

***Meeting - Saturday (not Sunday), December 12 at 3:00 pm,  
Atlanta ATOS Family Holiday Celebration at the home of Bucky Reddish***

***Atlanta ATOS "Family  
Holiday Celebration"  
Features Stellar Lineup!***

by Phillip E. Allen, Vice President

This year has quickly flown by and with a new year peaking its head just around the corner, there's no better opportunity to have a "Family Holiday Celebration" and chapter gathering to cap this year off than at our upcoming meeting on Saturday, December 12th at 3:00 pm.

With so much great musical talent among our chapter ranks (pun intended <wink>) we will be featuring a colorful cascading cavalcade of quite competent chapter talent to entertain and delight as we gather at the residence of our chapter president, Mr. Bucky Reddish.

To help us "make the season bright" we'll enjoy the warm and varied musical offerings of ... Mr. Ron Carter, Mr. Larry Davis, Mr. Ken Double, Mrs. Wanda Fields, Mr. Rick McGee, Mr. James Thrower, Mr. Phillip Allen as well as a few wonderful additional "surprise" guests. These folks have agreed to entertain us with eight to



ten minutes each of their favorite Christmas or holiday selections in rotation on the Mighty Walker RTO-335 theatre organ. We are truly very fortunate to have such a wide array of theatre organ talent as active members of our own chapter and who are quite willing and able to hold forth and entertain us from the console!

At the conclusion of our musical enjoyment, we'll take a brief look at where we are as a chapter (the year in review, updates on chapter business, overview of this year's finances, where we are with our

several chapter projects, a look toward the future, etc.) as together we bring this year to a close and set the stage for the start of an exciting brand new year.

Then, it'll be time for something we all love to do ... EAT! Our wonderful host will be providing soft drinks and coffee, my wonderful wife Mandy has agreed to make her fantastic holiday punch and we would like to ask you to please bring your favorite dessert (homemade preferred, store-bought is ok too) to contribute your own personal culinary favorite to the dessert table in a true southern "family" spirit.

Following the program, there will be "Open Console". This will be your opportunity try this fantastic instrument. Don't miss it!

However, our gathering will only be complete if YOU are with us to bring your own heart, spirit and personality to the mix of our "Family Holiday Celebration" on Saturday, December 12th at 3:00 pm. Please feel free to invite your family and other guests to join us for a warm and wonderful time together!

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From I-285 take Exit 12, US-78/US-278, Hollowell Pkwy (formerly Bankhead Hwy). Go West (outside the Perimeter toward Austell) for about 4.5 miles. Turn Right on Cooper Lake Road, which is the 2nd light past Lindley Middle School. Travel about 1/2 mile to The Retreat at Old Vinings Lake Estates entrance on the right. Follow the main road and the house is at the corner on the left. **Please respect the neighbors and park on one side of the street only. Please do not park on the main street into the subdivision. Carpool if possible.** Additional parking is available at the clubhouse by the tennis courts, located to your right when you reach Bucky's street, then down the hill on the left.

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Best wishes to Atlanta Chapter  
member Tom Cannon for a speedy  
recovery from by-pass surgery.



**Looking for a Rather Unique  
Christmas Gift Idea?**

By Phillip Allen

With Christmas and the holidays approaching fast, we have something very special to offer to those who would like to make a donation to *The Strand Theatre Organ Restoration Fund* in the name of a relative, friend or acquaintance. Upon making a donation, of any size or amount, we'll be very happy to provide you with a very high-quality, beautiful full-color certificate printed on fine linen paper (which is suitable for framing) and mounted in a very nice high-quality linen document presentation cover. Whoever receives the certificate will be thrilled to see their name printed on such a fine document, complete with the chapter's logo embossed on an eye-catching gold seal. The holiday season is upon us, so NOW is the perfect time to make your donation and receive your unique gift certificate to commemorate your gift! Please contact Phillip Allen (Phone: 770-926-9214 ... or email: [phillip@phillipeallen.com](mailto:phillip@phillipeallen.com)) with any questions or for assistance.

**Strand Organ Lift Installed and Operational**

By Ron Carter

The organ lift was delivered in early November, moved to the pit and installed. Because of the weight of this lift (3000 lbs), we were not able to get it moved into the pit by volunteers as originally planned and Southern Rigging was hired to move it into the pit. There were no funds for this in the Strand budget, but through the generosity of Roger Deboy (Strand Board member and landlord of our pipe organ shop and warehouse) who took it upon himself to raise the funds for the lift placement (\$3000) it was accomplished. Roger has and continues to go beyond the call of duty in supporting the use of the organ at the Strand.

Thanks to James Thrower for wiring the lift control box to the theatre's electrical service and for the many hours he has spent wiring up the quick disconnect controls so that the console can be easily moved off the lift platform.

Also, a thanks to Phillip and Mandy Allen for the purchase of varied colored rope lights for the console dolly. Phillip installed a set over this past weekend and they were a big hit Sunday night when the organ was used for a roast of Marietta Mayor Bill Dunaway.

