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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE JOLIET AREA

THEATER ORGAN ENTHUSIASTS

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**RENEW  
TODAY!**



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Jan / Feb 2020

## upcoming EVENTS

**Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020**

Doors open at 1:30pm

Program at 2:00 pm

Guest Artist:

**Dave Calendine**  
**ATOS President**

**Sunday Feb. 9, 2020**

Doors open at 1:30pm

Program at 2:00 pm

Guest Artist:

**Taylor Trimby**  
**ATOS Secretary**

See pages 3 and 4 for more  
information!



## Member Appreciation Dinner Set For January 26th!

We want to thank all of our faithful, dedicated members, new and old, who have helped JATOE continue thru the years and that have helped us grow. With this in mind, this dinner will be a little more special. JATOE would not be where it is today if it were not for all of you! The Barton Grande would not be where it is today if it were not for you!

The dinner will consist of fried chicken and BBQ pulled pork sandwiches plus all the delicious side dishes you bring to share. We will be eating in the rotunda after the concert. It will be a great celebration of you, our members. The appetizer for this wonderful afternoon will be Dave Calendine, ATOS President, at the Barton Grande Theater Pipe Organ. We hope all of you will join us for this wonderful event as we celebrate you, our members.

We all look forward to another great year of membership growth, beautiful music performed by very talented artists in the most beautiful theater around, the Rialto, on the greatest sounding organ around, the Barton Grande theater pipe organ. From all of us on the Board of Directors, THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!! for your continued support of JATOE and its mission. We will see you all January 26th. Much fun and surprises are in store!!!!!!!! We will have some great raffles prizes donated by our local businesses, plus our 50/50 raffle. Its going to be a great celebration!



JATOE now offers gift certificates. Give the gift of music! Share your experience with a friend.

Gift Certificates are \$30.00 and are valid for dues and has no expiration date. See a board member to purchase one.



# upcoming EVENTS

LAND OF LINCOLN THEA-  
TRE ORGAN SOCIETY

**Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020**

Doors open at 9:30am

Program at 10:00 am

Guest Artist: **Mark Noller**

**Coronado Theatre, 314 N.  
Main St, Rockford, IL  
61101**

## Someone You Should Know



Meet JATOE member Gene Terry. A few months ago Gene found out how bad the shower was in the dressing room on stage right. Tiles were ready to fall off the wall.

Gene, who did this for a living, offered to fix the shower for nothing if the theater bought the tiles. The theater agreed. Gene took all the old tiles off, repaired the walls installed the new tiles, and grouted. The results are beautiful - a new modern shower. Gene does beautiful work.

Check it out at the next social. JATOE members give of their *Time, Talent and Treasures* which is why we have the greatest club around! Thank You Gene, not only for your support of JATOE, but also the Rialto Square Theater!



## Letter from the editor

Dear Members. It has been a very successful 2019 thanks to all of you! My goal for 2020 is to find yet more new and exciting talent for your enjoyment. Our relationship with the Rialto Theatre is stronger than ever due to our commitment to making the theatre and the presentation of the Barton organ a success. Please support the theatre and let them know you appreciate all they do for JATOE and the community. My best wishes to you and your family for a happy and healthy 2020!

Don Walker



## Board Meeting

**Where:** Rialto Green Room

**Date:** Thursday Jan 16, 2020

**Time:** 10am

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!



*Please remember the following people in your prayers.:*  
Rhonda Wickerham & Don Young







Dave Calendine, a Warren, Ohio native, started his musical career with the player piano at the age of 3. By age 5, he was playing some of the music without the aid of the player mechanism. By age 7, he was playing at his church, where he also started to teach himself the organ at age 15.

When at age 16, Dave first heard the magnificent sound of the theatre organ, he was instantly hooked and determined to play the theatre organ at whatever the cost. His wish came true when, one night after a movie, the management of the Akron Civic Theatre let him play. Shortly after that, he was hired as one of the house organist at the 2,678-seat movie

palace. The youngest person to ever hold the position, he entertained audiences there for over 3 years.

After leaving the Akron Civic Theatre, he continued on, playing at several restaurants featuring theatre pipe organs, such as the Organ Grinder (Toronto, Canada), and Shady Nook (Cincinnati, Ohio). Dave has also played several theatre pipe organs throughout the United States and Canada. In 2000, he went on his first overseas solo concert tour through Germany and Switzerland, playing to packed houses.

Dave currently holds the position of House Organist for Detroit's fabulous Fox Theatre, holding that position for 25 years now. He has also played nine years for the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, featuring the world-famous Rockettes. He is also one of two organists at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, playing the organ for home games of the Detroit Red Wings NHL team.

Dave's enthusiasm for the theatre and theatre pipe organ has him serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the American Theatre Organ Society. He has also been the Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the Motor City Theatre Organ Society, which owns and operates the Redford Theatre in Detroit. He has also been on the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Detroit Theatre Organ Society, which owns and operates the Senate Theater, as well as a former President of the Flint Theatre Organ Club, an auxiliary support group for the Flint Institute of Music.

**Enter 121 Scott St. Stage Doors open at 1:30pm Show starts at 2:00pm. Bring Refreshments!**

**LIVE ON THE 4/27 BARTON GRANDE**

**SUNDAY, Feb. 9, 2020**

**ATOS SECRETARY, TAYLOR TRIMBY**



Taylor Trimby grew up in Joliet and in 1966 he attended a concert by Kay McAbee at the Rialto Theatre, playing the 4/21 Barton Grand. He was instantly hooked. Since then, Kay's styling has had a big influence on his own. He began studying organ with Rosemary Zolecki at age 13 and at 15 became the staff organist at the Rialto, a position he held for many years. He was a member of the JATOE work crew for 15+ years and is currently on the CATOE work crew and a member of the CATOE and ATOS board of directors. He installed a 2/7 Marr & Colton Theatre Organ that came from the Dexter Theatre in Detroit in his basement and now has 3 manual Marr & Colton console from the State Theatre in Toledo Ohio which is setup as a virtual theatre organ

running Hauptwerk and the Paramount 4/50 sample set. The installation was featured a few years ago in Theatre Organ magazine.

