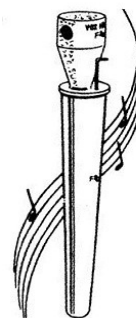
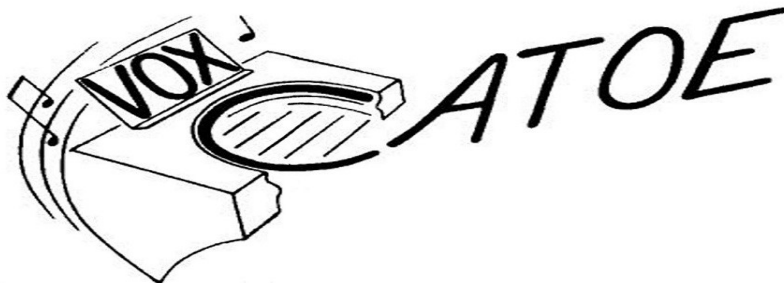


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Moving forward? Let's Hope!

Announcements from around the Theatre Organ World

The Unconventional Convention July 8 - 11

ATOS has announced that beginning on Thursday, July 8, videos will be released each day from Thursday through Sunday, July 11 for this event. Since we are unable to be in the theatre together to hear the organ music, it was decided that none of the organs in the Unconventional Convention will be in theatres as well! ATOS has six concerts in the works, with three being in private collections, one in a store, one in a pizza parlor, and one in a warehouse! Several of these organs will most likely be new to everyone, which also makes this even more fun. Other parts of the convention will also be included, such as the Annual Membership Meeting and the Awards Ceremony. The Unconventional Convention will be **open to everyone and at no charge**. ATOS will be asking for donations to cover the costs associated with the convention. More information on this as we get closer to the date.

Upcoming Conventions (IN PERSON!!) San Diego July 3—8 2022, Chicago July 3—7 2023 and Indianapolis August 28-31 2024.

Chicago Convention Update == Please see page 3 for more information about our convention. **Four volunteers** are needed now as we start to crank up the convention planning process. We will be looking for many more volunteers to assist during the actual convention.

JATOE Celebrates 50 years!

CATOE has been cordially invited to the Joliet Area Theater Organ Enthusiasts **50th Anniversary Celebration**



When: Sunday July 25, 2021



Time: 2 PM

Where: Rialto Square Theater, Joliet
Enter on Scott Street—Stage Door



Artists: Nick Renkosik
Richie Gregory
Dave Wickerham

After the concert, cake and coffee will be served on stage. **DO NOT** bring any treats for this event.



ATOS 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 captain(s) 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 August...) with the first few meetings going over the handbook and also what has been done so far.

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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**

CATOE Upcoming Socials: Look for announcements about future socials in the next newsletter. We hope to get to the Tivoli and this fall back up at Mundelein. The Arcada and Downers Grove North organs are currently undergoing restoration.