**Enjoy Novels ?**

Chapter member Pam Hudson reported there is an author from Florida, Glenda Sutton, who writes novels that revolve around organs and churches. Pam read both books, *The Witherspoon Legacy* and *The Kreiser Affair* (starring Atlanta). They are mysteries and both books were excellent. Pam thought it was unusual to find books that reference organists, churches and organ music. Both she and her brother Jim Buttram both read them and thought they were great.

A review by Sue Goddard was published in the September Atlanta Chapter AGO newsletter "*The Organizer*". See [www.xlibris.com/TheKreiserAffair.html](http://www.xlibris.com/TheKreiserAffair.html) for additional information on the books.

**Merry  
Christmas &  
Happy New  
Year**

**“Down Under Comes Over” in Sharpsburg!**

Sunday, November 22nd, 2009 at 3:00 pm, a good number of members of the Atlanta Chapter converged on an unsuspecting neighborhood in Sharpsburg, Georgia, the residence of David and Lori Burud. Were their neighbors ever surprised !!



Left to Right David Johnston, Jo-Ann Stenton, Lori & David Burud

Our special guest artist (from only 9,600 miles away) was David Johnston of Mentone, Australia, just south of Melbourne. David’s manager / promoter / gift store manager / travel companion and videographer, Jo-Ann Stenton joined him on the trip.

After some announcements and promos of upcoming events, the program began with a zest and a taste of things to come.

A rousing opener was followed by a medley from the stage musical “The Boyfriend,” featuring a number of tunes from the Razz-Ma-Tazz era of the mid-Twenties.

A novel rendition (with hints of George Wright – but definitely David) of “Tip-Toe Through the Tulips” kept the fun spirit going.

A nautical bow to a couple of Gilbert & Sullivan operettas had all humming along. This is opera for real people!!

Mame Daniels told us what would happen “If He Walked into My Life,” and we believed her !

Now, the next number featured “The Entertainer” of Joplin, in a way that would cause rampant de-composition – as you might hear ( and I have ) at a local competition. It takes skill to purposely play in two or three keys at the same time and mean it.

Andrew Lloyd Weber came to visit next, and he brought along “Joseph” and his Technicolor Dreamcoat for a set of selections from that show.

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(fancy term for get up and stretch !)

The musical story of Mack Sennate and Mabel Norman were the topic of the next medley – many good tunes from a lesser-known musical.

The Baroque era came to life (and the Allen Renaissance George Wright 4/33 met it head-on) with the presentation of the “Trumpet Minuet” by John Stanley.

Since it was Sunday, a bow to several Easter-related hymns and songs followed. Wanda, were you paying attention ??

All comments and observations provided courtesy of **Biz E. Body**, a completely unbiased ear — remember, the walls have ears.

**Closing Chord**

Robert W. Milling, 84, long-time Atlanta Chapter member died on November 23, 2009. He was preceded in death by his wife Eva in 2006.

**IT’S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010**

**(IF YOU HAVEN’T PAID SINCE OCTOBER 1ST)**

Write your check for \$35 (Student \$17.50) payable to **Atlanta Chapter, ATOS** and mail to:  
Wanda Carey Fields, 413 Concord Road SW,  
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**Atlanta Chapter Allen 317-EX Funds Needed** By Ron Carter

We need \$1,000 by the end of this year in contributions outside our regular dues.

The Organ has been used for 17 pre-shows and a silent film in the last two months! It is a tremendous hit with the public and a great ambassador for Atlanta ATOS. We all have much to be thankful for this time of year; therefore, please consider making a contribution to the chapter’s Allen 317-EX to avoid having to make payments from our operating account.

The Allen is going to be used for all three nights of the Strand’s Birthday celebration in January beginning with the

screening of the silent film *The General* on Friday night, January 8th at 8 pm. We need all Atlanta Chapter ATOS members to support this silent film event. Tickets will only be \$8 and \$7 for seniors. We will have a sing-a-long and preshow by Phillip Allen plus a discussion about the Great Locomotive Chase by local historians on the stage. The film is only 75 minutes long, but was one of Buster Keaton’s all time biggest box office hits!!

