



ATOS ATLANTA



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

Our Next Chapter Meeting:

MARVELOUS MARK HERMAN AT THE PAGE NOVEMBER 9, 2025

One of the World's Greatest Players in Concert

**A performance not to be missed!
Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
Stephenson High School
701 Stephenson Road, Stone Mountain, GA**

ADMISSION IS FREE!



**A Roadtrip to Tennessee!
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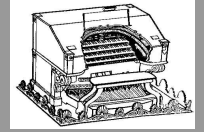


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Student	\$17.50	
Basic	\$35.00	
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A Letter from your President

Ah, November. Henry David Thoreau once observed that “the thinnest yellow light of November is more warming and exhilarating than any wine they tell of.” It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by, yet here we are, basking in that beautiful light.

November is also the time when we, as a nation, take pause to give thanks, and our chapter certainly has much to be grateful for.

We've had the privilege of participating in so many amazing theater organ events, often beyond our monthly chapter meetings. Venues like the Plaza Theatre in Atlanta, the Strand Theatre in Marietta, the RiverCenter in Columbus, and, of course, the fabulous Fox Theatre in Atlanta have all contributed to keeping our beloved art form alive and in front of thrilled audiences.

We are deeply thankful for the talented chapter members who play the organs at those venues. People like Ron Carter, Ken Double, Larry Davis, Debbie Chambless, Eddie Hulsey, and Jay Mitchell—and everyone else whose artistry keeps the music playing—deserve our deepest gratitude.

Finally, we are continually uplifted by the almost incomprehensible generosity of our donors, both large and small. It's truly amazing how often we receive word of another generous contribution made to the chapter "out of the blue." A tremendous "thank you" to all of you who support our mission.

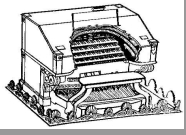
We have one more exciting thing to be thankful for this November: Mark Herman!

Mark will be making his highly anticipated debut on our Grande Page organ at Stephenson High School at 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 9. This performance promises to be one of the hallmarks of our year.

So, please bring your friends and join us! Let's celebrate our community and enjoy great music together.

Warmest Regards,

David Yackman



A ROADTRIP TO EASTERN TENNESSEE!



A Duet of Chapters:

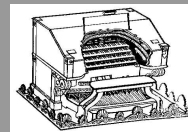
ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM ATOS MEET AT THE MAGNIFICENT ALLEE HOME ORGAN

The spirit of theatre organ fellowship was alive and well as approximately fifteen members from both the Atlanta and Birmingham ATOS Chapters traveled to Manchester, Tennessee, for a highly anticipated joint event. Situated halfway between Nashville and Chattanooga, the home of Bert and Ann Allee was the perfect, welcoming venue for this gathering.

From Church to Concert Hall: A Custom Creation

The star of the show was undoubtedly the Allee's Home Organ, a true monument to dedication and craftsmanship. Decades ago, the instrument began life as a modest 8-rank Estey church organ. Today, it stands as a unique creation that has been painstakingly enlarged with carefully chosen ranks to bridge the gap between a classical instrument and a fully-fledged theatre organ. Originally installed in a garage, the organ now speaks through swell shades directly into the living room from a custom-built addition—a testament to Bert and Ann's commitment to optimal sound.

Equally impressive is the console, which Bert and Ann transformed from a straight-rail classical design into a work of art. The console boasts newly fashioned curved stop-rails, an added fourth manual, and, perhaps most spectacularly, a mechanized action that raises the stop-rail horseshoe! The instrument keeps company with other musical treasures in the home, including an Ampico reproducing grand piano and a 78-rpm jukebox, making the entire residence a living museum of American music history.



Larry Davis Delivers a Repertoire for All!

Our featured artist for the day was the highly regarded Larry Davis. Larry is celebrated for his command of the theatre organ and his unique repertoire that embraces Country and Western music, a style he refined during his years performing at Chattanooga's Tivoli Theatre.

