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Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019

Allen Organ Store

Doors open at 2:30pm

Program at 3:00 pm

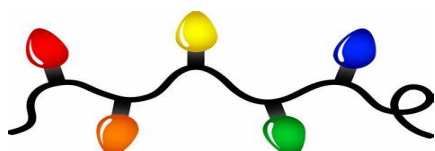
Guest Artist:

LUKE STAIŠIUNAS

Tuesday, Dec 3, 2019 at 11am

Rialto's Holiday Luncheon and Organ Concert—11am. Get your tickets early. Limited tickets available. \$15.00 ea.

See pages 3 and 4 for more information!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

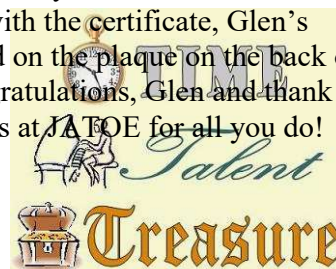
Annual Dues

It's that time of the year again, and in an effort to make this as simple and painless as possible, and since all members receive the newsletter, you will find on page 6, the short form to renew your JATOE dues for 2020. It's still \$30.00 a year (\$15.00 for students.) I do not think one person can say they did not get their \$30.00 worth this year if you attended the events with all the first time performers and long time favorites Don Walker lined up for us. It was another great year for JATOE. The best part, our membership continues to grow. This is how we have taken care of the Barton Grande for 48 years. It can not happen without you - each and everyone of you. The long form can be printed from our website, www.jatoe.org and from our [Facebook](#) page. Thank You for your continued support of this magnificent instrument. From all of us on the JATOE Board, Don W., Jim, Dennis, Don Y., Judy, Rick and myself, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy Blessed New Year! God Bless you All!

- Joel Martis

JATOE's NEW LIFETIME MEMBER!

At the August 4th social, JATOE President, Joel Martis asked the membership to approve JATOE's highest and most prestigious award of Lifetime Membership for Glen C. Davis. Glen has given and continues to give of his time, talent and treasures to further the goals of JATOE and all of us gratefully thank him for his support. Along with the certificate, Glen's name is inscribed on the plaque on the back of the Barton. Congratulations, Glen and thank you from all of us at JATOE for all you do!



Did you know that ATOS now offers a student membership*? First year is free, \$25 a year after that. We are inspiring others!

**Students should be enrolled in school and be 25 years of age or under.*

CALENDAR of Events

CTOS, CATOE & JATOE

November 3rd

**Allen Organ Studio, Bolingbrook,
IL**

Doors open at 2:30pm

Program at 3pm

Guest Artist: Luke Staisiunas

DAIRYLAND

November 10th, 2pm

Carmex Warehouse

**9750 S. Franklin Dr. Franklin,
WI 53132**

Guest Artist: Nick Renkosik

December 8th, 1pm

**Annual Meeting & Christmas
Party—John Cornue's Shop**

2456 Vista Dr Lake Geneva, WI

Guest Artist: Zach Frame



By Joel Martis

What another fantastic and amazing year JATOE has had. As of the writing of this article, JATOE has 33 new members for the year - 33- how awesome is that!!! That is more than double the people that joined last year. We were featured in the ATOS magazine with articles about how we are raising membership and how the Rialto came to the rescue of Sarah Randolph's students, and we now have student members. We received a \$4600.00 grant from ATOS for necessary repairs to different ranks in the main organ chambers and the lobby organ. We had some of the most wonderful talent play for us and we also suffered a loss of organists Tim Duckworth and Bill Tandy. The Barton Grande is being used more and more before movies and shows. Little by little we can continue to accomplish more and more to bring the joy of this instrument to people like us that truly enjoy it and expose first timers to it. Your enthusiasm and excitement is like a fire that continues to spread. Lets keep fanning these flames so we can continue to grow. Thank You All!



Letter from the editor

As we look back on 2019, what an amazing year it was! As Joel mentioned in his message, we achieved some great accomplishments, and mourned the loss of two theatre organ greats, both favorites of JATOE audiences. For those of you who attended the social on October 13, you witnessed one of the true great artists on the world scene. David Gray presented technically challenging pieces such as the "1812 Overture," of which he meticulously presented and wove together themes from the original orchestral transcript. From a Gershwin medley, ballads and bouncy 20's tunes, there was something to offer for all musical tastes. Many thanks to Lee Maloney for all that he does for



theatre organ. I personally anticipate what we can accomplish in 2020. Each of you can make a difference. Who can you invite to one of our socials? If we are not growing our membership, we are dying. Blessings this Holiday Season!



**LIVE ON THE ALLEN 5/55 THEATER ORGAN
AT THE ALLEN ORGAN STUDIOS
SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 2019**



Luke Staisiunas, 21 from West Chester, PA has always had an interest in music. He began to focus on the organ after he was exposed to the music program at St. James Episcopal Church in Chicago IL at a very young age. He began piano lessons at the age of 5 and developed a serious interest in the organ shortly thereafter. Bored with the piano, his parents finally gave in and allowed him to buy a small Thomas spinet organ, which gradually gave way to bigger and better instruments. He studied classical organ at Mercersburg Academy, where he attended high school, under Jim Brinson, the school's organist.

