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Official Newsletter of The Atlanta Chapter of the
American Theatre Organ Society



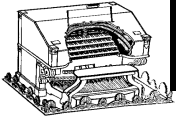
December Chapter Meeting
Sunday, December 11 - 3:00pm
Stephenson High School
Ron Carter, Larry Davis, Ken Double, Eddie Hulsey



Please renew your ATOS Chapter membership if you haven't done so.



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A Letter from your President



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John Tanner
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David Yackman

Strand Project – Ron Carter
Page Project – Jack Sandow

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 3:00 PM AT STEPHENSON HIGH SCHOOL

It's holiday time, and hasn't some of the recent weather proved that to be about right! It's also time for the Atlanta Chapter of ATOS to gather in Stone Mountain; enjoy the Grande Page; and elect the officers and board members for the coming year.

You will find the updated slate – there has been one nomination made since the Nov. 14th email list was sent – and so you now know who has been nominated. There is the option to nominate others from the floor at the December meeting, but please, NO surprises! If you wish to nominate someone, make certain you have secured that person's OK.

We've had quite a year. David Marsh; Ron Rhode; Hector; John Lauter; Jack Sandow's 100th birthday; our recent delightful trip to Alabama (read about it later in the newsletter); National Silent Film Day celebrated at BOTH the Strand and the Plaza Theatres; Ron Carter seemingly everywhere performing silent films; our ongoing events at RiverCenter, and on and on.

The chapter maintains a solid level of membership, and an even more solid level of support. This points to an excellent board of directors steering the chapter in a positive manner. Among the many we thank include the inimitable and indefatigable John Tanner, who will step off the board for a short while; John Alford who also will step away for a bit; and the amazing David Tuck who has provided his presence, support and wisdom that only comes from experience for many years. All three of these individuals will continue to make contributions to the chapter, and might very well be board members again soon. Thank you, gentlemen, for your fine work on behalf of our chapter.

We are working on several excellent events and adventures for 2023. January will bring the wonderful Bob Gullledge, organist at the Byrd Theatre in Richmond, to the Strand Theatre. We are working on a major event that will celebrate a new installation – coming soon!

And April will celebrate the return of Tedde Gibson to the Grande Page for a Gospel concert featuring Stephenson High School students, and a major new initiative for the chapter.

We've enjoyed so much, and there is so much more to come. And it's all because of great leadership from the board; active people who love the theatre organ; and a great membership who supports our work so well. Thanks to ALL OF YOU, and we look forward to our visit with the Grande Page; Ron, Ken, Eddie and Larry taking turns entertaining; and our annual meeting on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m. at Stephenson High School. See you there!



THE LIST OF NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ATLANTA CHAPTER OF ATOS

As per the bylaws of the Atlanta Chapter of ATOS, the membership is to be presented a slate of candidates for officers and members of the board of directors prior to the date of the meeting in December of each year. The membership in attendance at the December meeting then votes for the candidates for the subsequent year.

Note: in addition to the slate listed below, members may nominate themselves for a position, or may nominate others, but only with the expressed approval of the person to be nominated. Nominations may also be made from the floor on the date of the meeting. The slate of candidates is as follows:

President:	Ken Double
Vice-President:	David Yackman
Secretary:	Larry Davis
Treasurer:	Paul Beavin
Board members:	Kerry Bunn* (new nominee)
	Ron Carter
	Rick Clear* (new nominee)
	Randy Hendry
	Eddie Hulsey, Jr.
	Lee Lanier

Administrative positions (appointed):

Membership Administrator:	Janis Beavin
Fundraising/Development:	Randy Gorod ** (compensated position)
Hospitality:	Mark and Maggie Goodman

To nominate a candidate for a board position, contact Ken Double at 404-790-5400 or by email at: kdatos52@yahoo.com.

**The December meeting of the Atlanta Chapter of ATOS will be held at
Stephenson High School, 700 Stephenson Road, Stone Mountain, GA on
Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 3 p.m.**

Revision to Bylaws of the Atlanta Chapter ATOS

The Bylaws of the Atlanta Chapter, ATOS, provide that changes to the bylaws can be made at the yearly business meeting, which will take place in December. Our present bylaws were composed and passed in 2005 with the expert advice of the esteemed Bob Foreman and have served us well for the past 17 years, but the advent of the recent health emergency has caused us to review them in order to make needed changes. Mr. Foreman advised me in 2005 that the bylaws should reflect what is actually being done, and not create a set of bureaucratic rules with which we struggle to comply. The proposed changes to the bylaws involved the mission of the chapter being broadened from "theatre pipe organ" to include electronic or digital instruments (which we are obviously already doing), to allow for meetings, especially board meetings, to be held by electronic means (such as Zoom) when necessary, and to adjust the guidelines for dues to more closely comply with how we are actually handling the membership roster. The proposed revisions have been reviewed and approved by Judge Hulsey.

