



ATOS ATLANTA

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



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
FOR THE DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12—3:00 PM
CARTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER!**



We are back at the Carter Performing Arts Center after a two-year absence to be entertained by Ron and his very musical friends, Barry Lancaster, Cobb County Vocalist of the year, Suzy Thrasher, former Disneyworld performer, Larry Davis doing a theatre organ cameo and members of the Carter family. We will have door prizes, wonderful refreshments by Donna to include wine if you are so persuaded, an audience sing-a-long and other surprises. The house is decorated to the hilt to get everyone in the Christmas spirit and will be open for tours if you are so inclined. (we have five decorated Christmas trees, Christmas decorations everywhere to include the porches and deck and even the lake dock). The Mighty Allen Organ and Kawaii piano never sounded better and you will hear such musical selections as Sleigh Ride, Winter Wonderland, Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas and the Bing Crosby /David Bowie version of The Little Drummer boy, sung by Barry and my son John, among many other Christmas favorites. So, mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, December 12th at 3pm. Please remember to park on the same side of the street so that emergency vehicles can get by.

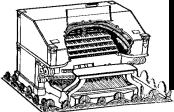
IMPORTANT: So that we know how to prepare, please RSVP Ron at ronhcarter@msn.com no later than December 8th. Masks are optional!



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



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Student	\$17.50	
Basic	\$35.00	
Donor	\$36.00	\$99.00
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A Letter from your President



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Strand Project – Ron Carter
Page Project – Jack Sandow

THE PAGE PRESENTED; NEXT IS CHRISTMAS AT THE CARTER'S; AND IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It just felt wonderful to be back at Stephenson High School and enjoy the opportunity to hear our Grande Page pipe organ in full voice. Read more about the November meeting later in this newsletter.

Meanwhile, as you can tell, Ron and Donna Carter are preparing another great event at what we affectionately call the “Carter Center for the Performing Arts” as Ron, family, and a host of performers will provide the entertainment for us on December 12th.

And December is also Membership Renewal Time!! Please bring your check for renewing your membership, or mail your check or credit card payment by filling in the membership form printed in this newsletter; or you can go to the chapter website, www.atosatlanta.org and renew online, which is the simplest and safest way to go. And as always, we appreciate so very much your membership, and for those who do provide that “little extra” beyond the basic membership, thank you so very much for your generosity!

Meanwhile, there is business at hand. At the December meeting, we will hold our annual election of officers and board members. See details in this newsletter. Meanwhile, the ACATOS Board of Directors met prior to the November event and there are some important items to share:

The chapter adopted a formal budget last June, and Treasurer Paul Beavin reports that we are under our projected budget numbers, which is good news

The chapter currently has 85 paid members, and one honorary member. We would LOVE to see that number grow

The board has voted to enter an agreement with professional fundraiser Randy Gorod. He has done tremendous work at the Strand Theatre; has been in business more than 25 years; and will start work in January. Details in the January newsletter

The January meeting will be held Sunday, January 16th at 3 pm at Stephenson High School. This will mark the 100th birthday celebration of the amazing Jack Sandow, with RON RHODE at the console. This will be a private event for chapter members, friends, guests, and of course, the Sandow family.

Despite the issues COVID presented, we finish the year of 2021 having achieved much; with much to look forward to in 2022, including a completed Page; a return to public concert events; and great theatre organ music. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, and wishes for a wonderful and healthy New Year in 2022.



THE DECEMBER MEETING MEANS IT'S ELECTION TIME

As per our chapter bylaws, December is the time for electing officers and board members for the coming year. A slate of candidates was presented in the November newsletter, and will be listed again here for your consideration.

