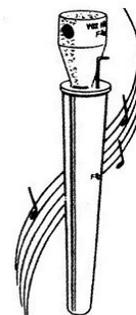
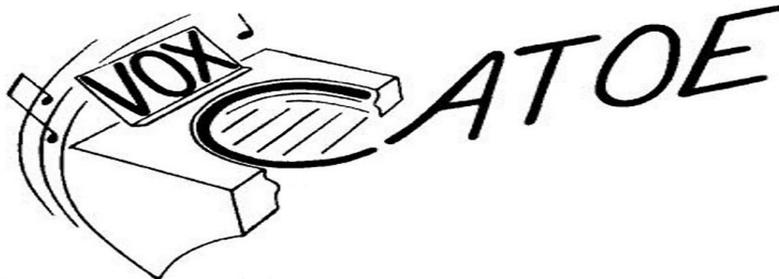


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Highlights:

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- * Artist
Frank Pellico

Our Next Social

Our next social will be on **Sunday August 23rd** at **Allen Organs of Chicago**. Our artist for the day will be 3 time Stanley Cup Champion Blackhawk Organist, **Frank Pellico** AND a special



guest!

Doors for the social will open at 1:30 and Frank will begin his program at 2:00.

Please come on out to hear the big 5 manual Allen—and don't forget to bring your music and some treats to share with your fellow enthusi-

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Directions to Allen Organs of Chicago

From Rt. 55 take Rt. 53 south to the second traffic light which is Crossroads Pkwy. Turn right to the FIRST drive on the left and follow around the building to the front (faces Rt. 53)

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Our Social Artist, Frank Pellico

**Social
Organist**

Frank Pellico

August 23

2:00 pm

Frank Pellico started music on the accordion while in grammar school and took organ lessons in high school.

He studied with Al Melgard and Leon Berry from the Hub Roller Rink.

In 1982 Frank was voted by Contemporary Keyboard Magazine "The Most Popular Keyboard Artist" in the United States.

His career started at the Matterhorn Supper Club in Palos Hills in 1965 and performed there for 18 years to standing room crowds. From 1970 to 1975 he played for the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field and has played the convention crowds from New York to Los Angeles and everywhere in-between.

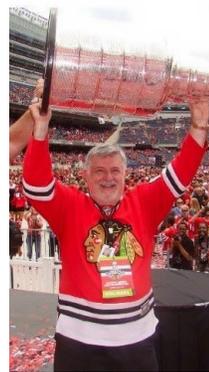
In 1991 Frank took on the position as organist for the Chicago Blackhawks at the Chi-

cago Stadium on the worlds largest pipe organ and is still the organist at the United Center.

Frank performs along with his band at dinner shows, concerts, fundraisers, and has to his

credit over 20 recordings. Of his recordings, "My Final Vision", is the last "LIVE" recording of the 1929 Chicago Stadium 6/51 Barton Grande Theatre Pipe Organ. Besides playing for the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team, he has played for roller skating reunion events at the Orbit Skate Center in Palatine.

On Monday nights, Frank can be seen and heard at the Aurora Skate Center, playing what they describe as the only triple-deck Hammond X-66 organ in the country.



From the editor



Hello everyone—hope you are all enjoying the cool and rainy summer that we have had so far....I apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter out, but I needed some time away after our June concerts to get caught up with everything! Our June social was wonderful—**Cletus Goens** played a really enjoyable program, utilizing the big 5 manual Allen and the Hammond B3. His special guest, **Scott May** of the Ides of March performed one of his new songs with Cletus on the Hammond. Our thanks to Lee Maloney for opening his showroom on his day off to the CATOE faithful and also for giving everyone a chance to play the big Allen.



"This was one of the best days for theatre organ fans" was heard after the Downers Grove Days Concerts ended. Our artists, **Walt Strony** and **Dave Wickerham** put on spectacular performances. Walt played Catoe's 3/10 Wurlitzer at the Tivoli Theatre. He really showed off the organ with "Deadwood Stage," a medley from "Kismet" and of course a Kay McAbee classic—"Land of the Pharaohs." The organ never sounded better and was a treat to see it rise from its new home below the stage.

We then journeyed over to Downers Grove North High School to hear Dave play the 3/10 Wurlitzer. It was 45 years ago (!) that the organ was dedicated. Dave certainly played a great program for the enthusiastic crowd and his patriotic medley with the matching lighting brought the crowd to their feet for a well de-

served standing ovation. Both organists took requests from the audience for their encores. It was a fantastic day in Downers Grove. Our thanks go out to the Johnson family, their staff at the Tivoli and the staff of Downers Grove North High School for all their help in getting these two concerts - the first ones in over 8 years— to a wonderful conclusion.



Walt Strony at the Tivoli (*David Rhodes Collection*)



Dave Wickerham at DGNHS (*Don Walker collection*)



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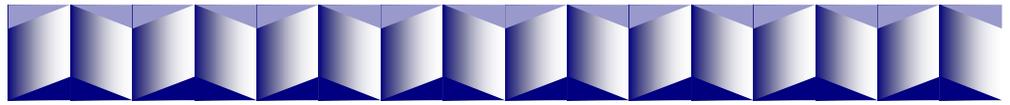
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What's Up in the Area?

CATOE's mighty 3/10 Wurlitzer at the Tivoli Theatre is back and playing on Friday and Saturday nights with **David Rhodes** or **Tim Charlton** on the bench (or Howard Seat...)



The Arcada Console

The fund raising for the restoration of the Arcada Theatre's 3/16 Marr Colton / Geneva theatre organ begins soon. Please consider donating to this worth while cause. This is a one of a kind installation and the theatre is really behind CATOE and wants to be able to have concerts, silent movie events and socials at the theatre

Welcome to our newest members:
J.P. Devona, Marian Bak, Paul Coscino, Judy Matarelli, Ruth Oberg and Joseph Lord! Thanks for joining and welcome to CATOE! :-)