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The Newsletter Voice of the Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts



The Roaring '20's Return !!!

Welcome to the Roaring 20's. The best part of the 1920's were of course all the magnificent theatres that were built and theatre organs that were installed in them. We are going to feature several of the area theatres and their pipe organs in just **TWO YEARS** when we host the ATOS convention. Pre-Glow is scheduled for July 4th 2022 in the afternoon and the opening concert will be that evening in Mundelein. We have **LOTS** to do in preparation....

Membership Renewal: Have you renewed? Would like to thank all those that have renewed so far and extend a warm welcome to our new members. A special thank-you goes out to supporting members Willis Johnson, Carol Rodrian, Thomas Franzman, Ronald Dopke, Ralph and Gerry Spears, William Wrobel, Mitch Branstaed and Paul Garbarczyk. Also thanks to James Blue, Judy Matarelli, Annette and Richard Steinke, Lawrence Kowalski and Paul VanDerMolen for their donations and to William Wrobel for his wonderful donation to CATOE. If you have not renewed and need a renewal form, go out to www.catoe.org and download one. I will have them at the March social as well. How about telling friends, folks from church or work, neighbors and relatives about CATOE and asking them to join or donate to our cause?

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Arcada Theatre

Work has begun on the complete restoration of the Geneva/Marr Colton at the Arcada Theatre. New owner of the theatre is continuing to work on the theatre and is now begun to work on the front of house—which required the console to be removed from the pit. A new lift is also going to be constructed. CATOE members David Rhodes, Tim Charlton, Bob Linn, Gary Rickert and Taylor Trimby spent the day dis-assembling the console.





Starting console the removal (David Rhodes Photos)





Gary Rickert works on the console



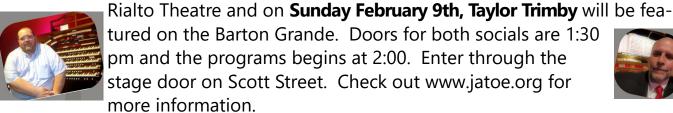


Work in the chambers will start soon.

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Upcoming Events

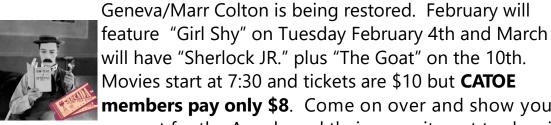
On Sunday January 26th, JATOE will present ATOS Chairman **Dave Calendine** at the





Our next social will be on Sunday March 1st, with our sister chapters JA-TOE and CTOS. Jelani Eddington will be at the Barton Grande in the Rialto Theatre. More on this in the next newsletter.

The silent movies continue at the Arcada Theatre. Jay Warren brings his virtual "Mighty Wurlitzer" each month to accompany the silent while the



members pay only \$8. Come on over and show your

support for the Arcada and their commitment to showing these silent

classics.

The Rialto Theatre is showing movies on the big screen and will feature "The Godfather" on February 6th and "A Star is Born" on March 19th. Movies are at 7 pm and the Barton Grande is played 30 minutes before the movie starts.

<u>Convention Update:</u> One of the first things we need to do is establish convention committees. Transportation, Registration and Hospitality, Publicity, Fund Raising, Banquet and Food, Record Store and more. If you would like to volunteer, please let Taylor Trimby know. You must be an ATOS member to participate and also to attend the convention.

The Hotel has been selected and the contract signed. We have submitted the proposed convention schedule to ATOS for their approval. Once that is done, the above committees can start their work.



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The Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts are committed through performances and educational efforts to help the public understand and appreciate how remarkable these organs truly are. It is also why we are dedicated to their preservation.

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What's Up in the Area?

David Rhodes and **Tim Charlton** share bench duties at the Tivoli Theatre on CATOE's 3/10 Wurlitzer each Friday and Saturday nights playing before the movies. Stop in and enjoy their performance on our Mighty Wurlitzer!



Check out our web page www.catoe.org for more information about CATOE and upcoming socials and events.



If you would like to volunteer to help with planning socials, setting and cleaning up after socials, help with the newsletter, web page—please let Taylor Trimby know.....



Don't forget that CATOE is the only club in the area that supports 6 theatre organs. Mundelein, York, Pickwick, DGNHS, Tivoli and the Arcada.

If you would like to help as we start to gear up for the convention, contact us.











