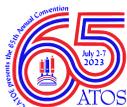
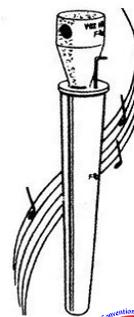
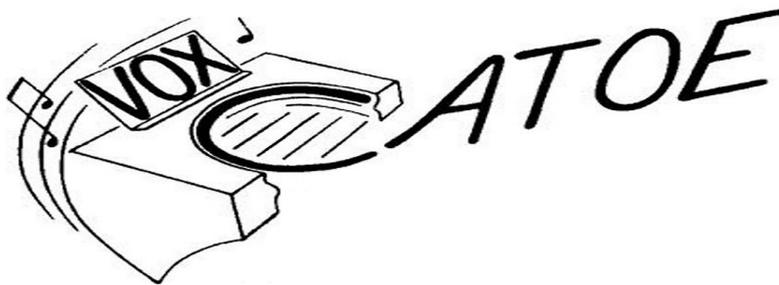


**Spring
2023**

The Newsletter Voice
of the CATOE



Spring is Here!



We lucked out last month with a somewhat decent day to do the big move. Thanks to the "CATOE CREW" and help from JATOE we hauled the xylophone, traps and orchestra bells from the Rialto to the Arcada and then brought the Geneva console parts back to Joliet for restoration. You can see pictures of that on page 2 and 3.

The 65th Annual Convention is moving along. Our small and dedicated team is busy with preparing the booklet, getting items for the record store inventoried, contacting local adult living facilities with ticket information about the two concerts at the Rialto that are now available and other "administrative" tasks. On the other side, the work crew is busy with all the organs getting them ready to go!

Individual tickets for the **Dave Wickerham** and **Simon Gledhill** concerts at the Rialto are on sale now. Price is \$20 and you can purchase them online (with a fee) or at the Rialto Box Office. We are also planning to have tickets to the **Tedde Gibson** concert at the Arcada Theatre on sale soon!

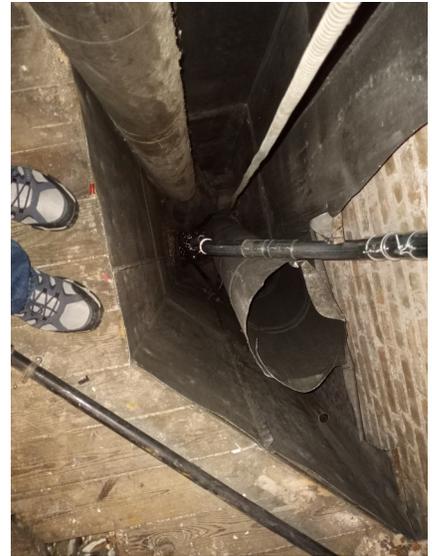
We still need help—especially during the convention! If you are planning to ride the buses, we need "counters" to be sure the bus is loaded before it leaves. You get your own colorful clicker and you can keep it as a memento from the convention! LOL. Also need some setup help on Saturday July 1 and Sunday July 2.

Lowrey Organ Company will be bringing 5 of their new instruments to the convention to demonstrate! More on that next edition.....

Update from the Arcada



Left—stage right chamber (alley chamber) after removal of the duct work. Below—chamber as it was before restoration. Right—look down to where the wind line came up from the basement



More pictures from the alley chamber. Vents that used to open outside to let in fresh air. Second picture showing the "entrance" to the chamber from the stage.

More from St. Charles.....



Console arrival and restoration work begins.....Many different colors showing through



Above—Originally hand painted "birds" coming through as the stripping continues.



There were many layers of paint that were removed. The "birds" and the sun are being re-created to be more durable. The restoration team will put on a base coat before spraying the console red—which you can see was the original color. Side one should be finished with the paint removal this week. Then we can start on side 2. After both are completed, we will start repainting.

The pedals are in the JATOE work shop and are being cleaned, painted and restored. The bench is also being worked on.



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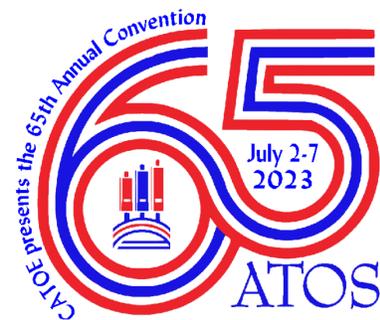
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More News

David Rhodes continues to perform each Friday at the Tivoli on our own 3/10 Wurlitzer. He plays before the early evening show. Stop in, have some fresh hot popcorn, hear the organ and watch a great move! The Tivoli Wurlitzer will be featured at the convention!

Reels at the Rialto continue with Napoleon Dynamite April 26 and Ferris Bueller on May 11. Barton Grande music begins at about 6:30. Tickets are just \$5



More Convention news next edition—The big party on July 4th, Lowrey Organ Company participating and other exciting surprises.

Register NOW!