

ATOS Atlanta

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THE SWINGIN' PAGE PLUS VOCAL VARIETY NOVEMBER 3rd at 7:30 Ken Double, Daniel Mata and Tommie Macon In Concert!

Using the Grande Page Theatre Organ as a swingin' jazz band, and with the vocal variety of Daniel Mata and Tommie Macon and her GENTLE MEN of Jazz, the Atlanta Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society is presenting a most distinctive show on Saturday evening, November 3rd at 7:30 at Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, GA, your last chance in 2018 to thrill to the sound of the Grande Page organ.

The organist will be Ken Double, who has toured the country and around the world performing variety shows on the theatre pipe organ, and happens to be one of the organists who regularly presents Mighty Mo to Fox Theatre patrons.

This concert will focus not only on the grand music of the Grande Page Theatre organ, but will feature vocalist DANIEL MATA, Lassiter High School graduate, Hearst Scholarship winner attending Belmont University in Nashville, *Stars of Tomorrow* contest winner, and Fox Theatre



performer appearing with Ken Double again. Daniel's thrilling, rich tenor voice is an audience-pleaser!

The second half of the performance will feature Atlanta's jazz sensation **TOMMIE MACON AND THE GENTLE MEN OF JAZZ**, who have been featured in concerts and club appearances all across Atlanta. Tommie could often be heard with the late Bob Fountain at McKinnon's on those wonderful Wednesday nights, and her presentations of the jazz greats and the Great American Songbook are nothing short of sensational!

It's a real Triple Treat, with Ken Double, Daniel Mata and the great Tommie Ma-

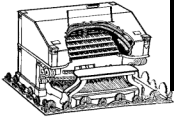
con and the Gentle Men of Jazz at the Stephenson High School auditorium on Saturday night, November 3rd and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available in advance online at www.atosatlanta.org, and are just \$15, \$10 for students. Tickets will also be available at the door at Stephenson High School, 701 Stephenson Road, Stone Mountain, GA for \$18.

Tommie Macon Biography

Tommie Macon called the "songbird of the south" is originally from Washington D.C. Her voice is as lovely and full of delight as springtime in Atlanta; once you experience it, others fade in comparison.

She has gathered a powerful, talented quartet in the Gentle men of Jazz. Each musician is accomplished and as a group they have become possibly the best combination of jazz talent in the South. The band has repeatedly earned a place in the prestigious Atlanta Jazz Festival.



A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

FROM GHOSTS AND GOBLINS TO THE SWINGIN' PAGE AND THE PLAZA!



I can't recall a time when our chapter and its many players has been so incredibly busy! Ron Carter has been to Sarasota, of course the Strand, and Greensboro bringing his silent movie magic to Halloween audiences. John McCall played his 11th program for the folks in Tallahassee. Nice to know you're a hit, John, and get invited back!

Several performed in Newnan for Bob McKoon's now annual silent film event. A bunch of chapter members went over to Birmingham to hear the amazing Tom Helms perform the accompaniment of *Phantom of the Opera* - AGAIN!!! Talk about getting invited back.

And yours truly accompanied *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* in Lafayette, IN and followed that with a concert for RTOS in Rochester, NY. Rick McGee and I split the duties at the Fox for the GHOST TOURS, and there is more to come!

Saturday night, Nov. 3rd, yours truly at the Grande Page at Stephenson HS with Daniel Mata, plus the great Tommie Macon and her Gentle Men of Jazz! November features many of us playing at the chapter meeting at the Strand.

And on December 8th, we get to hear our Lyn Larsen-model Allen organ in its new home – the Plaza Theatre. Remember, that is a SATURDAY MORNING – 11 am meeting.

That is a LOT of organ activity crammed into a short period of time, and aren't we the beneficiaries of it all! Mark your calendars, bring your friends, and enjoy all this wonderful music.

One piece of business. The November meeting will open up nominations for board and officer positions. Contact me if you have an interest in serving. Also, there will soon be a major organization meeting for the 2020 ATOS convention. Look for that and join us.

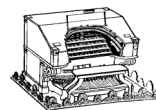
Thanks, and see you all soon!!

Ken Double

Double Helping of Ken and Daniel !

Sunday, November 11, 4 p.m.
The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium, Chattanooga, TN
A Veterans' Day Concert featuring Ken Double at the historic Austin Organ; vocalist Daniel Mata; and the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra
This concert is free and open to the public.





STRAND ORGAN EVENTS!!

