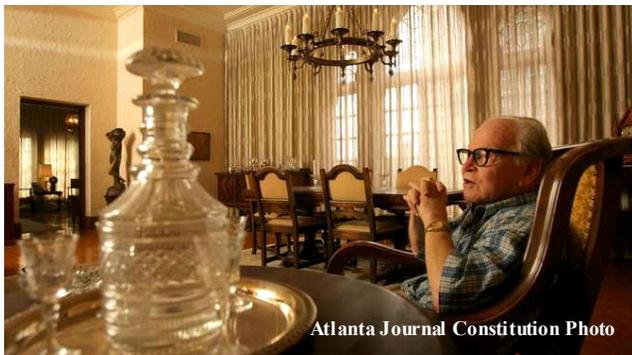


Bucky's Birthday Bash Cancelled

Originally planned to be our August meeting, Bucky's 2013 Birthday Bash has been cancelled due to Bucky's health problems. Bucky has been instructed, in writing, by his physician to not attempt to host a meeting as it would have a serious negative impact on his recovery. Bucky is extremely disappointed as he is anxious for his ATOS friends to experience the new installation of his Walker organ and enjoy the fellowship at his new home in Butler, Georgia.

Hopefully, he will be able to host a meeting in a few months as he continues to recover and get back to normal.

Sunday, August 18th — 3:00 pm Hamm-O-Rama at Joe Patten's Residence in the Fox



Atlanta Journal Constitution Photo

A Very Special Fox Theatre Event "Music in the Joe Patten Residence"

By Larry Davis

In June 2007, the Atlanta Chapter was privileged to return to the Fox Theatre for a program on the great Möller theatre organ, in May 2008 and February 2010 for meetings in Joe Patten's apartment and in March for open console on Mighty Mo.

On August 18th, we will be at the Fox again, this time for a very special musical event. Our Hamm-O-Rama for 2013 will again be held in the apartment of Joe Patten in the Fox. A visit to Joe's magnificent residence is always a special treat, and at Joe's invitation, one that we will all have an opportunity to experience on August 18th.

The Instruments... Joe's apartment is home to a fascinating collection of personal and Fox memorabilia. For the purposes of our meeting, it is also the home of a Hammond RT3 organ and a Chickering reproducing grand piano. The Hammond includes percussions, a Leslie speaker, a 32-note pedalboard, and a 32' pedal tone. A reproducing piano is more than a player piano; it is an instrument that accurately reproduces the playing of a great piano artist using

rolls that include variations in touch and pedaling. Joe has a large collection of piano rolls for this very special musical instrument, which is the same model as that in the concert hall of the International Piano Archive in Maryland.

The Program... We will begin promptly at 3 pm. Because of accessibility issues, we respectfully ask that you arrive early enough to be in the apartment by our start time – and you are welcome to arrive early (see below for issues and instructions). We will begin by introducing Mr. Joe Patten and asking him to tell us a little about the residence.

Our musical program will feature music by several local Hammond artists. Due to the short lead time, we have not verified the list of artists; however, we expect they will include (in alphabetical order) Ken Double, Wanda Carey Fields, Bob Fountain, Jeff Harbin, Lloyd Hess, Lee Lanier, and possibly others. We will be flexible and we trust that some of our other Hammond artists will take to the bench to entertain us on Joe's wonderful instrument.

There may even be piano-organ duets... reproducing piano rolls... it is going to be an entertaining and varied afternoon.

Parking and Accessibility... The Fox Theatre is located at 660 Peachtree Street at the corner of Ponce de Leon Avenue (PDL). Please note that this section of PDL is now two-way which has changed the parking pattern. There are parking lots all around the Fox, including at the Georgian Terrace Hotel directly across from the theatre and a lot directly across PDL from the entrance to Joe's apartment. Please tell the attendants that you are attending an event at the Fox and you may get a special rate.

We will enter Joe's apartment through a private door on the Ponce de Leon side of the theatre not far

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Thanks to all of the following donors for their generous financial contributions to the "Turn the Page" campaign and general donations to the **Page Fund**, which resulted in the outstanding success of getting our Page organ to such a wonderful condition for the 2013 Convention. This excellent support also provides continuing expansion and ongoing maintenance support.