The rules governing elections allow for nominations by mail, email, or from the floor at the December meeting. Any member who would nominate another member for election must do so with the stated permission of the member to be nominated. Once nominations are complete, the slate will be presented for a vote from the members present at the December meeting. The current slate of candidates includes:

Officers

President:	Ken Double
Vice President:	Ron Carter
Secretary:	Larry Davis
Treasurer:	Paul Beavin

Board Members

John Tanner
Rick McGee
David Tuck
Eddie Hulsey, Jr.
Lee Lanier
David Yackman
Randy Hendry

Our bylaws do not make a provision for a specific number of board members. To be eligible to serve, one must be a member in good standing at least 21 years of age. The term is for one year. Nominations by mail can be sent to: ACATOS, P. O. Box 426, Marietta, GA 30061-0426, or by email to Secretary Larry Davis at: acatos@earthlink.net. If anyone has any questions, one can contact Larry Davis, or Ken Double. Ken Double's email is: kdatos52@yahoo.com.



A GLORIOUS SUNDAY WITH THE PAGE

We thrilled to the sounds of our Grande Page pipe organ on Sunday, November 21st as John McCall did the honors, with Larry Davis providing some sparkling interludes on the piano to the delight of chapter members in attendance. As always, we say “Thank you!” to Dr. Michael Jones, Principal, and all at Stephenson High School for their gracious hospitality.



And thanks to John Tanner and Larry Davis who spent the previous Saturday getting the Page in great tune, so we could hear great tunes like *Just a Little Bit South of North Carolina* and *Carolina in the Morning*. After John and Larry played *Margie*, Larry solo'd on the Page with *The Sound of Music*. With the trem's off, John featured some more classical voicing for *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Holtz.

Before and after Eubie Blake's *Memories of You*, John did what he likes to do, and that is feature music by or made famous by theatre organists. Buddy Cole's *Every Time I See You I'm in Love Again*; Helen Crawford's work inspired *Tie A Little String Around Your Finger* and *I Found You* (recorded with Bing Crosby); followed by a Jesse Crawford arrangement of *Isn't it a Lovely Day*.

Next, a tour-de-force SEVEN-song salute to the music of Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys bringing that distinctive sound of Texas swing to the Grande Page Theatre Organ, which led to the conclusion of the program – somewhat as it started, with music from our neighbor to the north - a lovely rendition of *Carolina Moon*.

The point has been made many times. Our Atlanta Chapter of ATOS is blessed with marvelous talent of every degree – many heard at the Strand, two heard at the Fox, and many entertaining at our chapter events. Thanks to John and Larry for a delightful, ambitious, and wonderful reintroduction of the Grande Page pipe organ, heard so beautifully for the first time in some 20 months. Thanks, gents!

Graciously presented by “Two ears in a crowded field.”





WE'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL CONCERT AT THE STRAND!

The Fox Theatre Institute is staging a special concert at the Strand Theatre on Sunday, January 9th at 3:00 p.m. This event is especially for the “Friends of the Fox” members, in appreciation for that group’s work and support. And heaven only knows we at the Atlanta Chapter are definitely friends of the Fox!

The concert will feature the fantastic Carrollton Jazz Orchestra, with a 2:30 pre-show on our Allen GW 4 with Ron Carter on the bench. It is a ticketed event, and we will have full details in both the December and January newsletter. What great fun; great music; and a wonderful way to celebrate our great relationship with the Fox Theatre Institute and its wonderful Director, Leigh Burns – who loves Mighty Mo as much as we do! Stay tuned for details.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR GREAT ORGAN MUSIC!

- Saturday, December 4—2:00pm ***A RiverCenter Christmas***: John McCall at the Allen GW-4 with Crystal Clarke-Reid Vocalist, RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, Columbus, GA. Tickets at RiverCenter.org. **This concert is FREE, BUT reservations for tickets must be made in advance by calling the box office or online. Up to four free tickets may be reserved.**



- Monday, December 6—7:30pm ***The Monday Night is Music Night Christmas Show***: John McCall at the Allen 317 and Bosendorfer Grand Piano. Westminster Retirement Center, Tallahassee, FL. Free admission.
- Saturday, December 18—7:30pm ***The John's Creek Symphony Christmas Gala*** with special guest Ken Double. Information at: johnscreeksymphony.org.
- Tuesday, December 21—7:00 pm ***Mighty Mo and More*** at the Atlanta Fox Theatre.

