

# ATOS Atlanta

Official Newsletter of The Atlanta Chapter of the  
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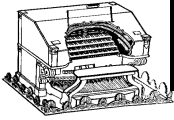


**OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING**  
**Sunday, October 20 - 3:00 PM**  
**Stuart Thompson in Concert**  
**Strand Theatre**  
**117 North Park Square**  
**Marietta, GA 30060**



Come hear the sensational Stuart Thompson in concert. This is a **FREE** event at the Strand Theatre. Bring your friends for a fun-filled afternoon.

Ted Barnett will be set up in the Strand Lobby to take pictures for our Chapter pictorial directory. If you have not had your picture taken, please come a little early.



## A Letter from your President



### OCTOBER IS A THEATRE ORGANISTS' FAVORITE MONTH

Why? Because we are so busy!

Just ask our own Ron Carter, who will be really busy providing his clever scores for a lot of Halloween-themed "spooky" silent films at the Strand Theatre in Marietta on our own Allen GW 4, and elsewhere, too.

And that's not all. The Plaza Theatre will be producing the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* on Friday nights at midnight, as always, except this month really cranks up the production by their cast of performers, and the chapter will be presenting music before each screening all month long.



ACATOS VP Randy Elkins plays on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and yours truly will be providing the pre-show music on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. In addition, I will provide the accompaniment for the horror classic *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Check the Plaza Theatre listings for the time of that special event. And speaking of special, thanks to owner Chris Escobar and General Manager Richard Martin, special friends of our chapter for certain, for their continued support of the Allen Lyn Larsen theatre organ at the Plaza.

There's more! Did you know the Fox Theatre has ghosts? Oh, ye of little faith, one should not fool with the theatre ghosts! And special Ghost Tours happen every year in October, and this year, you can sign up for the tour on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Check the Fox website for times and details on these special tours of the great theatre, and of course, what would the tour be without a little scary music on Mighty Mo?

See the calendar at the end of the newsletter. It will keep you informed on all of our activities, including our next chapter meeting at the Strand Theatre in Marietta, starring Birmingham's Stuart Thompson, a wonderful performer featured often on Big Bertha at the Alabama Theatre.

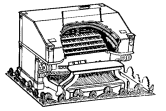
We will soon be announcing two major concerts scheduled for the Page organ, one in February and one in April. And the late Bucky Reddish would be so proud, as we are going to feature two young artists, including one who is still in high school! That's just a teaser! More to come very soon.

We look forward to visiting at the Strand, and we hope you will enjoy all these opportunities to hear great theatre organ music across Atlanta and the South! And as always, thank you so very much for your membership and your support of the Atlanta Chapter of ATOS.

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## Ron Carter's what's going on at the Strand, the Plaza and Others

### Programs at the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand

October 12th at 8pm **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN** with an organ pops pre-show by Phillip Allen beginning at 7:30! You won't want to miss this academy award winning musical on the big screen. It has been a while since we heard such a talent musician as Phillip Allen as we welcome him back to the Strand console. He has a great pre-show and sing-a-long planned for you entertainment.

October 18th at 8pm **YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN** with an organ pops pre-show by John McCall beginning at 7:30! You won't want to miss this Mel Brooks fantastic comedy and maestro John McCall on the Mighty Strand Allen Theatre Organ!!

October 20th at 3pm **Chapter Program with Stuart Thompson** on the Strand's Mighty Allen Theatre Organ.

October 27th at 3pm with a great organ pops preshow by Jay Mitchell beginning at 2:30. The Silent 1920 Classic **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** starring John Barrymore. A great print with musical accompaniment on the Strand's Mighty Allen Organ by Ron Carter.

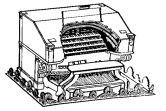
November 9th at 3pm **A Veterans Day Salute** with a patriotic organ pops pre-show by Jay Mitchell beginning at 2:30. Entertainment by the Big Chicken Chorus and others as the Strand honors our veterans.

### **Other Theatre Organ Events:**

November 9th at 2pm The Kirk Church in Dunedin Florida Ron Carter and Tom Hoehn duel it out on the Kirk's Mighty Allen Theatre Organ and grand piano!!

### **Atlanta Chapter November Program:**

November 17th at 3pm **Ron Carter and Friends 8th Annual Musical Extravaganza** featuring John McCall, Jake Carter, Barry Lancaster, Catherine Moulton and Ron Carter. Great vocal selections of Sigmund Romberg, Singing in the Rain, organ solos, piano and organ duets, and then ending the afternoon with tasty delights prepared by Chef Donna Carter. Come see the beautiful views of Lake Somerset from what chapter members have named "THE CARTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER".



## Ron Carter's what's going on at the Strand, the Plaza and Others

Other venues where theatre organ is featured and played by Atlanta Chapter members:

### Plaza Theatre Atlanta, GA

October 4th 11:30 pm **Rocky Horror Picture Show** - Organist Randy Elkins

October 11th 11:30 pm **Rocky Horror Picture Show** - Organist Ken Double

October 13th **The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari** (silent) - Organist Ken Double

October 18th 11:30 pm **Rocky Horror Picture Show** - Organist Ken Double

### Tivoli Theatre Chattanooga, TN

As part of the Bobby Stone Summer Film Series

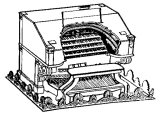
Go to the Tivoli website for information - [www.tivolichattanooga.com](http://www.tivolichattanooga.com)

### First United Methodist Church, Tucker, GA

October 12th 7:00 pm - Dr. Soo Lin Kym - An evening of classical music on the church's Moller pipe organ. Tucker FUMC - 5095 LaVista Rd, Tucker, GA

### Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

October 26th 8:00 pm **The Phantom of the Opera** (silent) - Organist Randy Elkins



**Stuart Thompson  
Concert Artist  
ATOS Chapter Meeting  
October 20 - 3:00pm  
Strand Theatre**



Stuart Thompson has enjoyed a lifelong interest in organs; however, his attention was turned to theatre organs in 1991 with a visit to the home of Ron and Donna Carter of Marietta, GA. There, Ron had installed a 2 manual, 9 rank Wurlitzer pipe organ. Soon after this visit, he came to Birmingham's Alabama Theatre and began playing there in 1992 and joined the organ staff the following year.