Larry's program was a masterclass in live registration. Working seamlessly with the console's limited registration memories, he brought the organ to life, beginning with an elegant medley from *The King and I*. He then answered the call for unique programming by diving into the Country genre, delighting the crowd with classics like Patsy Cline's *Crazy* and Tammy Wynette's *Stand by Your Man*. The audience was treated to an unforgettable moment when Larry performed a lively duet with the Ampico Reproducing Piano on standards like *Moon River*, flawlessly integrating the two instruments.

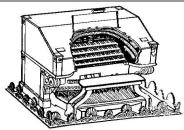
A Musical Open House

Following Larry's performance, the console was opened to members, providing a memorable showcase of chapter talent:

- Ken Double showed off the instrument's versatility with a snappy rendition of *All By Myself*, a beautiful, brassy *My Foolish Heart*, and a vibrant Latin number, *Cumaná*.
- Debbie Chambless offered a moving performance of *Bring Him Home* from "Les Misérables" and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, a delightful novelty piece that utilized the organ's playful 'Ah-oo-gah Horn.'
- Ron Carter wrapped up the organized segment with a blistering, up-tempo take on Cole Porter's *Anything Goes* before offering a reflective close with beautiful arrangements of *Deep River* and *Shenandoah*.

The gathering closed on a high note with an informal organ-piano duet (Larry & Brady), capping off what was truly one of the most successful and satisfying chapter events in recent memory. It was a perfect combination of professional-grade artistry, a superb home installation, and the warm fellowship of two dedicated chapters. This event certainly made a strong case for reviving the tradition of the organ crawl.

David Yackman from notes by Brady Born, Editor.



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Larry Davis – Our Lead Artist



Debbie Chambless with Ken



Bert Allee with Jay & Debbie



Bert's 78 rpm Jukebox



Ampico Reproducing Piano



Aeolian Player Organ

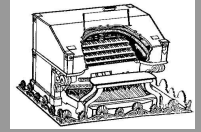


Debbie with Ken & Larry

SILENT FILMS at KSU – *A Report from Larry Davis*

A young friend of mine, Andrew Bramlett, an outstanding student, published historian, and conservator of history, is currently studying at Kennesaw State University. He has attended several silent films at the Strand and brought others to the shows as well. For International Silent Film Day, Andrew screened several silent films in a public room at the university. The attendance was excellent for a first experience, and we look forward to seeing what transpires in the future as interest increases. Welcome to our world, Andrew! Andrew is currently engaged in research on the history of the theatres of Marietta.





ONE OF THE VERY BEST IS COMING TO ATLANTA

Mark Herman Plays the Grande Page Sunday, November 9, 2025

Although he is making his debut on OUR Grande Page theatre organ, **MARK HERMAN** has been playing a four-manual Page theatre organ almost all of his musical life. A native of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Mark was introduced to the theatre organ (or as we call it, had his WOW! moment), playing the sister Page to ours at the Embassy Theatre in that northeastern Indiana city.

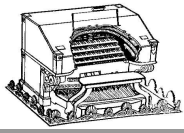
His talent was evident almost immediately, and once under the wing of his teacher, the late John Ferguson, Mark burst on the theatre organ scene with a spectacular presentation of the Great American Songbook. Couple that with a skill for marketing, he placed himself among the most popular and sought-after players in the world. Mark's presence on YouTube videos not only playing the great theatre organs across the country, but also offering his "Request Nights" with his sparkling piano solos, provided an amazing springboard for his performance career.

His concert credits are numerous and spectacular, including world-wide tours; dozens of ATOS convention appearances; new silent film scores; and a most special appearance in 2019 as guest soloist with the prestigious Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra.

Mark is President of the Herman Organ Company, based in Southern California, and has established himself as one of the leading theatre pipe organ restorers, installers, and consultants in the world.

It's a thrill to be able to present him on the "other" Grande Page Theatre Organ, our own at Stephenson High School. This is indeed a must-see-and-hear concert event you will not want to miss! Admission is free, donations welcome.





IT'S ELECTION TIME FOR THE ATLANTA CHAPTER OF ATOS

This is the official notice to all members of the Atlanta Chapter of ATOS of the upcoming election of board members and officers to lead the chapter in 2026.

