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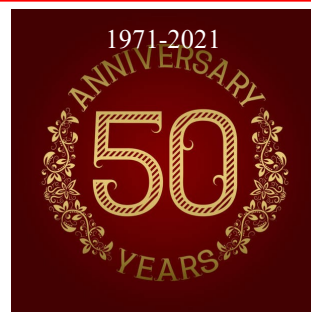
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By Joel Martis

It's that time of the year, time to give thanks for all of our blessings, not only at this time of the year, but all year long. JATOE has truly been blessed this year during the pandemic, we are able to have socials again, we had a very successful anniversary party. We had a most generous donation from Jack Moelmann. We got the \$11,000 grant from ATOS to continue work on the Barton for the 2023 Chicago convention. Our membership slowly is going up again. All good things! Ever notice that no matter how you say this, Thanksgiving, Giving Thanks, the other part is giving. It is because of a persons unconditional giving, that the blessings come. Many people were very giving over this troublesome year and believe me, it is extremely appreciated. My wish for each and everyone of you is continued good health, much love and friendship as we bring 2021 to an end and move forward into 2022. I am thankful to know you, look forward to knowing those I do not and I give thanks for that everyday. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and a very Blessed Christmas!

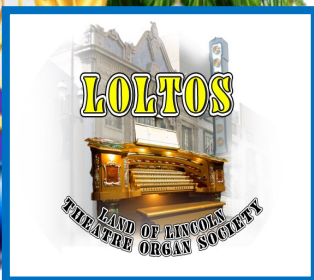


It's almost time to renew your annual JATOE membership. We are going to try something different this year. A renewal form will be emailed to each of you. Regular mail for those without an email address. Please check you spam folder if you have not received it by the end of January.

**RENEWAL  
REMINDER**



click on the icon to go  
to their web site for  
the latest news and  
events.



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Current JATO E Membership, 110

### *Editor's Note*

By Don Walker



Hi Members and friends,

I hope all of you have enjoyed the summer season. As I write this, we are expecting record high temperatures for the weekend. I'm glad that summer is 'holding on' a bit longer. Last weekend, I had the pleasure of taking a short road trip to the Acme Organ Institute in Acme, IN for the annual Oktoberfest concerts and awards ceremony. This venue featured incredible talent playing the various pipe organs installed in a private home as well as a large barn. Justin Stahl performed on the 3-12 Compton Theatre Pipe organ, the only Compton organ installed in the USA. Richie Gregory who has performed for us three times in the past was featured on a three manual Conn organ with a large complement of external speakers and Conn pipes. Member Justin Krasowski was on hand days before the events to assist with organ readiness and troubleshooting. I also had the pleasure of visiting with Randy and Sherri Duckworth, parents of the late, Timothy Duckworth who performed for JATO E various times in the past few years. It was nice to get away from large cities and experience all that rural Indiana has to offer.

On the organ front, work continues each week on the Barton. We are completing detailed work on some of the wall sconces in the theatre that are missing hanging crystals and other pieces. It is truly a labor of love and a work in process. The last two shows at the theatre had attendance numbers of 1200 and 1600. Since the theater seats just under 2,000, those number are good. We wish the Rialto continued success, and ask for your support as the next few months will be critical to the continued operation of the "Jewel Of Joliet." Best wishes to all, and Merry Christmas!

***Please remember the following people in your prayers***  
Bill Reynolds, Don Young, Bernice Walker, Norma  
Peters, Bill Curry and Stan Zimmerman