## Upcoming Meetings & Events (*Mark your Calendars*)

- December 2 (Wednesday), *Birthday of Jesse Crawford* (December 2, 1895 – May 28, 1962); proclaimed “Poet of the Organ,” was quite a talented pianist and organist. He was very well-known nationally in the 1920s as a theater organist for silent films and was house organist at such notable theatres as: the Chicago Theatre, Grauman’s Million Dollar Theatre in Los Angeles and at New York City’s Paramount Theatre. From the very beginning Mr. Crawford codified the “theatre organ” sound and instrument design we still use and enjoy today. Jesse was also a very popular and successful gramophone record recording artist, recording numerous 78-rpm records for the Victor Records label. In the 1930s he switched to the newly-invented Hammond organ, traveling and concertizing around the country.
- December 4 (Friday), 7:00 pm — *Organ Master Class at Spivey Hall*, [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org), Dr. Joyce Jones (renowned Professor of Organ, Baylor University) on the 3/79 Ruffatti Tickets: \$10
- December 5 (Saturday), 3:00 pm — *Concert at Spivey Hall*, [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org), (Pre-Concert Talk: 2:00 pm), [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org), featuring Dr. Joyce Jones (renowned Professor of Organ, Baylor University) on the 3/79 Ruffatti. Tickets: \$30
- **December 12 (Saturday), 3:00 pm, Chapter Meeting** — *Atlanta ATOS Family Holiday Celebration* at the residence of Bucky Reddish. (See article on Page 1). This will also be our annual year-end business meeting for the chapter.
- December 12, 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm — *Christmas Pops with John McCall*, a family oriented musical celebration of the holidays featuring the debut of the newly-installed George Wright 4-manual Allen Theatre Organ in the Athens Theatre at 124 N. Florida Ave., DeLand, Florida. For ticket information call 386-736-7456 or visit [www.athenstheatre.org](http://www.athenstheatre.org)
- December 15 (Tuesday), 7:00 pm — Ron Carter and Larry Davis will be providing preshow and intermission music for a great Christmas variety show on the original 13-rank Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ at the Chattanooga Tivoli Theatre.
- December 21 (Monday), 7:00 pm — *Larry, Carols and Mo* at the Atlanta Fox Theatre, featuring Larry-Douglas Embury on the 4/40 Möller and Joe Gransden with his 16-piece orchestra — SOLD OUT
- January 8, 2010 (Friday) — *Ron Carter Accompanying the Silent Movie “The General”* on the Allen 317-EX at The Strand Theatre on the historic Marietta Square. This event begins a three-day “Reopening Celebration” for The Strand Theatre. Tickets and Show Time: TBA
- **January 17, 2010 (Sunday), 3:00 pm, Chapter Meeting** — *Open House II* at The Strand Theatre on the historic Marietta Square, concert and variety show on the Allen 317-EX. Artists: TBA (date tentative at press time). Tickets: Free admission (\$5.00 per person donation toward the Wurlitzer/Robert-Morton Theatre Pipe Organ restoration and installation suggested and encouraged)
- January 17, 2010, (Sunday) 2:00 pm — *John McCall in Concert*, his sixth performance on the Forker Memorial 4/32 Wurlitzer Theatre Organ at Grace Baptist Church, 8000 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Florida. Free Admission. (Please visit [www.mtos.us](http://www.mtos.us) for additional information)
- January 23 (Saturday), 2010, 3:00 pm — *Concert at Spivey Hall* (Pre-Concert Talk: 2:00 pm), [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org), featuring Mr. Gunnar Idenstam, Swedish Organist and former student of the renowned French organist Marie-Claire Alain. Mr. Idenstam is a winner of the Grand Prix de Chartres for improvisation and is an international recitalist, composer, arranger, folk musician and recording artist. Tickets: \$30 (Artist link: [www.idenstam.org](http://www.idenstam.org))
- **February 14 (Sunday), 2010, 3:00 pm, Chapter Meeting** — *Hamm-O-Rama*, featuring Lloyd Hess at the Mighty Hammond Organ, hosted by Joe Patton at his apartment residence at The Atlanta Fox Theatre (date tentative at press time).
- February 20, 2010 (Saturday), 3:00 pm — *Concert at Spivey Hall* (Pre-Concert Talk: 2:00 pm), [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org), featuring Mr. Hector Olivera at the 3/79 Ruffatti. Famous for his colorful virtuosity, organist Hector Olivera is a passionate and gifted musician whose personal interpretations of both classical and popular music have amazed and delighted audiences around the world. Tickets: \$30 (Artist link: [www.hectorolivera.com](http://www.hectorolivera.com))
- February 28, 2010 (Sunday), 4:00 pm — *Concert at the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts at Emory*, [www.arts.emory.edu](http://www.arts.emory.edu), featuring Mr. Todd Wilson, one of today's finest concert organists, at the 3/65 Jaekel. Mr. Wilson is professor of organ at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music and winner of numerous contests, including the Grand Prix de Chartres in France. He has performed at Symphony Hall in Birmingham, UK; Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles; Verizon Hall in Philadelphia; and Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas. Tickets: Free Admission
- **March 21, 2010 (Sunday), 3:00 pm, Chapter Meeting** — *Theatre Organ Music from Michigan*, featuring renowned national theatre organ artist Mr. John Lauter at the Reddish Residence at the Mighty Walker 3/36 (tentative at press time).
- April 10, 2010 (Saturday), 3:00 pm — *Concert at Spivey Hall* (Pre-Concert Talk: 2:00 pm), [www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org), featuring Mr. Richard Morris at the 3/79 Ruffatti. No one knows Spivey Hall's magnificent Fratelli Ruffatti organ as well as organist-in-residence Richard Morris. A distinguished concert and recording artist, he commands a rich repertoire. His brilliant performances, punctuated by the inimitable wit of his commentary, are a high point of every Spivey Hall season Tickets: \$30
- **April 18, 2010 (Sunday), 3:00 pm, Chapter Meeting** — *The Best of Theatre Organ Music from Mt. Bethel* at Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church in Marietta, artist: TBA (date tentative at press time).