I will present these changes in person at the December meeting and move that we accept a new version of the bylaws. Perhaps it will be another seventeen years before we need to revise them! Due to space limitations, we cannot publish the bylaws revisions word for word in the newsletter but if anyone wishes to see them prior to the December meeting, or has any questions, please email me at acatos@earthlink.net and I will send them to you and answer any questions.

Larry Davis, Secretary

ATOS Atlanta



Please check out all the opportunities to hear great organ music locally during the beautiful Christmas season. Great opportunities exist at The Strand Theatre, The Plaza Theatre, Fox Theatre, RiverCenter, Mount Paran Church and Cumming First Methodist

Ron Carter Strand Theatre Events Pre-Shows by Strand Organists

November 27	3:00pm Sound of Music Sing-along - organ pre-show Misha Stefanuk
December 9	8:00pm Christmas Traditions - organ pre-show Ron Carter
December 10	8:00pm Christmas Traditions - organ pre-show Larry Davis
December 11	3:00pm Christmas Traditions - organ pre-show Misha Stefanuk
December 15	8:00pm Elf - organ pre-show Debbie Chambless
December 16	8:00pm Christmas Traditions - organ pre-show Debbie Chambless
December 17	3:00pm Christmas Traditions - organ pre-show Ron Carter
	8:00pm Christmas Traditions - organ pre-show John McCall
December 18	3:00pm Christmas Traditions - organ pre-show Eddie Hulsey
December 20	11:00am It's a Wonderful Life - organ pre-show Misha Stefanuk
	2:30pm It's a Wonderful Life - organ pre-show Eddie Hulsey
	6:00pm It's a Wonderful Life - organ pre-show Larry Davis
	9:15pm It's a Wonderful Life - organ pre-show Larry Davis
December 21	7:30pm Christmas Traditions - organ pre-show Ron Carter
December 22	7:30pm Christmas Traditions - organ pre-show Misha Stefanuk
December 30	7:30pm Sleepless in Seattle - organ pre-show Eddie Hulsey

RiverCenter Events

December 3	10:00am - 2:00pm Christmas on the Wave and Gingerbread houses display. Chapter organists will entertain in the huge lobby of RiverCenter on the Chapter's GWIV!
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Plaza Theatre Events

December 15	8:00pm - Silent Films at the Plaza Theatre, 1049 Ponce de Leon Avenue BIG BUSINESS starring Laurel and Hardy, THE GOLD RUSH starring Charlie Chaplin Ken Double providing music on the Allen 324 LLQ theatre organ Details at: plazaatlanta.com
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Fox Theatre Events

December 20 7:30 p.m.
MIGHTY MO AND MORE, A Fox Holiday Spectacular
Ken Double at the great Moller pipe organ, along with special guests, and
MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET, the classic holiday film
Details at: foxtheatre.org

Mount Paran Church



Stop in and hear John McCall play the organ pre-shows as Mount Paran Church presents the spectacular "Sounds of Christmas".

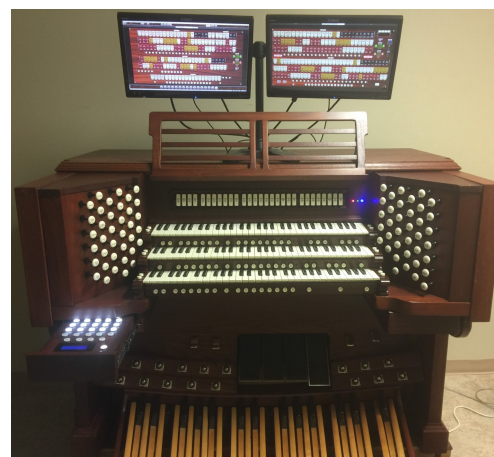
Saturday December 10 - 2:30pm and 6:30pm
Sunday December 11 - 2:30pm and 6:30pm
Tickets are required. Full information is available at:
www.mountparan.com/sounds-of-christmas

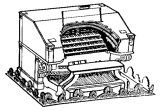
David Marsh in Concert Sunday, December 11 - 4:00pm Cumming First United Methodist Church



Theater Organ sensation, David Marsh, returns for his third appearance at Cumming First United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00pm playing a concert of Holiday Pops on the Hutchinson Organ, a Hauptwerk instrument. The concert is free (donations appreciated) and there will be a short open console period following the concert and reception.

