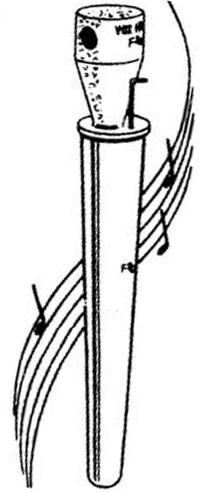


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Celebrating Jim Shaffer

CATOE's next event will be held **Sunday, July 29th at 2pm** at the **Arcada Theatre, in St. Charles Illinois.**

This event will be a special tribute to long time CATOE member and recently 'retired' Treasurer, Mr. Jim Shaffer. Jim has been with CATOE for several decades, and has served in many rolls working on: organ crews, ticket sales, ATOS conventions, and in numerous board positions including CATOE Chairman.



Jim's passion for preserving theatre organs has been demonstrated by his non-stop commitment to our organization, his positive attitude, and his generosity when offering to lend a hand and volunteer his time.

To honor his hard work and efforts at preserving the Arcada's Geneva/Marr & Colton theatre pipe organ, theatre operators Onesti Entertainment, are hosting this special event with organist Dennis Scott. Concessions will be available, but consider bringing a special treat/snack/drink to help celebrate our friend Jim. Visit oshows.com for more info about this event.

Getting to the Arcada Theatre

The historic Arcada Theatre is located at: 105 East Main Street in downtown Saint Charles, IL 60174.

CATOE members coming from the North, South, & East and can easily find the theatre if they take the I-355 toll road to North Avenue. Exit at North Avenue (Route 64) and head west. North Avenue becomes Main Street in downtown St. Charles. The Arcada Theatre is on the south side (left) of the street.



The Arcada Theatre has plenty of on-street parking available on 1st Avenue (Riverside Avenue), Main Street (Route 64), and 2nd Avenue. In addition, a municipal parking lot on 2nd Avenue, just one block south of Main Street, provides free parking too.

The Arcada Theatre has seating for people with special needs and an elevator if you want to sit in the balcony. Since this event FREE and is open to the public, please invite your friends and family to attend. The more the merrier!

Nancy Faust: Back in the Game

Former Chicago White Sox organist Nancy Faust can still be heard performing organ interludes at one Chicago area baseball stadium. The Kane County Cougars have hired Nancy to play the Hammond organ at Elfstrom Stadium during 10 home games this year.

Nancy began playing the organ for the White Sox in 1970 where she became a pioneer by introducing certain players with “modern” pop and rock music.

In the late 70’s, she played a little known song ‘Na Na Hey Hey’ (Kiss Him Goodbye) as an opposing pitcher was removed from the game. The song caught on and continues to be played at sporting venues around the world. Her rendition of ‘Take Me Out to the Ball Game’ also inspired Harry Caray to begin singing along, thus creating another tradition.

2009 was Nancy’s 40th season as the White Sox organist and she played her last game as the White Sox organist on October 3, 2010 .

Many of you might have been able to catch Nancy when she played the Mundelein Seminary organ for the village of Mundelein’s centennial celebration in the fall of 2009.

Don’t miss out on your chance to see and hear a great Chicago organ icon!

See Nancy Faust on one of these upcoming dates:

July 15 & 29 / August 5 & 26 / September 9



Nancy Faust (right) throws out the first pitch at a Kane County Cougars game earlier this season. (Copyright & courtesy Kane County Cougars.)

Re-discovered Historical Images

A blast from the past was re-discovered when several photographs from the archives of the Chicago Tribune, Sun-Times and other area newspapers were recently sold. CATOE has obtained many of these images and will share a few when space permits.

This image of Hal Pearl performing at the Chicago Oriental Theatre Wurlitzer was published in the Sun-Times on February 21st, 1969 after the farewell concert to the Oriental with the following caption...



'Hal Pearl, "King of the Organ" brings back the "old days" with never to be forgotten melodies of the past. Nostalgia manifested itself through out the audience and more than an occasional sigh could be heard during Hal's performance.'

Did you know...

Did you know that Franz Mohr who was Chief Concert Technician (piano tuner) for Steinway Piano Company from 1968 to 1992 wrote a book about his life working alongside great artists including: Arthur Rubinstein, Van Cliburn, and Vladimir & Wanda Horowitz. Titled "My Life with the Piano Greats", More about Mohr's history -- including links to videos and photos can be found at: www.franzmohr.com.