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The Newsletter Voice of the Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts

VOX CATOE

Highlights:

- The next CATOE social will be Sunday June 1st. CTOS will be joining us.
- Downers Grove North High School
- 2:00 pm
- Artist: **Ken Double**

June Social and Business Meeting

Our June social and Business Meeting will be held at Downers Grove North High School on Sunday June 1st. The Artist for the day will be **Ken Double** — ATOS President/CEO. This will be our one and only Sunday afternoon at the High School—you will not want to miss this opportunity!

Doors are at 1:30; business meeting at 2:00 with the performance to begin at 2:15 pm.

We will have nominations for the CATOE board and a brief business meeting prior to the organ concert by Ken. Bring a friend, neighbor and don't forget to bring a treat to share!

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Directions to Downers Grove North High School

Downers Grove North High School :

4436 Main Street (one block South of Ogden Avenue) Downers Grove. Free parking is located across Main St. **From the East**: Take I-88 west to Highland Ave. Then South on Highland Ave. (turns into Main St.) to school.

From the West: Take I-88 east to Highland Ave. Highland Ave (turns into Main St.) south to school. **From the North**: Take I-355 south to Ogden Ave. East on Ogden to Main St. South on Main St. (one block) to school. **From the South**: Take I-355 north to Ogden Ave. East on Ogden to Main St. South on Main St. (one block) to the school.

June Organist

It is not often that one gets paid to have fun for a living. It is rarer still when having fun and getting paid for it professionally happens twice in life. Such has been the good professional fortune of **Ken Double,** the President and CEO of the American Theatre Organ Society.

Until recently, music was always the "second career," almost an afterthought due to his 32 years in broadcasting. The Chicago-native grew up with five brothers in a sports loving family, but Ken was more enamored of the play-by-play announcers than he was the athletes, and as early as age six, was mouthing the words sitting in front of the television, "practice" broadcasting the games he watched.

Ken's parents made sure all six of the boys were introduced to some kind of music, and for Ken, it was organ lessons starting at age eight. About the time he was getting bored with that, and a high school radio station was providing broadcast opportunities, a school field trip took him to the Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge, IL and a chance to play the Wurlitzer theatre organ, and it was for him as it is for so many, that "WOW!" moment.

Several weeks later, the same teacher who guided students on the field trip took a group to hear Gaylord Carter at Chicago's famed Oriental Theatre and Ken was truly hooked. He steered lessons in the theatre organ direction, including one year of studies with legendary organist Al Melgard.

Ken Double has been the Master of Ceremonies for no fewer than 18 ATOS annual and regional conventions. He has performed concerts at nine annual and regional convention events. He has toured Australia and New Zealand four times. And in addition to his hundreds of concerts since his debut in Ft. Wayne, IN in 1978, he has 17 recordings to his credit.

He accepted the top post at ATOS in the summer of 2007, and a year later, the Board of Directors asked Ken to accept the newly created position of President and CEO. He has been working diligently to raise funds, raise awareness, create new and exciting programs, and help steer the organization in a new direction to ensure its growth and existence for another 50 years and more.

Broadcaster, musician, entertainer, MC, administrator, PR man, and even "crooner" occasionally, Ken Double has enjoyed "having fun and getting paid for it, not once, but twice!" As the song says, "*Nice work if you can get it.*"

Next Social June 1st with Ken Double at the 3/10 Wurlitzer!

From the editor .....

Our May Social with **Jonas Nordwall** was fantastic. All those in attendance were unanimous in their praise of the way that Jonas utilized the organ and his selection of songs. He featured all of the sounds of the Allen—with drums, bells, chimes, xylophone—something that you don't always here at some concerts. We certainly hope to have him back to play again for us.

This was the first time in many months that the organ had been heard.

David Rhodes recently played the 4/20 Howell-Wurlitzer for commencement exercise at Mundelein.

Interested in helping setup at a social? How about being on a Work Crew? Contact David Rhodes or Taylor Trimby!

Official Notice

This is your **OFFICAL NOTICE** that CATOE will have a Business Meeting AND Officer Nominations at the June Social. We did not have a quorum of Board Members at the May social to have the meeting.

In addition to the Officer Reports, we will also open the floor for nominations to the following board positions:

President (currently **David Rhodes**)

Secretary (currently **Michael Garay**)

Publicity/Membership (currently **Taylor Trimby**)

Board Member at Large (currently **Jon Habermaas**)

From the bylaws:

Nominations for officers and directors shall be made from the floor. All nominations must be seconded, and the nominee must be present, or has indicated in writing a willingness to run. All nominees must be a current member in good standing of CATOE and ATOS for at least twelve months prior to the nomination. Nominees for the position of President must have served on the Board of Directors for at least one complete term. An individual may not accept nomination for more than one position.

Only Regular members in good standing and at least 18 years of age are eligible to serve as officers or directors.

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2013—2014 CATOE BOARD

David Rhodes	**President**
Tim Charlton	**Vice President**
Michael Garay	**Secretary**
Greg Simanski	**Treasurer**
Taylor Trimby	**Publicity/Membership Director**
Joe Fisher	**Director**
Jon C. Habermaas	**Director**

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What's Up in the Area?

David Rhodes and **Tim Charlton** share bench duties at the Tivoli Theatre on CATOE's 3/10 Wurlitzer each Friday and Saturday nights playing before the movies. Stop in and enjoy their performance on our Mighty Wurlitzer and one of the movies being shown.

Hector Olivera will appear at St. Michael's Church in Wheaton on Friday May 30th at 7:30 pm. Hector will be playing the 4/39 Rodgers. The concert is free and is sponsored by the Fox Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The church is located at 310 South Wheaton Avenue in Wheaton Illinois.

Tony Thomas will perform for CTOS on Saturday May 31st at the Steinway Store in Aurora.

Judy Wheeler Matarelli will perform for JATOE on Sunday June 15th at the Rialto Theatre in Joliet. Doors are 1:30 and the social begins at 2:00 pm