His theatre organ playing stems mostly from instinct, as well as from instructors and other students at the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure which he has attended since 2011. He is pursuing a degree in Organ Performance, while also studying Organ Technology, where OU has the only program of it's kind in the United States. In addition to classical organ studies, he studies theatre organ, Silent Film accompaniment, and orchestral transcription at OU. He has performed around the country, for ATOS groups, as a finalist in the 2016 ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition, and for the Chattanooga Music Club, on the famous Edwin Lemare designed Austin Organ.

Luke hopes to continue his studies in organ technology at the Masters level, and to continue performing throughout his career on both the concert and theatre organ stages, as well as pursuing a career in organ building. Luke is currently the ATOS Youth Representative liaison.



181 Crossroads Parkway, Suite D, Bolingbrook, IL. Phone: 630-428-9701

Doors open at 2:30pm Show starts at 3:00pm. Bring Refreshments!



JATOE TAKES A BREAK IN DECEMBER
CHECK OUT ALL THE GREAT PROGRAMS
FEATURED AT THE RIALTO SQUARE THEATER.

Home for the Holidays at the Rialto sponsored by Com Ed

A Very Rialto Christmas: Making Merry Music! **November 25th at 5:30pm** \$20 adults | \$10 children (12 and under)

Hospice Lights of Love **November 27th at 5pm**

Teddy Bear Tea **November 29th at 9:30am and 12pm** \$25 adults | \$22.50 (children 12 and under)

Von Helideck's Chicago Festival Ballet's The Nutcracker **December 1st 1pm & 5pm** \$38.50 | \$30.50 | \$22.50 (children 12 and under)

Holiday Luncheon and Organ Concert December 3rd at 11am, \$15.00 ea.

Ceelo Green Holidays Hits Tour **December 4th at 7:30pm**

Joliet American legion Band Concert December 8th at 2pm Free (with generous donation of non-perishable food items)

Michael Landra's Celtic Yuletide, Christmas in Ireland **December 9th at 7:30pm**

Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer: The Musical **December 11th at 7pm**

It's a Wonderful Life Radio Broadcast December 14th at 7pm, \$10.00 ea.

Martina McBride, The Joy of Christmas **December 20th at 8pm**

The Oak Ridge Boys, Down Home Christmas **December 20th at 7:30pm**

2019 Holiday Movies All Seats \$5.00

Polar Express, **November 30th at 2pm**

Miracle on 34th Street (1947), **December 14th at 11am** Elf, **December 23rd at 2pm**



Please Welcome **Rich and Barb Renik**, Rich and Barb come to us from Yorkville, IL - Welcome!

Please Welcome Fred and Sharon Grabenhofer. Fred and Sharon come to us from Lockport, IL - Welcome!

Please Welcome **Martin Timm**. Martin comes to us from Lockport, IL - Welcome!

Please Welcome Edna Droz. Edna comes to us from Romeoville, IL - Welcome!

Please Welcome **John and Brenda** Savage. John and Brenda come to us from Joliet, IL - Welcome!

Please Welcome Rob Riley. Rob comes to us from Pecatonica, IL - Welcome! Rob is the President of the Land of **Lincoln Theater Organ Society** in Rockford. They own the Barton Grande in the **Coronado Theater**.

Please Welcome **Patricia Costin**. Patricia comes to us from Joliet, IL - Welcome!

Please Welcome Ken and Karen Myers. Ken and Karen comes to us from Joliet, IL - Welcome!

Please Welcome **Raquel Caneva**. Raquel comes to us from Lockport, IL - Welcome!

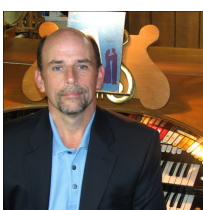
HELLO
NEW MEMBERS

As word continues to spread, JATOE keeps growing. Share your experience with your friends and family. We are proud supporters of the Rialto Theater and curators of the Barton Grande Theater Organ. How lucky we are to enjoy the beautiful sounds in such a glorious place!



It's a Wonderful Life
Radio Broadcast \$10.00

December 14th at 7pm at the RIALTO with



Taylor Trimby at the Barton Grande. Come and experience how the live radio broadcast shows were done.



January 26th is our Member Appreciation Dinner. JATOE provides the meats. People A-M please bring a side dish, People N-Z please bring a appetizer or desert. Fried Chicken and BBQ pulled pork are on the menu.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please Print or affix an address sticker. Yearly Dues are \$30.00, \$15.00 for students.

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Annual Dues

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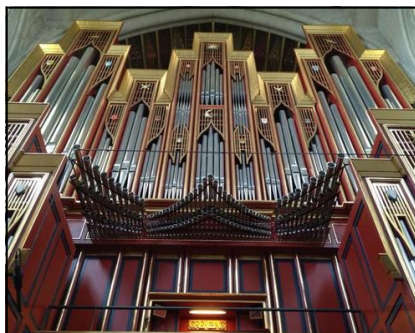
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2019 "Reels at the Rialto" Movie line up, tickets are just \$5, see show times below. The Barton Grande Theater Pipe Organ plays half an hour before all shows.

Nov. 30th at 2pm, **The Polar Express**

Dec 14th at 11am, **Miracle on 34th Street (1947)**

Dec 23rd at 2pm, **Elf**



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Holiday Luncheon and Organ Concert

December 3rd at 11am at the Rialto!

This was a very well attended event last year.

Everyone had a wonderful lunch followed by Christmas music on the Barton Grand Theater Pipe Organ.



**TIME TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!**



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