



# ATOS ATLANTA

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



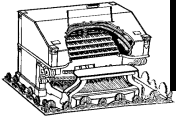
**April Chapter Meeting  
Saturday April 20, 2024, 2:30PM  
Jelani Eddington in Concert  
Stephenson High School**



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



Level	Base	Cap
Student	\$17.50	
Basic	\$35.00	
Donor	\$75.00	\$149.00
Contributor	\$150.00	\$249.00
Sponsor	\$250.00	\$499.00
Patron	\$500.00	And up



## A Letter from your President



Atlanta Chapter,  
 American Theatre Organ Society  
 P.O. Box 426  
 Marietta, Georgia 30061-0426  
 404-790-5400  
[www.atosatlanta.org](http://www.atosatlanta.org)  
[www.facebook.com/ATOSAtlanta](https://www.facebook.com/ATOSAtlanta)

ACATOS is recognized as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501.c.3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Chapter President - Eddie Hulsey  
 Vice President - David Yackman  
 Treasurer - Lee Lanier  
 Secretary - Larry Davis  
 Newsletter Editor - Debbie Chambless  
 Chapter Correspondent - Larry Davis  
 Membership Director - Lee Lanier  
 Board members:  
     Kerry Bunn  
     Ron Carter  
     Rick Clear  
     Ken Double  
     Randy Hendry  
 Strand Project – Ron Carter  
 Page Project – Jack Sandow

Friends,

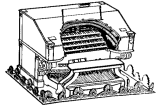
What a glorious time of fun and fellowship we had at A. E. Schlueter Pipe Organ/Chapel Music last month! It was so wonderful to see so many Chapter members and new faces. We owe a great deal of thanks to the Schlueter family, John Tanner, and Andrew Atkinson for their hospitality and the opportunity to visit the shop. A grand time was had by all. We even had a delegation from Alabama, on a trip to visit a convalescing “Big Bertha” alongside parts of “Mighty Mo”. A special thanks to Mark and Maggie Goodman for sweetening the day with wonderful refreshments!

If you enjoyed the fun and fellowship of the last meeting, in the immortal words of the great Al Jolson, “you ain’t seen nothing yet!” The April meeting is an occasion NOT TO BE missed! We have the presentation of our annual Graham Jackson Scholarship at Stephenson High School on April 20th, at 2:30pm. I am especially excited that Jelani Eddington will return to the console of the Page. It is unnecessary that I delve into the career of Jelani. His mark on the legacy of the theatre organ is well known as a performer, author, and educator. Not only will we be treated to his singular mastery of the theatre organ, but he will be joined by the Stephenson High School Wind Ensemble - under the direction of the 2023 Georgia Music Educator of the Year, Mr. Quentin Goins! Make plans to attend! This is more than a meeting. It is a true EVENT! Join us to celebrate the legacy of one of Georgia’s greatest musicians and to help launch a deserving student on the musical journey of a lifetime.

This is the tip of the iceberg of what will be upcoming! Our chapter has exciting meetings in the works. Renew your commitment to our cause, not only with the payment of dues, but through sharing the music with others. I want to encourage you to reach out and invite two people to the meeting. If you have any friends who appreciate good music, bring them to Stephenson. We all have organist friends who haven’t attended one of our events. Seek them out. Bring them into the fold. Each will thank you later. The ultimate success of the chapter is not determined by the officers or board. It is determined by YOU. Step up and help insure that the song NEVER ends, and the melody does assuredly linger on!

See you at Stephenson - with your friends!

Eddie Hulsey



**IT'S OUR "ACADEMY AWARDS" EVENT OF THE YEAR**  
**The Graham Jackson Scholarship Concert Is MUST-SEE Music**  
**By Ken Double**

It is an opportunity. A very special opportunity.

Consider the following:

- By all accounts – including the reviews from the world's best players – our Grande Page Theatre Organ is spectacular
- One of those world-class players is Jelani Eddington, coming back to play our world-class pipe organ, as he did for the dedication concert 10 years ago
- We will – for the second time – award a \$1500 scholarship to a deserving music student at Stephenson High School
- And the stage will be graced by the Stephenson Wind Ensemble, a group of brilliant young musicians who will make our special event even more special
- And all in honor of Graham Jackson, one of Atlanta's spectacular musicians, including performances on the theatre pipe organ.

