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By Joel Martis

Members of the Chicagoland Theater Organ Society

JATOE welcomes the members of CTOS. We are very saddened by the death of our dear friend Lee Maloney which sadly has brought an end to CTOS and so much more. Bob Vorel and I talked, and to keep promoting the organ and its music, Bob asked if CTOS could merge with JATOE. I told him of course you could. I went a step further waving our dues to join this year since CTOS members already paid their dues. While we do not have a Allen TO-5 or a beautiful store like Lee had, but we do have the Barton Grand Theater Pipe Organ and a beautiful theater we have our socials in. I have ask Bob to be a liaison at our board meetings as we merge. We welcome all of you and hope you enjoy what JATOE has to offer you.

Joel Martis



JATOE's "Spooktacular"

Halloween Party

October 8th, 2pm with

Dave Wickerham

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

JATOE will be providing Hot Dogs!

About the Artist

Dave Wickerham was born in Encino, California in 1962. He began playing the electronic organ at the age of four and had his first pipe organ experience at age ten. His musical education started at age seven. When he moved to Arizona in 1976, he became Associate Organist at the famous Organ Stop Pizza Restaurants in Phoenix, Mesa and Tucson. While in Arizona, he continued his musical studies with Roseamond Crowley, one of the few remaining descendants of the Louis Vierne line of organists. He attended the University of Arizona in Tucson on a full scholarship, pursuing classical organ studies for six years with Dr. Roy Johnson.

In 1984, Dave moved to the Chicago area to become Staff Organist at Pipes and Pizza in Lansing, Illinois. In addition to his performance there, he concertized frequently, as well as ministering musically and serving at various churches.

August of 1990 found the Wickerham family – Dave, his wife and two young children – moving to Wisconsin, where he was one of the featured Staff Organists at the Piper Music Palace in Greenfield, a position he held for 10 years.

In the spring of 2000, Dave ushered in the new millennium with a limited special engagement, as a featured organist at “Roxy’s Pipe Organ Pizzeria,” part of a \$26,000,000 expansion phase at the FIESTA Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Wickerham’s, Dave, Rhonda, and now three great kids, spent two years there before returning back home to Wisconsin in August of 2001... For the next three years, Dave resumed his position at the Piper Music Palace and was also the Principal Organist at Williams Bay Lutheran Church in Lake Geneva, WI. He enjoys concertizing frequently to many audiences including various chapters of the American Theatre Organ Society.

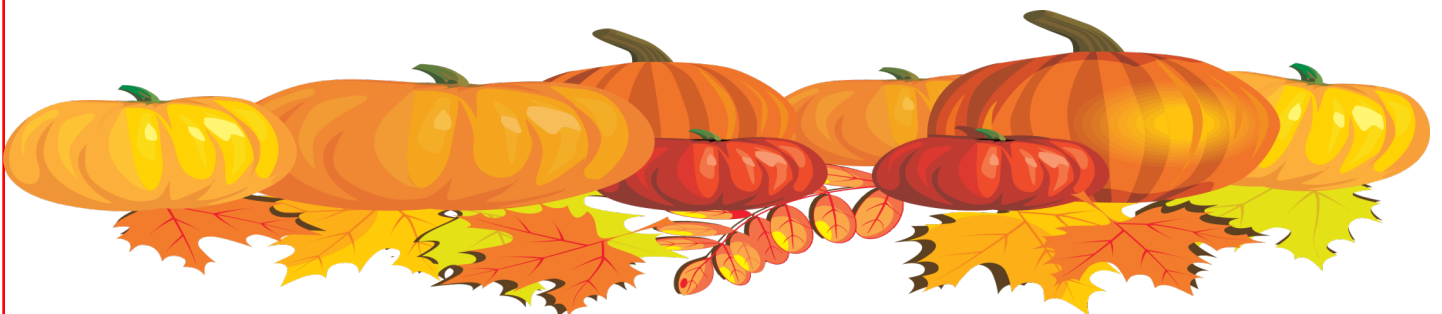
In April of 1999, he took great pleasure being a feature artist in Melbourne, Australia for the convention of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia for which he received rave reviews. He returned “Down Under” for a six-week concert tour in Australia and New Zealand during the summer of 2003 and 2012, as well as October/November of 2015.

Dave also enjoys recording and has recently “sold out” his fourth CD “Sounds of Music” recorded on the famous 5 Manual, 80 Rank Theatre Organ at the Sanfilippo Residence in Barrington, IL. There are NEW recording projects that are soon to be completed and released as well as additional video concerts.

After seven years as Organist – Curator with the legendary Milhous Collection in South Florida, Dave and his youngest daughter currently enjoy living in Upper Michigan in the historic town of Crystal Falls. Dave has three grown kids, two married with children of their own. So, with six grandchildren and concertizing, there are many opportunities for travel.

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JATOE has openings on the board. If you are interested in being on the board, please let one of the board members know.



Joliet Area Theater Organ Enthusiasts

2024 Renewal Form

Please Print

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

E-Mail _____@_____

Do you belong to the American Theater Organ Society (ATOS)? Yes ____ No ____

JATOE Annual Membership Dues \$40.00

(Any Amount over \$40.00 is Tax Deductible)

Make checks payable to: JATOE

Mail this form and remittance to:

Jim Patak

1406 Mandel Ave

Westchester, Ill 60154

Annual Dues Amounts	
Students	\$15.00
Regular	\$40.00
Supporting	\$50.00
Sponsoring	\$100.00
Sustaining	\$500.00
Presidents Club	\$1000.00

Signature _____

Date _____

HELLO!

New Members!

Welcome Dale Marzano! Dale comes from
Romeoville, IL,
And Eric Bronsky, Eric comes from Skokie,
IL
Welcome CTOS Members!

Membership Report

Total JATOE Membership	94	79%
Number of ATOS Members	52	46%
Number of Members Lost	29	28%



**Reels at
the Rialto**
September 14
7 PM

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November 25th

6pm

THE POLAR EXPRESS



**Reels at
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October 26
7 PM

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A LIVE RADIO PLAY

Friday, December 8th
at 7pm



**Reels at
the Rialto**
November 12
7 PM

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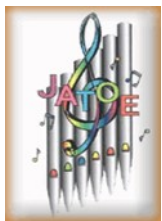


December 17th 2pm

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