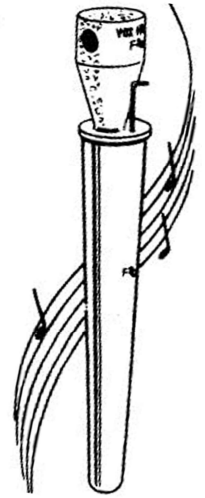


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December Social at the Rialto

Join us on **Sunday, December 16** at the **Rialto Square Theatre** as we welcome ATOS Organist of the year, **Mark Herman** back to the Chicago area.

Once again, we thank our sister chapter, JATOE for hosting this event. Entrance is through the **stage door**, **starting at 1:30pm**. The program begins at **2:00pm**.

Mark is looking forward to his return to the Chicago area to perform and JATOE will once again share their holiday pot-luck feast (on the Rialto stage) following the concert. Please bring a dish to share with your CATOE friends and our host chapter's members.

Open console on the Barton will follow the program.

Directions to the Rialto Square Theatre

FROM THE WESTERN SUBURBS (I-355): Proceed south on I-355 to the I-55 South (St. Louis) exit #269 or continue to I-80.

FROM THE NORTH (I-55): Take I-55 south to Joliet Road. Exit #269. Joliet Road becomes Illinois 53. Follow IL 53 south to Ruby St. and turn left. Crossing the Des Plaines River, Ruby St. will become Chicago St. The theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago. Enter through the stage door (east side) on Scott St.

FROM THE SOUTH (I-80): Take I-80 to Illinois Route 53. Exit #132. Proceed North on Illinois 53, into downtown Joliet. Once you drive under a viaduct you will come to a stop sign. Turn right and follow the curve. The street becomes Scott St. Go straight (past Van Buren St.) Enter through the stage door.

METRA: *Worried about gas?* Take the 'Rock Island Line' to the social. Train departs Chicago (LaSalle Street Station) at 12:30pm and arrives at Joliet's nearby (2 block walk) Union Station in time for the event! Return trains leave Joliet at 4:25pm & 6:25pm. **Check with Metra for schedule changes!!!**

About the Artist: Mark Herman

Mark was born in August of 1987 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and currently resides in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has been studying the piano since he was seven years old and began classical organ lessons at the age of twelve. In 2001, he began theatre organ studies with John Ferguson of Indianapolis, who is recognized worldwide for his skills as a teacher.

In the summer of 2003, Mark was given the opportunity to play a cameo performance at the American Theatre Organ Society's (ATOS) annual convention in Oakland, California. In 2004 he won the ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition in Milwaukee. That achievement enabled him to perform a critically acclaimed concert for the ATOS 50th Anniversary Convention, in 2005. This past summer, Mark was honored as the ATOS 2012 'Organist of the Year'. Mark is the youngest person to ever receive this prestigious honor.

Mark is a graduate of The Theatre School at DePaul University, where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Arts, specializing in Theatre Management. In addition to playing the organ, Mark plays piano, enjoys writing and presenting original compositions. Mark is a proud endorsee of Hammond Organs and Leslie Speakers for Hammond Suzuki USA. He is affiliated with the Allen Organ Company as a tonal consultant and voicing specialist available through licensed Allen Dealers.

For more about Mark's concerts, recordings, and recent news visit: www.markhermanproductions.com.

West Towns Christmas Concert

Once again the West Towns Chorus is Celebrating the Christmas season with a concert at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove. featuring CATOE's Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ during the event.

Titled "An Old Fashioned Christmas", this years concert features Chicagoland's premier men's four-part harmony chorus The West Towns Chorus, with special guests: the Sweet Adelines Chorus, Midwest Crossroads Chorus, along with Chancel Ringers of First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove, Affinity String and Brass Ensemble, Gina Knight, David Rhodes at CATOE's Tivoli Theatre Wurlitzer Pipe Organ!

Santa Claus himself is also expected to make an appearance at this event. Buy tickets now as the West



Tivoli Theater in Downtown Downers Grove
5021 Highland Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th at 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th at 1:30 PM

All seats reserved. Tickets \$23 to \$25 - (all tickets subject to service & handling fee.) Group Orders of 10+ are available by calling 630-201-5544.



Join us at 2pm on **Sunday, December 16**, at the **Rialto Theatre** as guests of **JATOE** with organist **Mark Herman** at the Barton.

Tivoli's "Holiday Film Festival"

Another great tradition held each December at the Classic Cinemas flagship Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove, is their "Holiday Classic Film Festival".

The fest features several classic holiday films and is accompanied by music and a sing-along featuring CATOE's Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ before every showing! Here's the schedule for this year's films:

* **Holiday (1938)**, starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant on Sunday, December 9, at 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. = \$5.

* **Susan Slept Here (1954)**, starring Anne Francis, Debbie Reynolds, and Dick Powell on Monday, December 10, at 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. = \$5.

* **Scrooged (1988)**, starring Bill Murray, Karen Allen, and John Forsythe on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. = \$5.

* **White Christmas (1954)**, starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera-Ellen on Wednesday, December 12, at 1:30 & 4:00 p.m. = \$4 at 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. = \$5.

* **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989)**, starring Chevy Chase, Beverly D' Angelo, and Randy Quaid on Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. = \$5.

More details about these films and other happenings can be found online at: www.classiccinemas.com ~

Classic Cinemas is a proud supporter and member of CATOE. Thanks to Willis, Shirley, & Chris Johnson for their non-stop support of CATOE and for giving these instruments a home. Also, special thanks go to Tivoli Manager, Linda Smith and her staff for their attention and assistance with our meetings and social events!!!

2013 CATOE Dues / Donations

Starting your taxes early??? This year please consider donating to CATOE. We are a non-profit organization and your donations help us to maintain and restore many of Chicago's theatre pipe organs.

Renewal forms and membership information will be sent out after the start of the new year. Please wait until you receive your renewal form to send in your dues. Please have a happy and safe holiday season.