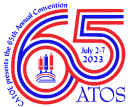
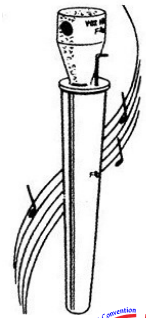
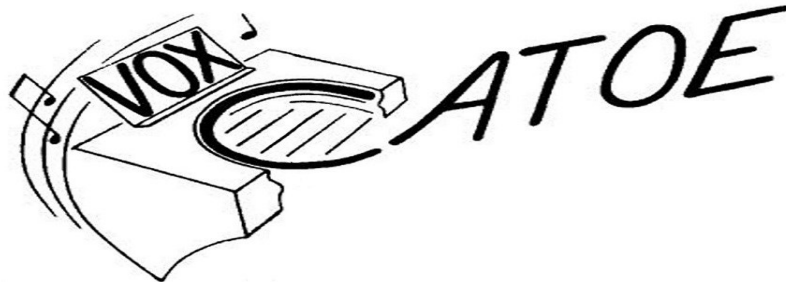


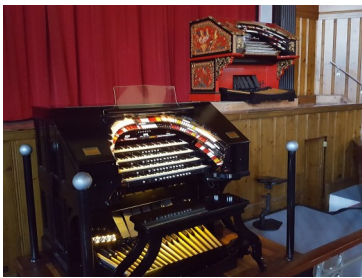
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Social and Business Meeting

Our next **Social** and **Business Meeting** will be on **Sunday October 9th, 2:00 pm** at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. Nick Renkosik will be performing on the 4/21 Wurlitzer. **Doors at 1:30 pm.** More information on this on page 2!



Our September Social at Downers Grove North High School will have to be re-scheduled. We are looking into dates in November. The last time that the 3/10 Wurlitzer (known as Lilith) was played was in November of 2019! We are so looking forward to having her back again and to be performing as pre-show music for the band, choir and orchestra performances. Tentative first public performance will be Wednesday October 19th starting at 6:30!



Convention preparation continues—we are finishing up the “administrative” side of the convention — contracts for the venues, artists, buses, banquet and will start our donation drive. Our goal is to reduce the cost of the convention so that more can attend. We are also fundraising for the Fantastic 4th of July Celebration.

Social AND Business Meeting!

This is your **official notice of our annual Business Meeting to be held on Sunday October 9th starting at 2:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein (directions on page 3). We will cover the usual club business and answer any questions about the upcoming convention!**

After the short business meeting, we will welcome Nick Renkosik to perform for us on the magnificent 4/21 Wurlitzer. This is the first time that Nick has played a social for CATOE and we are looking forward to his performance.

Born in 1998 and based out of the Chicagoland area, Nick Renkosik is a nationally acclaimed young organist that has performed at such venues as Sanfilippo's Place De La Musique in Barrington Hills, IL; the Oriental and Riverside Theatres in Milwaukee, WI; the Coronado Theatre in Rockford, IL; Allen Organs of Chicago in Bolingbrook, IL; the Rialto Theatre in Joliet, IL; the Tampa Theatre in Tampa, FL; the Fox Theatre in St. Louis, MO; the Nethercutt Collection in Sylmar, CA; Orchestra Hall in Chicago, IL, and Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee, WI.



Nick also competed in the 2017 American Theatre Organ Society's Young Organist's Competition in Tampa, FL, and was placed as a runner up.

When he is not performing in a solo setting, Nick is an organist/accompanist on staff at several churches in Northern Illinois, and is an organ restoration technician for JL Weiler, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois. He has also appeared as a guest organist at the Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee, WI, for the annual Milwaukee Film Festival.

Nick studied instrumental performance at Carthage College in Kenosha, WI, where he pursued a major in classical organ performance and a minor in classical piano performance. He was a student in the studios of Mr. Christopher Berry (organ) and Dr. Wael Farouk (piano).

More Information!

We still need help with planning. So if you would like to help us with the July 4th/ CATOE 65th Birthday /ATOS 65 Convention party, **or any other part of the convention**, please let us know! With the exception of the July 4th party, the convention is pretty well set. The Convention Committee has selected the Artists, Venues, Hotel and have created the schedule for the week. Once the budgets and contracts have been signed we will be sending out finalized information on the convention. We will have information and sign up at the October social.

Convention tickets will go on sale starting in early January — and it is suggested that you get them as soon as possible. We have limited space at the pre and after glow events and they should sell out quickly! We are hearing lots of positive comments about the convention!

Directions to Mundelein

From the SOUTH:

To reach the seminary from Interstate 94, take the Hwy 176 exit and turn right at the foot of the ramp to head west (the ramp loops around). Go approximately 4 miles. Soon after passing Marytown on your right, you will see signs for the University. Continue to Rt. 45 and turn right. Entrance is on your right.

From the NORTH:

From Interstate 94, take the Hwy 137 exit and turn right. Go approximately 3 miles and turn left onto Highway 21. Go about 2 more miles and turn right on Hwy 176. Soon after passing Marytown on your right, you will see signs for the University. Continue to Rt. 45 and turn right. Entrance is on your right.

Note: Please use the entrance on Route 45.

Please note: USML policy requests everyone must wear a mask. Also, **DO NOT** bring any refreshments. They have stated that outside food is not allowed. However, do bring your music and give the Wurlitzer a try!



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Other Clubs Events

JATOE — September 11th with Bert Kuntz doors 12:30, business meeting 1:30, program at 2. October 2 with Justin Stahl Doors at 1:30, program at 2:00 pm

CTOS— September 11 with Justin LaVoie. Doors 2:30, program at 3:00 pm

Stop in and see a movie at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove! Each Friday Night, our mighty 3/10 Wurlitzer plays before the early show. Enjoy some popcorn, great theatre organ music and of course the movie! **David Rhodes** is on the bench.



Reels at the Rialto will show the movie **Grease Sept. 9 and Hocus Pocus on Oct.27.** at 7:00 pm with organ music before—beginning at 6:30 pm. Stop

down and say "HI"



CATOE has received a grant from ATOS for work on the Wurlitzer at Mundelein! We are thrilled that they awarded us this grant and will begin work on the organ soon! .