Read more about the organ at is <https://cfumcga.com/worship-music/hutchinson-organ/>. For more information, email John Hutchinson at jhutchinson@cfumcga.com.





**IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR !
TIME TO SHOW YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT
FOR THE ATLANTA CHAPTER OF ATOS.**

Take a moment to either sit down and write that check, or go online and renew your membership, and continue to support all we are doing to present the music of the mighty theatre organ to the greater Atlanta area. Your membership and support are vital!!



81 Members and Counting!

CHAPTER CHALLENGE - 100 MEMBERS BY DECEMBER 31st!

One Chapter Meeting remains in 2022. Let's all invite our friends to the Chapter events and each bring in one member by the end of the year. What a great way to kick off 2023 with 100+ members!

Welcome to our new members!

Richard Kollmar
Myra McElvaney



AN AMAZING TRIP TO GORHAM'S BLUFF, ALABAMA



A scenic drive from Atlanta; a definite Fall chill in the air; and a Rockwell-canvas-like village greeted the 30 who came to listen to Jacksonville, Alabama's favorite musical son, Stuart Thompson at the Allen Organ. The Atlanta Chapter of ATOS enjoyed a most delightful Saturday road trip November 12th.

Stuart Thompson began piano lessons at age 8, and as a teenager visited Ron Carter's home when the Wurlitzer pipe organ was still in residence. And as we say in the theatre organ world, Stuart had his "WOW" moment. Largely self-taught on organ, Stuart obviously has a great ear and wonderful talent as he knows his way around the horseshoe-shaped stoprail, and for us he created a most eclectic, refreshing and enjoyable hour-long performance.

That chill in the air made *Winter Wonderland* an appropriate opener (despite Ken Double's joke that the Beatles' *Long and Winding Road* might also have been apropos). Next was one of two great old toe-tappers – *When That Midnight Choo-Choo Leaves for Alabam'* which was followed by the rhythmic Disney tune *Under the Sea* from the film *The Little Mermaid*. Stuart captured the almost rumba-like rhythm to perfection, and also answered a request from our host, Debbie Chambless.

The first of two selections from the pen of composer/performer Billy Joel was one of his first hits dating to 1971 (gads, really?), *She's Got a Way*.

Then Stuart took us into the world of rock n' roll and used the Allen to perfection. Trems off, power reeds on, and a hit made famous not only by the band Journey, but as a theme for one of the *Rocky* films. Stuart's arrangement brilliantly captured the power and the beat of *Eye of the Tiger*. This selection was a great example of the flexibility of the theatre organ in the right performer's hands.

Inspired by a recording by organist Tom Helms, Mr. Thompson treated us to a beautiful rendition of *I'll Be Seeing You*. From ballad back to toe-tapping with *Paddlin' Madeleine Home* which was followed by some lovely music written by Fred Rogers, of *Mr. Rogers Neighborhood* television fame. Stuart informed us of Fred Rogers college studies in music, then played the famous theme from the Public TV show, *It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* followed by *It's You I Like*.

Charlie Brown TV specials inspired a medley of three Vince Guaraldi selections: *The Great Pumpkin Waltz*; *Thanksgiving Theme*; and *Christmas Time Is Here*. Another Billy Joel selection was next, a pretty song titled *Lullaby (Goodnight My Angel)*.

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Only a theatre organist could program Vera Lynn followed by Puccini! The British legend's theme song was *We'll Meet Again* followed by *One Fine Day* from Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*.

The Gospel favorite *I'll Fly Away* concluded a delightful program highlighted by so many refreshingly different themes. Thanks to Stuart Thompson, who made the trek to Gorham's Bluff several times for rehearsal. And thanks to newsletter editor Debbie Chambless, husband Daryl, and their friends from this delightful neck-of-the-woods overlooking the Tennessee River, for hosting us for the program. We also enjoyed seeing friends from the Alabama Chapter who came to support "one of their own." It was well worth the trip to experience this wonderful corner of the great state of Alabama.



Respectfully submitted by Miss Biz E. Body's dutiful chauffeur.

Upcoming ACATOS Chapter Meetings

Sunday - January 22, 2023 - 3:00pm

Strand Theatre, Marietta

Bob Gullledge, Organist at the Byrd Theatre, Richmond, VA

February Meeting Date TBA

Grande Page at Stephenson High School

Scott Foppiano, 2007 ATOS Organist of the Year

March Meeting Date TBA

April Meeting Date TBA

Grande Page at Stephenson High School

Tedde Gibson Gospel Concert