman.

Allen Organ Studios

181 W. Crossroads Pkwy, Suite D

Bolingbrook, IL 60440

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The showroom is located just south of I-55, off of Rt. 53, and just west of I-355. Park in the front of the showroom and look for the Allen Organ canopy.

President's Message

Those of you that were not at our last social August 20, I mentioned that we lost two Arlene's in the last few months. Arlene Linkenheld and Arlene Miller have passed on. We give our best to Bob and Al.

The Rialto Theatre has been booking shows and we hope that our members help support this wonderful venue. Our new manager (Val Devine) is working hard to keep this theatre afloat. It would be a shame if the Rialto closed its doors.

Our last social with Henry Evans was different in that he played light classics rather than typical theatre organ fare. It was enjoyed by all that attended. The Barton Grande sounds terrific and JATOE will continue to keep it sounding that way. There are always things to attend to and we thank Glenn Tallar for keeping the Barton playing as well as it is.

We do have a request. We are in need for someone to step up and help Dolores and me in setting up the refreshment table for our socials. (We have been doing this since about 1984 and we are getting old) Someone who can come in at about 12:30pm to carry supplies from the basement, make coffee and generally set things up. If we cannot find someone, we might have to forget having refreshments. I thank Carol, Cyndae, Don and Norma for the help when they are there.

Let me know if you can volunteer. (Jim-708-562-8538 or email at jpatak31@att.net)

We do have another request. Those of you that have an email address and are not on my email list, please send your address to me. This saves our treasury so that we don't short the Barton for expenses to keep it operating as fine as it has. Also, artist fees have been going up and if you want to hear the best artists, this would help.

Be sure to read Don Walker's side bar for upcoming socials. We will try to keep coming to the Rialto as long as dates are available.

I have been trying to reduce our CD supply from the Extravaganza's. We have too many stored in the theatre. Prices would be as follows.

Double CD's—\$10

Single CD's-\$5

See me if you want to purchase at the next social-September 10. I will have CD's there.

Be sure to check the Rialto Website (rialtosquare.com) for upcoming shows. One that is not shown on the website is the Joliet American Legion Band. They will be doing their holiday show on December 10 at 2 pm. If you enjoy ballet, the Von Heidicke Ballet Company will be doing the Nutcracker on November 26 at 2pm.

Be Happy and Be Well,

Jim

Juan Cardona from Newtown, CT to concertize on the Barton!

Juan Cardona, Jr. hails from Newtown, Connecticut. He began studying piano and organ at the age of seven and has continued his musical training through college, majoring in classical organ. He studied classical organ with Angela Salcedo at the University of Connecticut. He graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts, majoring in classical organ. In addition to his studies, he trained and refined his Theatre Organ skills with Jelani Eddington.

Juan has been the staff organist at the Thomaston Opera House for over twenty plus years and he has been he has been the staff organist at the Bardavon Opera House in Poughkeepsie, NY for over twenty years as well.

In 1994 and 1995, Juan was awarded first place in the American Theatre Organ Society's, Hobbyist Division Competition.

Juan began doing silent film work, by accompanying silent cartoons, at a stage production of "School House Rock" at the Thomaston Opera House. He accompanied the Academy Award winning film "Wings" as his first full length feature film. Juan has been the featured artist for five years for the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society in their "Silents in the House" Film series. The list of films he has accompanied has grown to over thirty silents, short comedies and full length features. Juan has recently become a regular at the Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket, RI for their Halloween Silent Film series and recently collaborated with Silent Film organist Christian Elliot on his score for the film "Nosferatu".

Juan has had the distinct honor of performing at Woolsey Hall as guest organist with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Skitch Henderson with vocalists, Laurie Gayle Stephenson and Keith Buterbaugh from Broadway's "Phantom of the Opera". Juan has also had the honor of opening for 50's and 60's pop star Neil Sedaka. He opened and played with Tito Puente at his last performance. Other guests artists have been Coloratura Soprano Nina Cathey and Broadway actress and former Miss Vermont Michelle Dawson.

In July of 2003, Juan was a featured artist for the American Guild of Organists Regional Convention in Cape Cod and New Bedford, MA and received a standing ovation for his original score for the Harold Lloyd film "Speedy". Juan was also a featured performer at the 2005 "Meet Me in St. Louis" Theatre Organ Event. He received rave reviews from the audience members for his three performances.



(See sidebar on page one for social location/time. Please bring refreshments.)

Mark Herman at the Allen Organ Studio

Born in 1987, Mark Herman is one of America's busiest young theatre organists, performing over 30 concerts and silent film presentations each year across the US and abroad. In July of 2012, he was named the American Theatre Organ Society's Organist of the Year and is the youngest person ever to receive the prestigious honor.

He studied theatre organ with John Ferguson of Indianapolis, who is recognized worldwide for his skills as a teacher. His classical piano studies were with Christine Freeman of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Arts/Management from DePaul University in Chicago. Mark currently resides in Los Angeles, where he is President and Tonal Director of the Los Angeles Organ Company, the Allen Organ dealer for the Greater Los Angeles Area. He is in demand as a voicing specialist and tonal consultant for Allen Organs and is proud to be an Allen Artist, showcasing new Allen Organs in the US and beyond.

Doors open at 2:30 pm, and the program begins at 3:00 pm. Please bring refreshments to share. Allen Organ Studios, 181 W. Crossroads Pkwy, Suite D, Bolingbrook, IL 60440, (630) 428-9701

Many thanks to Lee Maloney for inviting JATOE to participate in this very special social event with our sister chapters, CATOE and CTOS.