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from the stage door. There will be someone there to welcome and direct you. Because of parking issues and accessibility, please give yourself plenty of time to park and get to the apartment before 3 pm.

Since there is limited seating available in Joe's apartment, It will be very helpful if you would bring your own chair, which should have feet that will not scratch the floor). James Thrower will have a few available if you cannot bring one.

***The Numbers Don't Lie –
It Was An Amazing Week!***

- Counting the artists, over 450 attendees.
- Six days, 13 performances, impossible to choose a “best one.”
- Hundreds of added attendees who purchased individual tickets.
- 32 volunteers showed up for the advance “stuffing party.”
- 50 “Thank You” certificates printed for those who helped.
- One GREAT new Page installation on line.
- One new major donor who has provided a total of \$35,000 to the Page Fund.
- One spectacular convention.

The Atlanta Chapter had not hosted ATOS and an Annual Convention since 1978 (FFOW in 2004 notwithstanding), and there was a chapter-member-wide commitment to make the 2013 event a great success, and it was.

The highlights are so many, they are impossible to delineate here.

Jonas Nordwall made the Tivoli Theatre’s Wurlitzer sound simply wonderful, to the joy of Bert and Ann Allee who have led the way up north.

And our partnership with the Chattanooga Music Club in presenting Walt Strony at the Memorial Auditorium proved fruitful as Ms. Evelyn Gibbs and her club members heard a thrilling concert the likes of which had not been presented there before.

With Mighty Mo singing forth (and “tremming” forth), four artists presented memorable moments. Richard Hills was his unbelievable self; Clark Wilson missed not the first “cue” in his brilliant accompaniment of *‘Spite Marriage*; Jelani Eddington weaved his musical magic on his Mo debut; and Tony Fenelon’s delightful mix of listenable pops was the perfect finish at the Fabulous Fox.

Showing off the tonal finishing work of Lyn Larsen and Tom Helms, “Big Bertha” at the Alabama Theatre was in rare form with David Gray “wowing” the convention with his performance on organ and piano, and Mark Herman confirming his spot as one of our brightest young stars.

Young stars led the day Friday as the Young Theatre Organists Competition put great talent on display in the persons of Dan Minervini, Danny McCollum and overall winner Justin LaVoie. That preceded the great concert by Lance Luce. And the day ended with the debut of our Page Organ at Stephenson high school, and Dwight

Thomas’ fine performance.

The Encore events were bookend opposites that were a perfect blend and match. Nathan Avakian’s distinctive approach on the Grand Barton in Fitzgerald was the perfect complement to Ron Rhode’s wonderful, traditional concert treatment on the Rylander Möller in Americus.

So many to highlight: the crew at the Page that worked a miracle (and a teary-eyed Jack Sandow was a sight to behold); John “Grumpy” Tanner who had his hands in three different installations, and covered literally thousands of miles in a week to make certain they all played; Ron Carter up ‘til the wee hours fine tuning the Allen GW-IV at his beloved Strand Theatre; Larry Davis and Paul Beavin in the Record Shop; our hosts everywhere; our partners at the Tivoli and the Alabama and down south; and especially those nearly 50 recipients of those certificates of appreciation – without whom there is no success to write about.

Certainly, this writer along with co-chair Lee Lanier (whose masterful planning and execution were vital to the success of the event) and Registrar/Treasurer and chapter President Tim Stephens, were supported magnificently in this grand success.

Clearly this is our chapter’s Shining Hour, and we bask in the glory of our success knowing we indeed invited the challenge, tackled it head on, and produced one of the great ATOS conventions in history. The numbers do tell the story.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to all.

Ken Double, President/CEO, ATOS

Labor Day Party

Atlanta Chapter member Bob Fountain invites you to attend a Labor Day party at McKinnon’s Louisianne Restaurant, 3209 Maple Drive in Buckhead on Sunday, September 1st from 7 pm until 10 pm.

There will be organ music and singing (not Bob’s usual show) with free party food included. You are also welcome to bring a picnic item if you wish.

The normal \$3.00 per person cover charge will apply.