**CTOS & JATOE PRESENT**

**GREG OWEN**

**AT THE ALLEN ORGAN STUDIO**

**SUNDAY, Nov 14, 2021**



Greg Owen has established himself as a widely known concert artist throughout the United States. Born in 1965, he has had a love for the organ since the age of 9. Inspired by artists such as Virgil Fox, Lyn Larsen, Walt Strony and Tom Hazelton, Greg has taken a style all his own. He has concertized for numerous chapters from the east and west coasts. He has performed for the Garden State theatre organ society at such venues as the Trenton War Memorial, The Loews Jersey Wonder Morton, the Pascack Theatre, the Rahway Theatre and for NYTOS at the Lafayette Theatre in Suffern, the New York Military Academy in Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York and at Long Island University in Brooklyn, New York. He has also played at the Byrd Theatre in Richmond, Virginia, as well as the Alabama Theatre in Birmingham, Alabama. Equally at home with electronic organs, he has his own custom instrument he brings to different venues around the country as well as having played in restaurants throughout the years. He has played the Wanamaker organ on numerous occasions as well as many other venues including the Atlantic City Convention Hall Organ and the Sanfilippo Residence Organ, including the Wichita Wurlitzer. He has held the prestigious position as staff organist at the Organ Loft in Salt Lake City for over 4 years. Equally at home on electronic organs, Greg has played for many electronic organ societies including the Hammond Organ Society and the Monmouth Organ Society in New Jersey. He is a Yamaha National Electone Organ Festival Competition winner. He has performed at the Kansas City Music Hall in Kansas City on the large Robert Morton organ. Recently, he performed for the River City Theatre Organ Society at the Rose Theatre Wurlitzer and his Allen MDS317EX with Hauptwerk in his home.



**Doors open at 2:30 pm Show starts at 3:00 pm!**



## **\$5 MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK AT THE RIALTO!**

**11/10/21 7pm Planes, Trains and Automobiles**

**12/12/21 7pm It's A Wonderful Life**

**12/18/21 2pm Polar Express**

**12/22/21 1pm Miracle on 34th Street**

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**1/20/22 7pm The Greatest Showman**

**2/17/22 7pm A Star is Born**



**Doors will open at 6pm, Movie is at 7pm unless otherwise posted.**

**Come and hear Chicagoland's only Lobby Organ**



**Greg Owen**

**November 14th at 3pm**

**Allen Organ Studio Doors open  
at 2:30pm for both events.**



**Dave Calendine**

**December 19th at 3pm**



## **JATOE's NEWEST LIFETIME MEMBER**

On August 15th, the JATOE Board made the recommendation to the membership that Jack Moelmann be made a Lifetime Member. The membership unanimously voted yes! Jack's name has been inscribed on the plaque on the back of the Barton. We welcome Jack as our newest lifetime member.



November 7th

3pm

Mundelein

**Zach Frame**

**On the Mighty  
Wurlitzer**



*In Memory of our JATOE Members*



*Barbara Petry*

*October 8, 2021*

*May She Rest in Peace*



## **Music Ministry Director**

### **St. John's United Church of Christ, Mokena, Illinois**

Lead a dynamic team of musicians in an active and growing church community. The part-time Director of Music Ministries and Worship Arts will organize, enhance and expand the church's music program. Responsibilities include directing the adult vocal choir, instrumentalists, bell choirs, working with the drama team and special musicians, and encouraging/assisting youth to participate in the music ministry. The congregation appreciates both traditional and contemporary worship music. The Director oversees and coordinates the church's music programs (adults and youth) including instruments and budget. This is a team ministry that includes working with the pastor, accompanists, musicians and planning committees. The Music Director will have a sense of ministry that leads inspiring worship and generates a sense of enthusiasm and fun for the musical groups, soloists and congregation. The church provides a competitive wage and supportive environment.

Contact St. John's UCC at 708-479-5123 for a full position description.

**Full time Church Organist** (optional choir accompanist) position: **First Presbyterian Church** - 805 Western Ave. - Joliet, IL (21 rank pipe organ) - contact Pastor Carrie Kapral at 815-727-9259 ext. 205 or email [office@firstpresjoliet.org](mailto:office@firstpresjoliet.org).

#### **Responsibilities:**

Provide organ music and accompany choirs for regular Sunday Services

Provide organ music for weddings and funerals when available.

Arrange for substitute organist/accompanist when necessary; notify pastoral staff and church office.

Consult regularly with the pastoral staff and church office regarding care and maintenance of the church organ.

Consult regularly with music staff and church staff regarding service music and planning for worship

Salary.....to be renegotiated annually.

Vacation, Shall be allowed five church paid Sundays and corresponding rehearsals off at organist's discretion. Additional Sundays (not to exceed four) may be taken after consultation with the pastoral staff and church office. These will be deducted from the organist's salary.





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