As per the chapter bylaws, notice is being sent announcing that nominations are open. Any chapter member is welcome to run for a board position or submit the name of another member – that member’s permission is mandatory – any name should be submitted to the Chapter Secretary, Larry Davis.

The Board of Directors hereby submits the following slate of officers, but any member is welcome to run for any office or to join the members-at-large on the board and we would welcome new members!

President – David Yackman

Vice-President – Ken Double

Secretary – Larry Davis

Treasurer – Lee Lanier

Members-at-Large: Ron Carter, Randy Hendry, David Tuck, Eddie Hulseley, and Brady Born

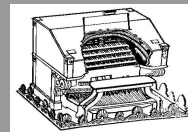
This slate of officers and any other nominations will be presented at the November meeting. All nominations will appear in the December newsletter, and the election of officers and board members for 2026 shall take place at the December Chapter meeting at Stephenson High School, 701 Stephenson Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia, on Saturday, December 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Nominations may be made from the floor at that meeting prior to the actual voting.

If anyone has any questions regarding the election procedures, contact Larry Davis at acatos@earthlink.net.

STRAND THEATRE EVENTS

Thursday, October 30	Halloween (1978)	7:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 6:30 PM, Larry Davis
Friday, October 31	Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)	8:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 7:30 PM, Larry Davis
Friday, November 7	Sanders Family Christmas	8:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 7:30 PM, Ron Carter
Saturday, November 8	Sanders Family Christmas	3:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 2:30 PM, Randy Elkins 8:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 7:30 PM, Misha Stefanuk



STRAND THEATRE EVENTS

Sunday, November 9	Sanders Family Christmas	3:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 2:30 PM, <i>TBD</i>
Wednesday, November 12	A Christmas Vacation (1989)	7:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 6:30 PM, Larry Davis
Friday, November 14	Sanders Family Christmas	8:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 7:30 PM, Randy Elkins
Saturday, November 15	Sanders Family Christmas	3:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 2:30 PM, Randy Elkins 8:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 7:30 PM, Larry Davis
Sunday, November 16	Sanders Family Christmas	3:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 2:30 PM, Ron Carter
Wednesday, November 19	White Christmas (1954)	7:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 6:30 PM, Larry Davis
Thursday, November 20	Home Alone (1990)	7:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 6:30 PM, Larry Davis
Friday, November 21	Sanders Family Christmas	8:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 7:30 PM, Misha Stefanuk
Saturday, November 22	Sanders Family Christmas	3:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 2:30 PM, Misha Stefanuk 8:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 7:30 PM, Larry Davis
Sunday, November 23	Sanders Family Christmas	3:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 2:30 PM, Larry Davis
Tuesday, November 25	A Christmas Story (1983)	2:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 1:30 PM, Larry Davis 7:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 6:30 PM, Misha Stefanuk
Wednesday, November 25	Elf (2003)	2:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 1:30 PM, Misha Stefanuk 7:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 6:30 PM, Larry Davis
Sunday, November 30	The Sound of Music (1965)	3:00 PM, Pre-show Organist at 2:30 PM, Larry Davis

ATOS CHAPTER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 29, 2025 Wednesday 7:30 PM	Ken Double	Silent Film: <i>Phantom of the Opera</i> at The Fabulous Fox Theatre, accompanied by Ken Double on Mighty Mo
October 30, 2025 Thursday at 7:30 PM	Randy Elkins	Silent Film: <i>Nosferatu</i> at the Plaza Theatre, with Randy Elkins at the LLQ 324
November 9, 2025 Sunday at 3:00 PM	Mark Herman	Mark in Concert on the Grande Page Theatre Organ
December 20, 2025 Saturday at 3:00 PM	A Potpourri of Stars	December Chapter Meeting at the Grande Page Organ at Stephenson, featuring a group of our chapter's favorites
January 18, 2026 Sunday, 2:00 PM	Nathan Avakian and Donnie Rankin	TWO professional organists on TWO theatre organ consoles controlling ONE mighty Wurlitzer at The Alabama Theatre, Birmingham, AL (Note - the start time is Central Time)