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## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE JOLIET AREA THEATRE ORGAN ENTHUSIASTS

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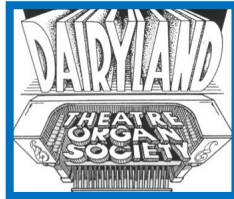


**The Beautiful Rialto Square Theatre. Home of the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts and the  
4/27 Barton Grande Theatre Pipe Organ.**

# Here's What's Happening!



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## Editor's Note

By Don Walker



I'd like to focus on membership renewals in this issue. For those of you who are receiving e-mail newsletters, please let me know if you e-mail address has changed or if you are not receiving your newsletter. Also, if you have not renewed by March 31, 2022, your name will be purged from the newsletter mailing/e-mails and you will not be notified of future socials. If you renew after March 31, please make sure that you make your payment with a completed membership renewal form so that you can be added back to the newsletter mailings. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as we look toward another year of great music and memories!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

By the end of January, all members should have received their annual membership renewal forms either by email or regular mail. If you have not received the form, please contact Joel Martis, Don Walker or Jim Patak so we can get you one. Dues will be accepted at socials, but please have the completed form with you. It is so important that you completely fill out the form so we have your latest information especially if you have moved, changed phone numbers or have a new email address. Please send the completed forms along with your remittance to Jim Patak at the address on the form. DO NOT send it to the Rialto address. Some did last year. I only check our mail at the Rialto once a month if that. Dues are due by the end of March 2020.



We start our 51st year of maintaining the Barton Grande Organ in the Rialto theater. ATOS has sent the \$11,000+ for the repairs identified. Our work crew looks forward to working with David on this, doing what we can do. I know we all look forward to going back to "normal," to enjoying the company and fellowship of one another. Enjoying all the delicious treats that members bring. I am looking forward to a wonderful 2022 year. Don is busy lining up dates and artists. I hope each and everyone of you had a great holiday season, and here's wishing you a very Happy New Year!!! -Joel Martis





## RIALTO SQUARE THEATER

**JELANI EDDINGTON**

**JANUARY 30, 2022**

**TAYLOR TRIMBY**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

**COMING  
SOON!**



During the years that Jelani Eddington has given concerts, he has easily established himself as one of the most prominent and sought-after artists on the concert circuit. Jelani has performed in most of the major concert

venues throughout the United States, has toured extensively abroad, and has received numerous awards and recognitions, including his selection as the 2001 Theatre Organist Of The Year. At the age of 13, Jelani won the American Theatre Organ Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition, prevailing over competitors ages 13-21 from the United States, England, Australia, and New Zealand. Jelani remains the youngest competitor ever to win this title. Jelani went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude from Indiana University in 1996, and later received a Juris Doctor degree from the Yale Law School in 1999, after which time he was admitted to practice law in New York and later in Wisconsin.



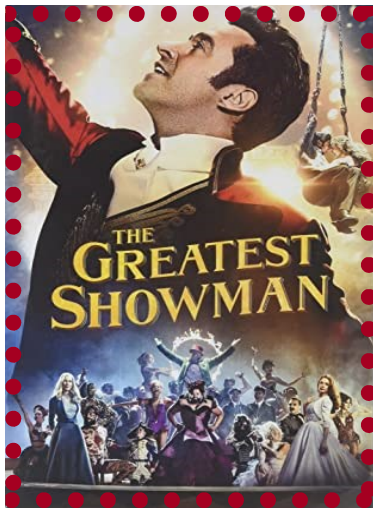
Taylor Trimby grew up in Joliet, and in 1966 he attended a concert by Kay McAbee at the Rialto Theatre, playing the 4/21 Barton Grand. He was instantly hooked. Since then, Kay's

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 has recently resumed. He was a member of the Joliet Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts work crew for over 15 years and is currently on the Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts work crew and is the treasurer of CATOE. Taylor is currently the Vice Chairman and Endowment Chairman for the American Theatre Organ Society and will be chairing the ATOS Convention in the Chicagoland area in 2023. He installed a 2/7 Marr & Colton Theatre Organ that came from the Dexter Theatre in Detroit in his basement and has recently acquired a 3 manual Barton console from the Tower Theatre in Milwaukee, which is setup as a virtual theatre organ. Now retired, Taylor enjoys riding roller coasters, golfing, biking, and spending time in the theatre organ world. Taylor also helps with rescue, fostering and placement of dogs in the area.

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



**\$5 MOVIE NIGHT AT THE RIALTO!**



**1/20/22 7pm**

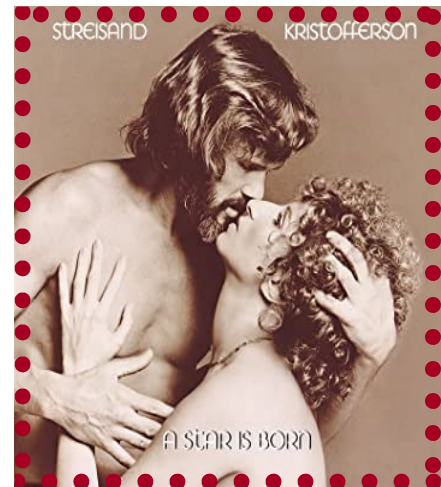
**The Greatest Showman**

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**2/17/22 7pm**

**A Star is Born**



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

The Barton Grande Theater Pipe Organ plays half an hour before the show

Come and hear Chicagoland's only Lobby Organ

It's time to renew your annual JATOE membership. We are doing 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**

Ronald Lawson was a member of your society for many years. He was a gifted organist/pianist and a musical collector enthusiast. Ron passed away in May 2020. Over the years he has acquired a beautiful musical collection. Ron's wishes are for the entire collection to be sold. Over the past 16 months I have catalogued, taken pictures and researched prices of his collection. If you are interested in finding out more information, look at his collection and purchasing items for you to acquire and appreciate please contact me at [jackie.glennie@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.glennie@gmail.com) or call/text me at (815) 238-0240. His collection includes a polyphon, Victrola's, amberolas, graphophones, phonographs, juke box, old radios, Dictaphones, grafonolas, Clavinovas, player piano, piano rolls, Conn organ, pipes and speakers, piano lights, metronome, fiddle, violin, turntables, sheet music, vinyl records, 45s and so much more! This is an extensive collection you will not want to miss! The collection is located at 3702 Samuelson Road in Rockford, IL. and may be seen by appointment. I have researched prices and then cut pricing in half for fair purchasing price for the buyer and the family. Please contact me for more information. I am looking to find other music enthusiasts who will appreciate Ron's collection as much as he did.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jackie DeVries

**ESTATE SALE**

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**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**  
Current JATOE Membership, **110**

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



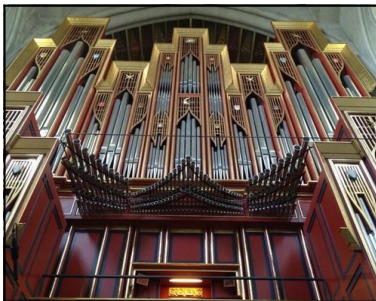
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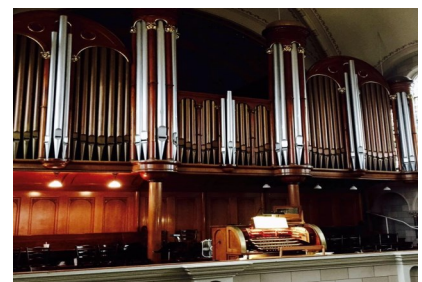
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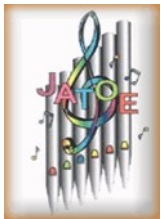
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