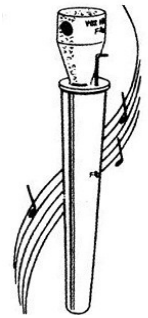
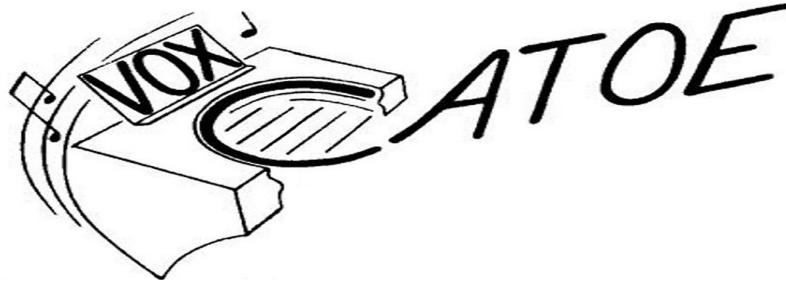


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Happy Spring! Here are some updates/news from CATOE-land.

Arcada Theatre Update: The owner of the theatre has put in the electrical needs for the organ. We now have power to the stage left chamber (original Marr & Colton chamber) and the blower for that chamber as well. Power was put in where the console will be and also in the stage right chamber. We were hoping that by now the lift would be in place and that the blower put back for the Geneva chamber (stage right) but that has not happened. Unfortunately, we are running out of time to get the organ up and running for the Labor Day/ Arcada Theatre 100th celebration. We just can't get a break over there..... 😞

Other News: You might notice that the address of CATOE has changed. The USPS has informed us of another increase in our post office box rates and with the minimal amount of mail we get, we have decided to save money and have all CATOE mail sent to my house! This will save us over \$200 a year.

Our May Social will be here at the house, but this time we will be in the basement. Looking at either May 17th or 24th—will finalize the date in a few weeks. ...it will be a fun afternoon of music, so plan to bring your music and give the Paramount 450 a try! No, you won't need to navigate one of the Howard Seats to play, but you will need to be able to get down the basement stairs. We will be celebrating several May related events at the social including a centennial celebration for the Oriental and the Rialto, as well as my birthday!





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David Rhodes continues to entertain on our 3/10 Wurlitzer on **Saturday** nights before the evening show at the Tivoli. Be sure to check out Classic Cinemas web page to find out the schedule



At the May social, we will have a very short business meeting to discuss and answer questions you might

have.



If you would like to help CATOE by being on the board or assisting with socials please let me know.

