

ATOS Atlanta

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



WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER!!

As we look toward Fall, some interesting celebrations occur in the month of September. Make sure you indulge in several of these before the month is over!

- September 5th: National Cheese Pizza Day
- September 5th: Kentucky Derby
- September 7th: Labor Day
- September 7th: Great Bathtub Race
- September 9th: National Teddy Bear Day
- September 11th: Patriot Day
- September 16th: National Play-Doh Day
- September 19th: International "Talk Like A Pirate Day"
- September 22nd: Fall Equinox
- September 23rd: Restless Legs Awareness Day
- September 24th: Punctuation Day
- September 25th: Hug a Vegetarian Day

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

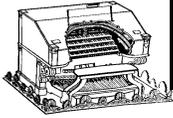
Classical Music Month

National Piano Month

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



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A Letter from your President



A TRUE GROUP EFFORT WITH MIGHTY MO!

An idea. A conversation. A “Yes, we can do this.” And a wonderful opportunity for our chapter, for the Fox Theatre, and for Mighty Mo. We couldn’t go there, but on Friday night, August 28, 2020, we were able to bring the Fox Theatre and Mighty Mo to the world via the magic of the internet. So many “thank you’s” to pass around.

Thanks to the A. E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company for creating the spectacular “stand-in” console so we could play the Fox Theatre’s iconic Mighty Mo.

Thanks to John Tanner and Kerry Bunn of the aforementioned company for having Mo in great tune and ready for her moment in front of the TV cameras.

Thanks to so many at the Fox: President Allan Vella; VP of Sales and Marketing Jamie Vosmeier; Aly Grubb Knight and her folks in Marketing; Andrew Chatwood who handles IT and made sure the concert got “out there” in the ethernet; the inimitable Amy Smith who handles all things Production, and everyone who had a hand in making the streaming concert possible.

Thanks to John Haas, Summer Evans and the wonderful Lois Reitzes at WABE, 90.1 FM for airing the concert to their radio audience, providing wonderful exposure.

Thanks to Tim Stephens for his great assistance, and a real “save of the day!” (More on that later.)

And the biggest thanks to Rick Clear. One can have a great pipe organ and a good foundation for creating a video concert. But then one needs the expertise of video, audio, recording, editing and having a good eye and a good ear for what works. Rick Clear did a marvelous job taking our concert presentation and making it ready for Prime Time for the world to see and hear. We tested his skills and his patience, and gads, did he deliver the goods!!

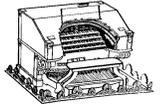
Finally, a thank you to a wonderful man who supports our chapter and has a capacity to turn ideas into events. He knows who he is, and we are so fortunate.

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More thanks - to all the folks in the chapter and around the world who have tuned in, and continue to do so, as thousands have watched the concert - for the wonderful comments and positive reaction to the event.

Regarding Tim Stephens' "Save of the Day." Be aware this was done on a real "one-take" basis with time constraints at the Fox. The pressure to perform was palpable. On the very last number - *We'll Meet Again* and *Georgia On My Mind* - Rick Clear had a wee bit of a whoops, in that he forgot to shut off the microphone I was wearing, thus, as we listened for the very first time to the full audio and video playback, I could hear every "click" of the pistons, some ruffles of my shirt, and very apparent was the punch of the lift button to descend into the pit.

Tim Stephens set up a back-up, audio-only recording, and the amazing Rick Clear was able to erase the audio of his mics, substitute the audio from Tim's recording, without the first hint anything had been edited or changed. Now THAT is teamwork! And indeed, Tim scored the Save of the Day.

We can only hope to have the opportunity to do this again, and then at some point in time, be able to enjoy the surroundings of our Fabulous Fox once again, and thrill in person to the amazing sounds of Mighty Mo.

By the way, if you have not seen the concert, it is still available via YouTube. Simply go online to YouTube, and in the "Search" bar, type in: **Atlanta Fox Mighty Mo concert**, and you should be able to view the 62-minute event.

Later in the newsletter, see a note from Ron Carter about a potential November get-together at the Strand Theatre.

Take care all!

Ken



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING
AT THE STRAND!!**

Hello Everyone!

I have missed seeing all of you and hope that you are doing well. The Strand is now open for private events, limited to 50 persons. So we have tentatively scheduled a chapter meeting for November. More details forthcoming.

We will enjoy a program of mini-concerts by some of our Strand organists. Each organist has their own unique style and will make for a delightful afternoon of music.

We will require masks and the required social distancing per Strand policy. For example, distances between seating in all directions will be a minimum of 6 ft.

Thanks and stay safe!

Ron Carter