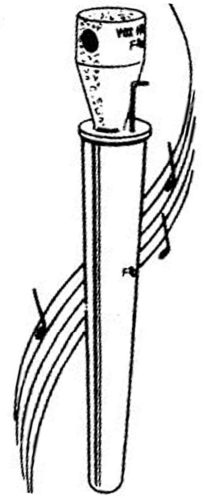


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CATOE June Business Meeting / Election / Social with Glenn Tallar

Join CATOE for our June social and business meeting at the **Arcada Theatre, in St. Charles on Saturday, June 11th at 10am.** Following the business meeting organist **Glenn Tallar** will be perform on the Arcada Theatre's original Geneva-Marr & Colton pipe organ.

Following Glenn, you can take the bench and play the beautiful Geneva console and hit the lobby to enjoy the snacks & treats table. The theatre's concession stand will be open for drinks & candy, and all members are encouraged to bring a treat to share.

The following were nominated at the May 14th CATOE business meeting held at the Tivoli Theatre:

President = David Rhodes

Secretary = Scott May

VOX CATOE Editor = Michael Garay

Member at Large = Steven Eaklor

Member at Large = Greg Symanski

In addition to the candidates named above, write-in candidates can be included for each 'open' position. (Write-ins must meet CATOE eligibility requirements.)

Voting is open to individuals who are CATOE members in good standing on the day of the election. Memberships will be verified at the election before you are issued a ballot. Finally, even though this is Chicago, there is only one vote per membership!

Please arrive a few minutes early to vote. Ballots will be available in the theatre lobby/foyer area between 9:45-10am. Polls will close at the start of the business meeting!

The Arcada Theatre is located at: **105 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174 - (630) 587-8400.** Parking is available on the street and in nearby city lots.

Glenn Tallar started playing piano and organ at the age of five and has studied with several local teachers. Mr. Tallar can be seen at the **Beggars' Pizza** Lansing restaurant playing the Barton theatre organ most Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6pm to 9pm.

Glenn was awarded two 'ATOS Young Organist' scholarships, and when he's not playing hockey, or the organ, he's helping with several area organ projects.

(((Editor's Note: During the nomination process, current CATOE President, Bob Boin was nominated for re-election. Following the meeting, President Boin notified the CATOE Board of directors that he decided to withdraw his name from candidacy for President.)))

Downers Grove Organs Featured

By Bob Boin ~ CATOE was recently honored with a cover story in the **Downers Grove Reporter** about the two Wurlitzer theater organs that we maintain in the Chicago suburb of Downers Grove, Illinois. One of the organs is CATOE's own 3-10 Wurlitzer, originally from the Indiana Theater in East Chicago, Indiana. Currently installed in the Downers Grove Tivoli Theater, his organ is played before films every weekend.

The other organ, also a 3-10 Wurlitzer, was given by CATOE to Downers Grove High School and originally came from the Ohio Theater in Lima Ohio. This organ is used frequently for school functions. The story is available at: www.mysuburbanlife.com/downersgrove (then search for the story titled "Two of a kind".)

Patio Theatre Opening Again

That's right folks, the Patio Theater is re-opening! It's first show is scheduled for 2pm, on June 4th, 2011... almost ten years since the theatre closed! The theatre building is still owned by Alex Kouvalis, but the business is now being operated by his son, Demetri.

Before it closed in 2001, The Patio Theater could still function as a performance house as all the stage panel dimmers and switches were fully functional and could provide the lighting changes that were possible in older theatres. In addition, The Patio Theater is home to a powerful 4000 watt spotlight which was obtained from the Chicago Stadium's most popular and best known feature was it's atmospheric ceiling drifting clouds and twinkling stars in the night sky.

The building opened in 1927 with 7 stores, 14 apartments in addition to the main 'state of the art' movie house. The building still stands today with its' original marquee and steam boiler. The Patio is located on Irving Park Road at Austin Avenue in the Portage Park neighborhood.

The 3 manual 18 rank Barton organ was installed as a 3/17 at a cost of \$25 thousand, just in time for the theatres opening in 1927. The first staff organist was John Devine. Like most theatre pipe organs, the instrument fell silent after the talking pictures eliminated the need for live accompaniment of the films.

Restoration began in 1966 when a group of organ enthusiasts brought the organ back to playing condition. The first CATOE public show was presented on April 6, 1967 featuring a silent movie and sing-along with popular theatre organist Hal Pearl. Much organ repair continued through the years by dedicated CATOE members, but since the theatre's closing, no maintenance has been made by CATOE (or anyone else that we know about) to the instrument.

If you attend a show at the Patio Theatre, please take a moment to talk with the theatre management and let them know that you want to hear the famous Barton organ play again!

The first movie shown will be 'Thor' with tickets priced at \$5 for all ages. More information is available at:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/PatioTheater>

Website: <http://patiotheater.net>

Address: 6008 Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL 60634

Phone: 1-773-685-4291

Steven Eaklor at May Social

CATOE members were treated to another outstanding performance by Steven Eaklor for our May social.



Mr. Eaklor performed several songs including tunes made famous by Duke Ellington and Steely Dan. At the end of the open console time, Steven accompanied visiting organist, Tony Thomas during an impromptu version of "Dream (When You're Feeling Blue)" where Steven performed on... his trumpet!

