



# ATOS ATLANTA

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



**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!  
RiverCenter – Columbus, GA – 7:30pm**

You Are Cordially Invited To  
Be Our Guest At A Very Special

## INAUGURAL CONCERT



*introducing*  
**“THE WAVE”**  
RiverCenter's Magnificent Allen GW4 Digital Theatre Organ

*with*  
**KEN DOUBLE**  
Atlanta Fox Theatre Organist on “Mighty Mo.”

*and*  
**LINDSAY GARRITSON**  
Special Guest Pianist

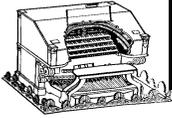
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**

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



Level	Base	Cap
Student	\$17.50	
Basic	\$35.00	
Donor	\$36.00	\$99.00
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## A Letter from your President



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### FROM PLAYING AT THE PLAZA TO A RIVERCENTER PREMIERE

I was sorry to have missed the “Cavalcade of Stars” performance at our September meeting at the Plaza. I’m sure it was fun, and you can read all about it later in this newsletter. Thanks to Ron Carter for organizing the event. Meanwhile, you are receiving this newsletter a bit early for a reason. Our “meeting” for October is actually a very special concert event.

On Saturday night, October 2nd at 7:30, yours truly will ride the lift at the Bill Heard Theatre at RiverCenter – the magnificent performing arts center in downtown Columbus – for the much-anticipated debut of the Allen GW IV theatre organ so generously donated to our chapter by Dr. Marie-Juriet Beamish of Stuart, FL.

As a reminder, tickets for this event are free to our chapter members, with one proviso – order in advance by contacting me directly at [kdatos52@yahoo.com](mailto:kdatos52@yahoo.com), or by calling me at 404-790-5400. We have more than 30 tickets already reserved for this event.

### DEADLINE FOR RESERVING FREE TICKETS IS WEDNESDAY, SEPT 29<sup>th</sup>

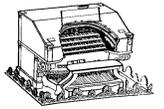
After that date, you will need to purchase your tickets at the box office. We are working as partners with Norm Easterbrook, Executive Director of RiverCenter (and former director at the Rylander Theatre, who LOVES the theatre organ), and we are trying to make our part of the event as simple as possible.

In addition to the magnificent sounds of the GW IV in this spectacular venue, we will enjoy the artistry of Dr. Jureit-Beamish’s daughter Lindsay Garritson, who tours the world performing piano concerts of the highest musical quality. Carnegie Hall; Lincoln Center; Ravinia in Chicago; and the great cities of the world, Lindsay has wow’d audiences with her special talents.

RiverCenter is located at 900 Broadway in downtown Columbus, an easy two-hour drive from Atlanta down I-85 to I-185. For those who wish to stay overnight, discount rates at the Marriott Hotel right across the street are still available. Call the Marriott and ask for Sebastian Villa to get the Atlanta Chapter of ATOS special rate. Look for one last email reminder before the concert. What an exciting night it will be.

Finally, we are getting to the last quarter of the year, October-November-December, and the year end marks election time for the chapter. We are most interested in those with talent, passion and some energy to help steer the chapter ahead. As I have indicated in the past, we are best served when many step up, and thus, I will not be a candidate for President of the chapter in 2022. It is a good time for some new and fresh ideas. Contact me or any board member to indicate you might be interested to be on the slate of officers and board members nominated for election.

See you in Columbus Saturday night, October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a very special night at RiverCenter!



## IT'S A GRAND OPENING NIGHT IN COLUMBUS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2!!

There is a wonderful multi-theatre arts complex in the heart of Columbus, GA known as RiverCenter. There are three theatres under one roof, and now one Allen GW 4 theatre organ ready to be heard in any and all of the different venues.



The 2200-seat "Broadway-style" venue is The Bill Heard Theatre. Opened in 2003, the architectural design is most definitely sumptuous with a "movie palace" feel to it. Most importantly, the acoustical environment defies most modern theatres, in that instead of need for more speakers everywhere for voice and music to be heard, they don't really need any speakers because the room is so "alive."

This is the new home for an Allen organ that sounds as realistic and authentic as any Allen installation I have ever heard. And I am privileged to play the opening concert on this installation on Saturday night, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Let me state that whoever might be on the bench, it is worth the two hours from Atlanta simply to see this theatre, and experience the most amazing surroundings imaginable, and enjoy the Allen GW 4.

This event will act as our "chapter meeting" for the month of October, and we encourage you to drive down. To make it more appealing, ACATOS members

can get tickets at **NO COST!** This is in large part due to our wonderful partnership with Norm Easterbook, Executive Director at RiverCenter (and former chief at the Rylander Theatre, where Norm grew to love the music of the theatre organ).

This organ was donated to our chapter by Dr. Marie Jureit-Beamish, whose late husband Cal Jureit was a big fan of the theatre organ. She and her husband Bill Beamish will be in attendance to thrill to Cal's beloved GW4 in its gorgeous new home. Better yet, her daughter, international touring artist Lindsay Garrison, will be part of the concert performing on the Steinway grand piano.

This will be an unforgettable night of great music, great celebration, and the start of a great partnership with this fabulous theatre, and its great manager, Norm Easterbrook. We on the ACATOS Board of Directors are thrilled, and we encourage you to make the trip.