Carols by Candlelight: Marietta First Baptist Church Orchestra and 60 voice choir.

- December 5 with organ pre-shows at 2:15pm and 6:15pm. Our own Ron Carter will be playing the 2:15pm 30 minute pre-show on December 5th.
- December 6 with organ pre-show at 6:15. These pre-shows are in celebration of the recently restored Reuter console and the addition of 37 digital ranks by A.E.Schlueter which brings the organ up to 83 ranks! It is quite a sound with three 32ft stops!



Discount Code for Winter Music Celebration

The Fox Theatre Institute,
in partnership with The Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre,
is pleased to invite you to a

Winter Music Celebration
presenting the
CARROLLTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Sunday, January 9, 2022

2:30 p.m. Pre>Show Organ Concert
3:00 p.m. Carrollton Jazz Orchestra

To purchase tickets, please [**click here**](#).
*Enter promo code **ATOSJAZZ** in the checkout process, to receive a special discounted **\$10** ticket price (+ applicable fees).*

The Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre
117 North Park Square
Marietta, Georgia 30060

Use this link to get the discount code: [Buy: Carrollton Jazz Orchestra \(force.com\)](#)



Ron Carter Chapter Programs for the Remainder of 2021

I have been busily scheduling programs and artists for the remainder of 2021 so that our members can get these dates and locations on their calendar. My appreciation to all those that continue to host the Atlanta Chapter!!!

- December 12th 3:00pm — Chapter Christmas party at the Carter Performing Arts Center with Ron Carter, Larry Davis and special musical guests! Donna Carter will have a delectable display of Christmas Goodies!!

Ron and Donna Carter
219 Lake Somerset Drive, NW
Marietta, GA 30064

Strand Theatre Events

Christmas Traditions with organ pre-shows each night. This is a high energy show with live orchestra and performers singing your favorite Christmas music.

- December 10, 11, 17, 18 at 8:00pm
- December 18 and 19 at 3:00pm
- December 22 and 23 at 7:30pm
- December 21- **It's a Wonderful Life Marathon** with Larry Davis, John McCall and Eddie Hulsey doing organ pre-shows: 11:00am, 2:30pm, 6:15pm, and 9:15 pm

December is Membership Renewal Time!!

Please bring your check for renewing your membership to the next chapter meeting, or mail your check or credit card payment by filling in the membership form printed in this newsletter; or you can go to the chapter website, www.atosatlanta.org and renew online.

Thanks for your donation Eddie Hulsey and David Yackman!

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We are a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt educational musical organization chartered by the State of Georgia and dedicated to preserving and promoting a uniquely American musical instrument.

Membership Benefits

- Monthly Chapter programs at public and private locations featuring local, regional, and national talent
- Presentations of public programs and silent films throughout the region featuring the theatre organ
- The ability for open console access at public and private theatre organ installations throughout the Southeast
- Hands-on experience in rebuilding, installing, and maintaining theatre pipe organs
- Monthly Chapter newsletter
- Social activities with people of similar interests
- The sheer enjoyment of listening to exciting music performed on the "King of Instruments"

Whether you're an organist, technician, or simply enjoy listening...we invite you to become a member of the Atlanta Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society, and help us to keep the music playing!

Membership Application – Atlanta Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society

Atlanta Chapter ATOS – P.O. Box 426 – Marietta, GA 30061-0426

Membership Category: (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$300 and up) | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor (\$100 - \$199) | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic (\$35) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor (\$200 - \$299) | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor (\$36 - \$99) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student (\$17.50) |

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- Hammond RT-3 + Leslie 122-A. \$1800. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this instrument, please contact Ronnie Campbell—Fort Payne, AL—256-844-7799.



- Hammond Model E-111. \$1000. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this instrument, please contact Debbie Chambliss—404-790-1378. Located in Ellijay, GA.