Awards Presented

During our 2013 convention, Atlanta Chapter President Tim Stephens presented three major awards to Atlanta Chapter members. One was a Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Ken Double in recognition of his many years of contributions to the Chapter and for promoting and preserving the Theatre Organ and its music in Atlanta and for the Theatre organ community of the world. (See photo and Ken's comments on Page 5.)

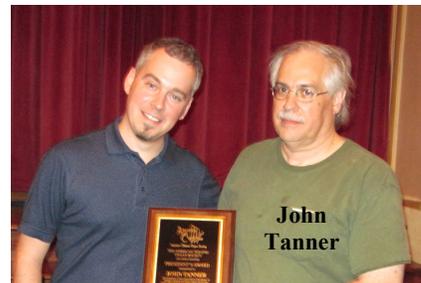
The other two were President's Awards. One presented to Jack Sandow, Project Manager & Crew Chief, Grande Page Organ,



Photo by Richard Neidich

Stephenson High School, Stone Mountain, GA in recognition of his many years of leadership, labor and guidance in bringing the endeavor to a successful conclusion.

The second President's Award was presented to John Tanner in recognition of his conservation of



the history of Georgia's theatres and theatre organs and for his talents, skill, leadership and guidance in the installation of theatre pipe organs in Georgia, The Rylander Theatre Möller Organ, Americus, The Grand Theatre Barton Organ, Fitzgerald, and The Stephenson High School Page Organ, Stone Mountain.



Atlanta Chapter convention participants at the Fox Theatre (some missing from this photo)



Thanks Chef Lee Lanier

Your excellent BBQ and side dishes were an ideal way to close our Convention Celebration at Stephenson High School following the announcements of our success in all facets of the 2013 ATOS Convention.



President's Message

It took years to plan but only a week to pass by, and now the 2013 ATOS Annual Convention is "gone with the wind". But while the convention itself is now part of history, the legacy it leaves behind will be ours for years to come. The incredible artistry, the incomparable instruments, the

uniquely warm hospitality, and the now infamous sleigh bell choruses all combined for a week that will certainly go down as one of the greatest in ATOS history.

So what's next? As you've seen elsewhere in this newsletter, our "Turn the Page" campaign was an overwhelming success, with donations totaling over \$42,000! Those donations not only provided the support needed to get the organ

"Convention-ready", but they will continue to provide as we work to complete the organ to its full specification and then tonally finish what will truly be a remarkable instrument. The next immediate steps involve upgrading the relay system and installing additional ranks to help fill in the ensemble, and the crew is hard at work on both fronts.

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Dear Friends in the Atlanta Chapter,

As I stood on stage at Stephenson High School at the intermission of the convention concert, I soon realized I broke my own hard and fast rule about handing a microphone to someone else. Little did I know that, as chapter president Tim Stephens took the microphone, that the chapter board and all you members were going to present to me a plaque significant of a "Lifetime Achievement" award.

When I think about the significant people who have done great things for this chapter over the more

than 40+ years of its existence, and I realize how little time I have really spent in my "adopted" home town, I am deeply grateful for this wonderful award.

If we had a great convention; if we now have the Page organ playing; if there have been some real positives for the chapter, it has been because a whole bunch of you stepped up and did a whole bunch of wonderful things. If I have been a catalyst, and helped make some things happen, it most certainly has been my pleasure. But this award drips from the sweat of many who achieved so much.



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I am sincerely grateful. That glorious honor sits prominently on display in my bookcase. Thank you all very much.

Ken Double, a proud member of the Atlanta Chapter of ATOS.



Mystery Photo

Here is a legendary Georgia musician. Who is he, and where was this photo taken? First answer to acatos@earthlink.net gets the prize.

Stefanuk Awarded 2013 Mentor Program



Tony Fenelon

We're proud to announce that ATOS Atlanta's own Misha Stefanuk has been awarded a participation in the 2013 Mentor Program by the American Theatre Organ Society! The ATOS Mentor Program gives a selected member of ATOS the opportunity to participate in a private coaching session with an

internationally-known theatre organ concert artist/educator during the Annual ATOS Convention. Mr. Stefanuk had private coaching with Tony Fenelon of Australia.

