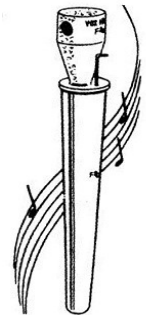
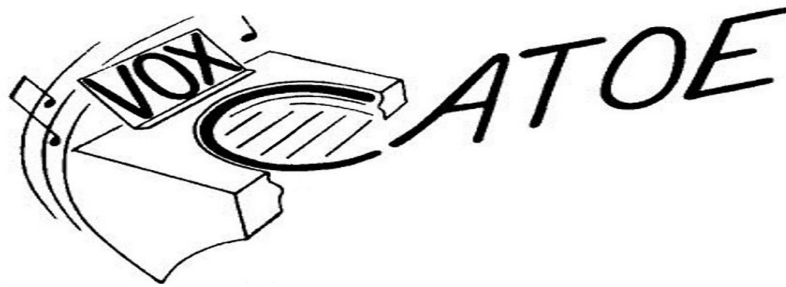


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Hope everyone is enjoying this strange summer and are staying safe and healthy.

What's coming up for CATOE? We are planning to have a "Welcome Back" Social in September and are also working on socials at Mundelein in October and possibly Downers Grove North High School in November. All are based on access to the venues and of course COVID mandates. More information in the next edition of the "Vox"

Did you get a chance to view the videos for the ATOS Unconventional Convention? The concerts were recorded not in theatres but in unconventional places. They will be available until December 1. You can find the links at ATOS.ORG They are free, but ATOS is asking for donations—which will be used for the next two "virtual videos" that are going to be produced, one of them being an extra special Christmas program.

We were excited to find out that CATOE will be receiving another grant from ATOS to continue work on the Arcada Geneva/Marr Colton. The grant will be used to complete the work on the console — installing the Stop Action Magnets, wiring and the installation of the Uniflex Relay System. We have received over \$30,000 in grants for this project!

The CATOE Board greatly appreciates our membership sticking with us as we try to navigate the uncertainty of the times. We want nothing more than to get back to "normal" and get scheduled our monthly socials. We hope that we have turned the corner!

What's Up around the Area?

ATOS News — for those that are members, the Annual Membership Meeting (virtual) will take place on Saturday August 21 at Noon eastern. Link can be found on the ATOS web page. Also, the 2022 convention in San Diego will be July 3—8.

JATOE News — Their 50th Anniversary party was fantastic. The Barton sounded great and the three organists were perfect as each had their own style to share with the audience. JATOE's next social will be at the Rialto featuring Jay Warren and a silent movie this Sunday August 15th at 2pm.

[Pictures from the party!](#)



Richie Gregory



Nick Renkosik



Frank Pellico



Dave Wickerham



Celebrating!

CTOS News—CTOS next social will be on Sunday August 22nd at the Allen Organ Showroom in Bolingbrook featuring Justin LaVoie at 3pm. They ask that you do **NOT** bring any food or refreshments.

ATOS 2023 Convention

Dear Fellow Theatre Organ Enthusiast

It seems as if we are “rounding that corner” with regards to COVID and lockdowns and should be back to “normal” soon.

With that in mind, the American Theatre Organ Society 2023 Convention Committee needs to re-start and continue with planning for the Chicagoland convention.

We will have **the best artists** playing **the best theatre organs!** But in order to have **the best convention**, we need to have a great and enthusiastic group of volunteers.

At this moment, I am looking for 4 volunteers to head up 4 committees. These are very important for the planning of the convention and must all work together to have **the best convention**.

The four committee leads are: 1). **Transportation** 2). **Registration** 3). **Hospitality** and 4). **Publicity**.

1). **The Transportation Committee Chairperson** will coordinate with the bus company to provide schedules, route maps, loading/unloading points, etc. Will also need to get bus captains for each bus.

2). **The Registration Committee Chairperson** will work with the Hotel, Hospitality, Banquet and Publicity Committee Chairman to provide proper information needed for registration, banquet and special needs. All aspects of the registration will be your responsibility. Will also need to get volunteers to help during check in. This is one of the most important and time consuming committees.

3). **The Hospitality Committee Chairperson** will work with the hotel, assist the Registration Committee as well as working with the Young Theatre Organist Competition participants to ensure they have transportation to the Tivoli for rehearsal time and if other “special” transportation needs are required.

4). **The Publicity Committee Chairperson** will collect photographs necessary for the press releases, create articles for *Theatre Organ* magazine, work with the graphic designer to create the convention brochure and pocket guide. Will also create publicity for the convention in local papers, contact civic leadership for “welcome” letter, secure advertisement in local press for concerts open to the public, reach out for sponsorships, work with the convention reviewer, etc.

These are just some of the highlights and I have a complete rundown of what we need to do in the ATOS Convention Policy & Procedures Handbook (2017 edition v2).

We will begin to meet on a monthly basis (...starting in October...) with the first few meetings going over the handbook and also what has been done so far.

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Organ Society**



More News

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There will be compensation for the committee chairpersons in reduced hotel rates and for the convention (only) registration fee.

If you have any questions **AND** would like to volunteer, please let me know. You can phone or send an email

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Thank you

Taylor Trimby

CATOE/ATOS 2023 Convention
Chairman

David Rhodes is back on the bench at the **Tivoli Theatre** on CATOE's 3/10 Wurlitzer each Friday playing before the evening movie. Stop in and enjoy the performance on our Mighty Wurlitzer!

Tours of the **Rialto Theatre** take place each Tuesday at 1:30 pm. Cost for the tour is \$5 per person. Included in the tour is a mini-concert on the Barton Grande by **Taylor Trimby**