Here are the ticketing details:

Tickets are **FREE** to ACATOS members

Tickets **MUST BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE**, so RiverCenter staff can plan for our arrival

To reserve tickets, email or call me: 404-790-5400, or [kdatos52@yahoo.com](mailto:kdatos52@yahoo.com)

We will send the list of names and numbers of tickets to RiverCenter

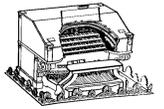
Deadline date for free reserve seats is WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

After that date, tickets can be purchased at the door, or by contacting the RiverCenter box office

If you arrive at the box office October 2 and request your free tickets as a chapter member, you will find out they are no longer available and will be asked to purchase your tickets.

RiverCenter is located at 900 Broadway in downtown Columbus. There is a Marriott hotel across the street, and several hotels nearby should you wish to stay overnight Saturday night.

It's "Opening Night" and the "Dedication Concert" only once in the lifetime of an installation such as this. It will be an exciting night indeed, and one you won't want to miss. Make your plans for the trip to Columbus, Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a special night of great theatre organ music in even greater surroundings. Contact me to make your ticketing reservations!



## September Plaza Theatre Concert Review and Some Personal Observations!



A beautiful Saturday morning hosted a potpourri of music at Atlanta's Plaza Theatre. Four talented chapter artists, Eddie Hulsey, Larry Davis, John McCall, and Ron Carter presented an enjoyable and very varied musical program on the Lyn Larsen 324 Quantum theatre organ, installed by the Chapter 3 years ago, in this beautiful 1939 historic theatre.

Different artists, different registrations and different music styles make for a very interesting and enjoyable theatre organ program. Our attendance was a little below normal but those that were there had a great time and showed their appreciation with great applause after each musical number. One thing that the Atlanta Chapter does very well

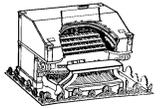
is support and encourage new and yes, our experienced theatre organists and those who have been absent for a while are always welcomed back and returned to the fold!!! As several of the organists said after the program, our Chapter gives anyone an opportunity to play publicly. It is not easy to get up in front of a theatre organ crowd and play, particularly on an instrument where you may have had little time to practice.

As one of the "new-comers" over 40 years ago, I can vividly remember my first Chapter concert. It was at Charles Walker's biggest theatre on 10th street on the mostly Robert Morton. To say the least, I was a nervous wreck, but so many experienced organists and members in attendance gave words of encouragement that I will never forget. So, I have always wanted to "pay it forward" so to speak and do the same. Our thanks to the Plaza and particularly Manager extraordinaire, Richard Martin, for his wonderful hospitality in having the theatre open and ready at 10am, the organ uncovered, the spotlight on and for being such a welcoming individual. Richard also arranged for practice time for the organists.

Hope to see everyone at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts in Columbus, GA for the dedication concert of the Chapter's newest theatre organ installation, October 2 with a welcoming cocktail party at 6:30pm and our own Ken Double at the console. Admission is **FREE** for Chapter members, so please come!! **BUT LET KEN KNOW ASAP** so that he can put you on the VIP ticket list. If not, you will have to pay for admission upon arrival at the theatre.

Hope to see you there! This is an amazing sounding installation!!!!

Ron Carter



## 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!!!

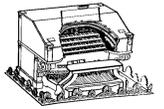
- October 2nd 7:30 pm — Ken Double on the Mighty Allen GW4 at the Heard Auditorium in RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, Columbus Ga. All Chapter members can attend **FREE!!!**
- November 21st 3:00 pm — John McCall and Larry Davis and their dynamic organ and piano duo at the Bob McKoon Residence on the Mighty 317 Allen and beautiful player piano. Who knows Bob McKoon might do a cameo!!
- 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!!

### RIVERCENTER PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX (Columbus, GA) October 2nd — 7:30pm

Mark you calendars and get hotel reservations for the premier concert of the Chapter's recently installed GW4 in the Heard Auditorium by our Chapter President Ken Double. I have been fortunate to be involved in the installation and voicing of this instrument and it truly is a fantastic sound!!! More info in this newsletter!!

**TICKETS ARE FREE TO CHAPTER MEMBERS!!!**  
**This is an event you do not want to miss!**





## STRAND THEATRE EVENTS

- October 2nd—**DIRTY DANCING** with organ pre-show at 7:30pm—organist TBA
- October 8th — **YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN** with organ pre-show at 7:30pm by Eddie Hulsey
- October 15th—**CLUE** with organ pre-show at 7:30pm by Larry Davis
- October 29th — **ROCKY HORROR** with organ pre-show at 11:30pm by Misha Stefanuk
- October 31st — **PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** accompanied by Ron Carter and organ pre-show at 2:30pm by Eddie Hulsey
- November 19th—**TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD** with organ preshow at 7:30pm by Misha Stefanuk
- November 28th—**SOUND OF MUSIC SING-A-LONG** with organ preshow at 2:30pm by Phillip Allen

## OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR GREAT THEATRE ORGAN!

- Sunday, November 7th— 7pm Ron Carter accompanies Harold Lloyd's **SAFETY LAST** at Central Presbyterian Church, 1404 N Boulevard, Anderson SC.
- Sunday, November 14th— 4pm Ron Carter accompanies **BEN HUR** at Vine St UMC, Macon GA
- Saturday, December 4—2pm **A RiverCenter Christmas**: John McCall at the Allen GW-4 with Crystal Clarke-Reid Vocalist, RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, Columbus, GA. Tickets at [River.Center.org](http://River.Center.org)
- 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.