Misha lives in Marietta, GA and is an organist-in-residence at the Winters Chapel UMC and one of the Earl Smith Strand staff organists. He also is a best-selling author, a prolific TV composer and a music teacher at Johnson Ferry Conservatory for the Performing Arts.



Misha Stefanuk

Strand Jam Sessions

Ron Carter would like to see if there would be any interest in having monthly jam sessions at the Strand Theatre on the Chapter's GW-IV theatre organ. These would be in the evening for 2 to 3 hours. Say, from 7 to 10 pm. They would not be open to the public, BUT any chapter member could bring guests and hopefully introduce more folks to the THEATRE ORGAN! We would have one or two organists scheduled to start the event and then have open console. At times we might have special guest artists, similar to what use to be done at Walt Winn's Warehouse. Because the theatre is in use so much, these would have to be during a week day evening or possibly a Sunday afternoon or evening. Announcement of the event would have to be by e-mail and at times on short notice and there is always the possibility that we could be pre-empted by a paid rental of the auditorium or a show rehearsal.

If you would be interested in seeing this on a regular basis please e-mail Ron at ronhcarter@msn.com or, if you don't have e-mail, call him at 770-428-4809.

President's Message (Continued from page 4)

With the fourth theatre pipe organ in the state now fully online, we're very excited that work may soon begin on the fifth. Later this month, a crew composed of our chapter members will be pulling the Lucas Wurlitzer from storage and transporting it back to Savannah. Now that interest is once again building in the project, we hope this will help provide the catalyst to get

the organ back into its home in the Lucas Theatre. Our most sincere thanks to Stratton Leopold for spearheading the effort, and we hope to report great news in the coming months regarding the fundraising progress for the long-awaited reunion of organ and theatre.

And, if that news doesn't light your fire, we're all aglow to be able to return to the Fox and the exclusive residence of Joe Patten for

another Hamm-O-Rama this month! Fun and entertaining don't even begin to describe these events, and being able to host it in this most unique venue takes the experience to a completely different level. Thank you so much, Joe, for having us back (with calendars double-checked), and I look forward to seeing you on the 18th!

Jim Stephens

Upcoming Meetings & Events *(Mark your Calendars)*

- **August 18th (Sunday) 3:00 pm, Hamm-O-Rama at the Joe Paten Residence in the Fox Theatre** (See article on front page).
- **September 1st (Sunday) 7 pm -10 pm, Labor Day Party at McKinnon's Louisianne Restaurant with Bob Fountain**
- **October 20th (Sunday) 3:00 pm, Gary Mull Residence on his new Allen Q315T organ**
- **November 17th (Sunday) 3:00 pm, Variety Show at the Carter Residence**
- **December (date not finalized), Christmas party at Stephenson High School**



Come support the Earl Smith Strand Theatre as it features the Atlanta Chapter's Mighty Allen Theatre Organ. Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at 770-293-0080 or on the web at www.earlsmithstrand.org.

- August 9th 7:30 pm **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD** with Strand Organist Phillip Allen
- August 30 and 31st **GWTW** with organ pre-show at 7:30 pm by John McCall
- September 15th **SILENT FILM SHORTS** with organ pre-show at 2:30 pm. The Strand and ACATOS present their fourth annual silent comedy shorts!! Come see and hear Ron Carter, Phillip Allen, Ken Double, Rick McGee, Misha Stefanuk, and Larry Davis give the Strand's mighty Allen theatre organ a workout as they accompany great silent comedy shorts by the world's greatest silent comedians Harold Lloyd, Laurel and Hardy, Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin and others. Special guest and radio personality John Moore will M.C. this fun filled afternoon program!! This is great family entertainment for all ages. Expose your kids and grand kids to what real comedy is all about! Tickets may be purchased at the box office 2 hrs before showtime or by phone at 770-293-0080. Tickets for ATOS members will be discounted to \$7 from the regular \$10 ticket price! General Seating!



June/July Mystery Photo: The photograph was taken in the 1960's at the Tivoli Theatre in Chattanooga, one of our convention organs, after it had been made playable again by a crew that included our own Gary Mull, who is seen at the console in the photo. In the photo, the console has the original stoprail and is located under the left side box seats. I'm sure many were able to identify the organ, but no one identified young Gary!