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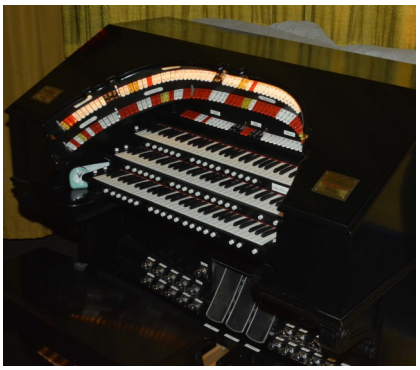

It's December……. Your 2019 ACATOS dues are due

Election Time for ACATOS 2019 Board and Officers

The election will be held at the chapter meeting at the Plaza Theatre, located at 1049 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, GA. The meeting is scheduled for 11 am, Saturday, December 8, 2018.

2019 slate of candidates

Officers:
President: Ken Double
Vice President: Randy Elkins
Secretary: Bill Thompson
Treasurer: Rick McGee
Board members:
John Alford
John Tanner
Eddie Hulsey, Jr.
Larry Davis
Randy Hendry
Lee Lanier
Ron Carter – ex officio, Strand Theatre project
Jack Sandow – ex officio, Page Theatre Organ project

We welcome nominations for other candidates. Contact ACATOS Secretary Bill Thompson at: billinatlanta@gmail.com. Or call 678-521-7200. If you are nominating a person other than yourself, you must have permission from that individual in writing.

Ken Double, President
Atlanta Chapter, ATOS

A Letter from your President

I hope you all enjoyed our Sunday Soiree at the Strand. It was fun to be a part of that, and hear all those wonderful players make all that wonderful music on our own Allen GW 4 theatre organ that the Marietta faithful get to hear regularly.

Big thanks to Strand GM Andy Gaines, who has truly embraced the organ as an overall part of presentations at the Strand. And a big thanks to the more than 100 who attended. Great crowd!

On the front page of this newsletter, you will note our meeting is coming up right away at the Plaza Theatre on Ponce de Leon, the new home for our Allen LLQ theatre organ. Its chapter debut will feature John McCall, and remember, this is SATURDAY!! 11:00 a.m.!! December 8th, thus a different day and an earlier time to accommodate the Plaza's film schedule.

Thanks to Chris Escobar, owner and Richard Martin, Manager, for their partnership, cooperation, and welcome.

And thanks to Alan Buchanan of Allen Organ in Atlanta and Ron Carter for invaluable assistance with the installation. We did some voicing work and "tweaking" recently and the instrument sounds FANTASTIC in the theatre! You will want to be there for sure!

The very next night, December 9, will find yours truly at the Allen to accompany the Swedish silent film classic *The Phantom Carriage,* as we begin to present the organ to the public with film presentations monthly. And to round out the weekend, Friday night, Randy Elkins, organist at Virginia Highlands church, will play the Plaza for the midnight screening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show.*

Meanwhile, also please note the CALL FOR NOMINATIONS, and if you are so inclined, place your name, or contact someone you feel is qualified and would be an asset in a leadership post on the chapter board. Fresh ideas and new energy are always welcomed!

We will see you all at the Plaza Theatre Saturday, December 8th at 11 am.

Ken

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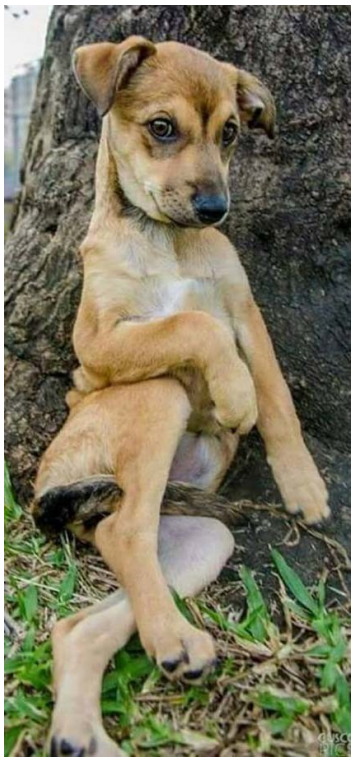
WE OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES!

Ever wonder who that new chapter member is? And wouldn't it be nice if there were a reference point by which you could find out?

Our Atlanta Chapter has not updated the membership list in a while, and a very good idea has taken shape.

At our next couple of meetings, we are planning to take photos of our individual members, and put together a new membership roster booklet WITH PHOTOS!!

Our goal is a Spring members list with photos, which many other ATOS chapters have been doing for years. Look for Ted Barnett set up in the Plaza Theatre lobby and get ready to say "Cheese!"



Stephenson High School Concert

Ken, Daniel, and Tommie

Chapter Program at Strand Theatre

Jay, Larry, John, Ken, Ron

Misha and his lighted shoes

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

Date	Time	Location	Event Description
Dec 07 Fri	11:40 PM	Plaza Theatre - Atlanta	Randy Elkins pre-show music on the mighty Allen organ for ***The Rocky Horror Picture Show***
Dec 08 Sat	11:00 AM	Plaza Theatre - Atlanta	**Monthly Chapter Meeting** - we end the 2018 season featuring our latest installation - the Mighty Allen LL-324Q-SP in Atlanta's iconic Plaza Theatre, featuring John McCall; **note special day and time**
Dec 09 Sun	5:00 PM	Plaza Theatre - Atlanta	Ken Double accompanies the silent film ***The Phantom Carriage*** *on the mighty Allen*
Dec 17 Mon	7:00 PM	Fox Theatre - Atlanta, GA	"Mighty Mo & More!" - the annual tradition continues, featuring Ken Double at the legendary 4/42 Möller Deluxe organ, The Cody Matlock Band, and a screening of the holiday favorite "Elf"; click here for tickets or more information
Dec 28 Fri	7:30 PM	Strand Theatre - Marietta, GA	Pre-show music on the mighty Allen organ for ***Harry Met Sally***. *Organist TBA*
Jan	TBA	TBA	TBA
Feb 23 Sat	3:00 PM	Stephenson High School - Stone Mountain, GA	**Concert** - Tedde Gibson presented in concert on the 4/22 Grande Page organ; more information to come

Closing Chord

Everett Hertenstein, 11/19/18, was one of those artists who are fantastic musicians, but whose talents are not widely known. If you ever participated in one of Roy Davis's organ crawls, you might remember Everett as the fellow who hated to see an organ without someone playing it. If no one else wanted to, Everett would sit down at the console and play. And boy could he play. Anytime someone else wanted to give the instrument a try, Everett was glad to relinquish the bench, but there weren't many who wanted to follow him.

Raymond Jones Martin played a wonderful program on the Mighty Mo at the 1962 AGO national convention. Once a year Joe arranged for my Agnes Scott College students to examine and play the Mighty Mo and climb into the chambers to see all the bells and whistles. As you know, we have Joe to thank ,not only for saving the organ, but also for saving the Fox itself . Perhaps he is now seeing that all of the angels' harps are in good working condition?

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