He is originally from Jacksonville, AL but now resides in Pelham, AL just south of Birmingham. He graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a degree in electrical engineering and currently serves as general manager of PurMotion, Inc. - the developers and marketers of innovative fitness products.

**From Ron Carter** - Everyone I hope that you can come to our Chapter program at the Strand on Sunday afternoon October 20th. I have known Stuart for almost 30 years and have seen him grow into a very accomplished musician. He will put the Mighty Allen through its paces! Also, I have asked the Strand to make this a free public event, with the concession stand open and a photo opp for attendees at the organ console at the end of the program! This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Chapter's theatre organ and introduce a new audience to this fantastic art form. So **PLEASE COME** and invite all your friends and neighbors. Come early for a great lunch on the square or stay after the program for dinner. Many new restaurants of all kinds available. Parking is still free on the square or in the County Deck just across from the Strand for a reasonable cost. However, they only take credit cards at the deck.

Also, Ted Barnett will be set up in the Strand lobby to finish photos for our Chapter Directory. If you have not had your picture taken please come a little early. Having been a member of the chapter now for almost 40 years there are still faces I can not put names with!!



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Date	Time	Location	Event Description
October 11 Friday	Midnight	<a href="#">Plaza Theatre - Atlanta, GA</a>	<b>Rocky Horror Picture Show</b> - organ preshow @ 11:30 - Movie starts at midnight
October 12 Friday	8:00	<a href="#">Strand Theatre - Marietta, GA</a>	<b>The Greatest Showman</b> - organ preshow @ 7:30 - Philip Allen, organist
October 13 Saturday	Evening start TBA	<a href="#">Plaza Theatre - Atlanta, GA</a>	<b>The Cabinet of Dr Caligari (Silent)</b> - Ken Double organist
October 18 Friday	8:00 PM	<a href="#">Strand Theatre - Marietta, GA</a>	<b>Young Frankenstein</b> - organ preshow @ 7:30 - John McCall, organist
October 18 Friday	Midnight	<a href="#">Plaza Theatre - Atlanta, GA</a>	<b>Rocky Horror Picture Show</b> - organ preshow @ 11:30 - Movie starts at midnight
October 20 Sunday	3:00 PM	<a href="#">Strand Theatre - Marietta, GA</a>	<b>Atlanta Chapter ATOS Monthly Meeting;</b> Stuart Thompson guest performer from Birmingham, AL
October 25 Friday	NOON	<a href="mailto:debbiechambless57@gmail.com">Email debbiechambless57@gmail.com</a>	<b>Deadline for submissions</b> for November newsletter of ACATOS
October 25 Friday	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Callanwolde Fine Arts Center</a>	<b>Calloeven!</b> Randy Elkins, organist on the 1920 Aeolian House Organ playing LOUD spooky music for the annual Halloween party in the Tudor Revival mansion on Briarcliff Road in Atlanta. Admission \$10
October 25 Friday	11:30 PM	<a href="#">Strand Theatre - Marietta, GA</a>	<b>Rocky Horror Picture Show</b> - organ preshow @ 11:00 - Organist to be announced soon
October 25 Friday	Midnight	<a href="#">Plaza Theatre - Atlanta, GA</a>	<b>Rocky Horror Picture Show</b> - organ preshow @ 11:30 - Randy Elkins, organist
October 26 Saturday	8:00 PM	<a href="#">Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta, GA</a>	<b>The Phantom of the Opera (Silent)</b> - Randy Elkins, organist on the first Aeolian-Skinner Classical Pipe Organ installed in Atlanta. This is also a fundraiser for the restoration and enlargement of this elderly instrument.
October 27 Sunday	3:00 PM	<a href="#">Strand Theatre - Marietta, GA</a>	<b>Dr. Jekyll &amp; Mr. Hyde (Silent)</b> - organ preshow @ 2:30 - Jay Mitchell, organist; movie starts @ 3:00, Ron Carter, organist
November 9 Saturday	3:00 PM	<a href="#">Strand Theatre - Marietta, GA</a>	<b>Veterans Day Salute</b> - organ preshow @ 2:30 Jay Mitchell, organist
November 9 Saturday	2:00 PM	<a href="#">Kirk Church Dunedin, FL</a>	Ron Carter and Tom Hoehn Piano and Organ Duo
November 10 Sunday	5:00 PM	<a href="#">Plaza Theatre - Atlanta, GA</a>	<b>The Silent Movie</b> by Mel Brooks (silent) - Ken Double, organist
November 17 Sunday	3:00 PM	<a href="#">Home of Ron and Donna Carter</a>	<b>Atlanta Chapter ATOS Monthly Meeting;</b> John McCall, Jake Carter, Barry Lancaster, Catherine Moulton and Ron Carter.
Chapter Events	Plaza Theatre Events	Strand Theatre Events	Theatre Organ events in special venues in and out of Atlanta