November 18th, Sunday afternoon beginning with preshow at 2:30 pm. Our November Chapter Program at the Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre- **RON CARTER AND ORGAN FRIENDS IN CONCERT!!!** Come here Strand organists play mini-concerts on the Mighty Allen Theatre Organ! Organists Misha Stefanuk, John McCall, Jay Mitchell, Ken Double, Larry Davis, and house organist Ron Carter will entertain with great music from the American Songbook, Broadway shows and other popular tunes. This is a great way to introduce your friends and family members to the theatre organ. Different playing styles, different registrations, and different musical arrangements by six different organists!! This will also be a FREE Public concert and Strand Open House. The concession stand WILL BE OPEN!! There will also be a few special surprises!! This is our Chapter program for November!! Free parking in the deck next to the theatre!!

Sunday afternoon November 11th at 2:30pm. Jay Mitchell at the Strand Mighty Allen Console for a pre-show organ tribute to Veterans Day. Tickets on sale at the Strand Box Office. The show will feature the Big Chicken Chorus, the screening of the "Memories of War" documentary and live Q & A. Only \$10.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS December 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 all shows at 8pm except an extra matinee on December 22 at 3pm. Come early for an organ pops pre-show and Christmas Carol sing-a-long with house organist Ron Carter. This is a live high energy Christmas show featuring Strand dancers and singers. Great Family Entertainment! Tickets are \$30 with special discounts for seniors, students and the military

THURSDAY December 20th ITS A WONDERFUL LIFE MARATHON at 12, 2;45, 6 and 9;15. Come 30 minutes early for organ pops pre-shows and sing-a-longs by Strand Organists .

Mystery Organ Builder

The mystery organ builders are



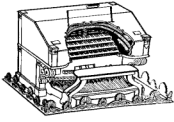
Bill Thompson in the plaid shirt and his brother Bob.

This photo is from a Dallas Times Herald article dated August 7, 1960 titled "The Neighbors Say, Play Louder"

The photo caption states "Twins Bill, left, and Bob Thompson inspecting some of the sound effects and pipes occupying the family garage in Seagoville.

In the living room are three big keyboards-the rest of a huge theater pipe organ left over from silent picture days. With the Thompson twins at the keyboards, the old organ can produce sounds ranging from drumbeats to whistles,

The neighbors? They love it."



Movie Palace for a Day

On Saturday, October 27, for the second year in a row, the Charles Wadsworth Auditorium in the City of Newnan Municipal Building was turned into a movie palace for the screening of silent comedy films.

Organized by Bob McKoon and sponsored by the Newnan Cultural Arts Commission, the program featured John McCall opening the show and chapter members

Ron Carter, Rick McGee, and Larry Davis each accompanying silent films on the Allen R311 Theatre Organ brought into the auditorium especially for the event.

As the sound of the Allen (voiced by Mr. Carter) filled the room, the comedy of Harold Lloyd and Charlie Chase entertained the audience.

During the intermission and after the program, young piano student Wyatt Weldon took the opportunity to explore the theatre organ with evident enthusiasm, to the enjoyment of all the performers.



Ric Plays Silent Movie



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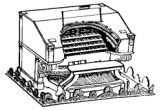
Strand Project – Ron Carter
Page Project – Jack Sandow

Last Chord— Roger Pickens

Roger Pickens, Jr., age 71, of Lilburn, GA, passed away September 17, 2018.

Roger Pickens was a long-time member and had two pipe organs in his home in South Carolina.

Roger grew up in Lilburn, proudly attended Georgia Tech and served in the Peace Corps. He worked for Dekalb County for over 25 years .



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

Date	Time	Location	Event Description
Nov 3 Sat	7:30 PM	Stephenson High School - Stone Mountain, GA	Concert - Ken Double featured in concert on the 4/22 Grande Page, along with special guests Tommie Macon and the Gentle Men of Jazz and Daniel Mata; tickets \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, \$10 students
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Nov 18 Sun	2:00 PM	Strand Theatre - Marietta, GA	Monthly Chapter Meeting - Ron Carter and Organist Friends - the annual tradition returns to the Strand Theatre and will feature performances by the talented roster of organists at the Strand
Dec 08 Sat	11:00 AM	Atlanta Plaza Theatre	John McCall premieres the Chapter's Lyn Larsen Allen organ at Atlanta's Plaza Theatre, Saturday, December 8, 2019 at 11:00 am. [More information will appear in the December issue of the Newsletter].