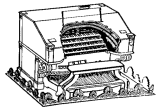
If there ever is the prime opportunity to support the chapter and hear the Page at its best, it is Saturday, April 20, at 2:30 p.m. And this is a perfect time to invite your friends to join us at a time when we are putting our best foot forward with a great variety presentation.

This is a ticketed event, and by going to the website to purchase tickets on line in advance, you can save five dollars. Line up family, friends and guests. Let's fill the house. Let's celebrate the life and legacy of Graham Jackson; honor a young music student with our scholarship support; and celebrate the best of what ATOS is about – music and education and fun.

Make your plans for Saturday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. at Stephenson High School.

Buy your tickets at [atosatlanta.org](http://atosatlanta.org).





The Atlanta Chapter of  
The American Theatre Organ Society  
Presents



**THE 2nd ANNUAL  
GRAHAM JACKSON  
SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT**

Stephenson High School,  
Stone Mountain, GA

Featuring  
World-Renowned  
**JELANI EDDINGTON**  
In Concert at the  
**GRANDE PAGE PIPE ORGAN**



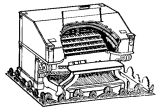
with SPECIAL GUEST  
**THE STEPHENSON HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE**  
Under the direction of Quentin R. Goins

This concert funds the Graham Jackson Scholarship  
A \$1500 award for a Stephenson H.S. music student



**Saturday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m.**  
701 Stephenson Road  
Stone Mountain, GA

Tickets: \$15 in advance Order online at [atosatlanta.org](http://atosatlanta.org)  
\$20 at the door Students 18-under admitted FREE w/ID



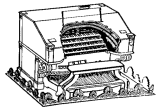
## A First Time for Everything

The theatre organ world is one in which there are a lot of “first times” and most of you could name a few of your own. But we as a chapter experienced a “first time” on March 8 at Stephenson High School when, for the first time ever, we had the opportunity to present the Grande Page to a combined gathering of all the music teachers – elementary, middle school, high school – in DeKalb County. The school system had an educational day for music educators, and we were given the opportunity to open the program with a “special presentation.” I gave a 15-second history of the organ, introduced Ken Double and he brought the console up to applause, cheers, gasps, and general amazement. Ken’s 12-minute presentation was masterful, as he explained how the organ worked and demonstrated both the resources and how to use them. He also acknowledged Mr. Goins and Dr. Vada Coleman, recipients of our President’s Award for their long support of the Page. We had a lot of educators coming up to talk afterwards. At lunch, Ken started playing and the teachers started drifting in from the Commons to hear, applaud, and shout “Encore.” Some took the opportunity to see the chambers. I don’t know what they were expecting to see, but it wasn’t what they got. They seemed to particularly enjoy the hammers banging away at the Xylophone and the Chrysoglott, were amazed by the cymbals and the realistic sound of the Clarinet, and the Tuba in the low range. It was a very successful day and we will build on it to gather interest in the future.

Larry Davis







### A.E. Schlueter Facility Visit

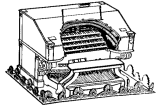
We had about 45 in attendance, including 6 from Birmingham to see Big Bertha in residence. A good time was had by all.



The HUGE pipe is low C of the 32' Diaphone of the Fox.

Don't forget to renew your membership. We need you!  
Renew at [atosatlanta.org](https://atosatlanta.org)





**Upcoming Chapter Meetings**

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| April Chapter Meeting | Saturday, April 20 - 2:30PM<br>Jelani Eddington in Concert<br>Stephenson High School     |
| May Chapter Meeting   | Saturday, May 18 - 2:30PM (CST)<br>Keyboard Extravaganza<br>Gorham's Bluff Meeting House |

**Ron Carter  
Strand Theatre Events  
Pre-Shows by Strand Organists**

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Sunday, April 7  | Singing in the Rain - 3:00PM<br>Pre-show organist - Larry Davis   |
| Sunday, April 14 | Funny Girl - 3:00PM<br>Pre-show organist - Misha Stefanuk   |
| Sunday, April 21 | Buster Keaton Steamboat Bill, Jr. - 3:00PM<br>Silent Film accompanied by Ron Carter<br>Pre-show organist - Eddie Hulsey |