He has one son who is a professor, teaching biology and bio-engineering at the University of Delaware. His sister is a classical organist and plays at Plymouth Congregational Church in Plainfield Illinois. Now that Taylor is retired, while it affords him more time doing the things he loves like riding roller coasters, golfing, spending time in the theatre organ world, getting things ready for the Chicago ATOS convention and of course spending more time with his Dalmatian Joey, it does not mean anything is slowing down. Quite the opposite, Taylor finds himself a very busy man.

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## David Gray Persuading Other Interests

### Besides Theater Organ



In a surprise announcement on October 12, 2019 at the Allen Showroom in Bolingbrook, renowned Theater Organists David Gray from Scotland has decided to cut back on his theater organ performances. After playing for 15 years, David has decided to alter his career path to focus more on his classical music, interests playing with chambers groups, orchestras and piano. David has a great gift that he wishes to share more with others in different venues. Don't worry - he is not giving up the theater organ. Thank you for sharing your talent with us! We wish you our best!



Our Sincerest Sympathy goes out to Lorin Lynch and his family on the loss of his brother, Brian, who passed away Oct. 17, 2019



*May he Rest in Peace*

In Remembrance of JATOE Member Corinne Jembrzycki

Who passed away April 25, 2019



*May She Rest in Peace*

In Remembrance of JATOE Member August J. Edelmann who passed away November 14, 2019. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to his family.



*May he Rest in Peace*



## Mark Herman Relinquishes Allen Dealership in California to pursue his Music!

From Mark's Facebook page:

"Since moving to LA, it has become more clear than ever that I need to follow the passions that make me unique and bring me the most joy. The past five years as an Allen Organ dealer for Greater LA has been an incredible journey, working with hundreds of clients, churches, and major institutions. However rewarding, the long hours have taken a toll and required me to cut back on my music a great deal. A few months back, I told



Allen Organ Company that I wished to relinquish the dealership to pursue my music more or less full-time, so we've been working to ensure our clients have a seamless transition as Kelly Keys takes over as the new Allen Dealer at the end of this week. Jim Kelly is an experienced Allen tech, and I know he and Katie will do a great job in their new

roles. I'll still stay involved on the side with sales, rentals, and installation planning, but I'm quite happy to free up a LOT of time to focus on my musical pursuits of performance, arranging, and composition. Los Angeles is an exciting place to be for that, and I'm quite happy at how our move to California is playing out. For those who are curious, I'm also continuing my freelance consulting and voicing work, and rest assured, I'll still have my big toe in all things Wurlitzer. Thank you to Allen Organ Company, my amazing husband Anthony, my rock-star assistant David Marsh, and all my family and friends for endless encouragement." We at JATOE wish him all our best!

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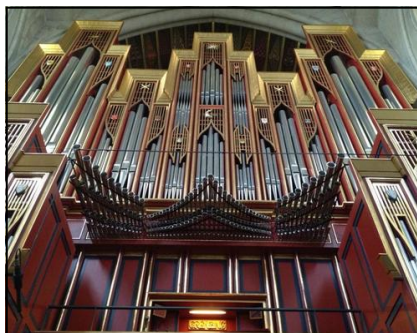
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## Mesa pizza restaurant organist dies from stroke complications.

A longtime organist at a pizza shop in Mesa died Nov. 21, 2019 from complications of a stroke. Charlie Balogh was the organist at Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa before his death. "Organ Stop Pizza has truly lost a great talent and wonderful human being," the restaurant said in a statement. "Charlie leaves behind an incredible legacy, especially in the organ world," the statement continued "No words can express our sadness at Charlie's death or our gratitude for his

commitment and love for Organ Stop Pizza through the years. "Balogh, a New Jersey native, began musical instruction when he was just 11 years old and continued through classical organ instruction at Trenton State College. He began his professional playing career at the Phoenix Organ Stop in 1973 before spending 14 years performing at The Roaring 20's restaurant starting in 1976 and moving back to Arizona in 1991. Balogh had also been named "Organist of the Year" by the American Theatre Organ Society in 2006. Our own Glenn Tallar is now a substitute organists at Organ Stop Pizza. A very busy man for sure. Glenn will be playing from 12-14 to 12-17 and 12-21 to 12-23. You can see the organists schedule here.

<https://organstoppizza.com/the-restaurant/organist-schedule/>

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

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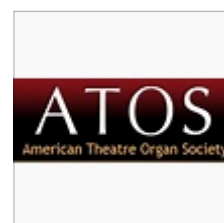
Good News! The membership promotion of \$25 annual dues for members, or those rejoining after a previous membership has lapsed 2 years or more, has been very successful. Thank You! This promotion will continue for the next year.

We have a new promotion as well. Students\* joining ATOS for the first time will receive a FREE membership for first year. Our regular student annual membership dues are \$25, but hopefully this promotion will encourage students to join ATOS for the first time and experience what we are all about.

Many members have given ATOS memberships as gifts. With these promotions in place, a membership makes a great, affordable gift that helps ATOS and its programs grow. Spread the word, and keep the music playing!

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

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