

## October 2014

The Newsletter Voice  
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Theatre Organ  
Enthusiasts



### Highlights:

- \* The next CATOE event will be Sunday October 26
- \* Mundelein
- \* 3:00 pm
- \* Artist:  
**Lew Williams**

## October Event

The Re-Dedication of the 4/20 Wurlitzer at St Mary of the Lake in Mundelein will take place on Sunday October 26th. At the console for this exciting event will be Nationally known organist **Lew Williams**.

Doors for this event will be at 2:30 with the program beginning at 3:00 pm. There will be no charge for

this, but there will be a free will offering. The Mundelein crew (**David Rhodes, Tim Charlton, Greg Simanski, and Joe Jonas**) have been diligently working on a complete rebuild of the Wurlitzer and you will not want to miss this!



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## Directions to Mundelein

### From the SOUTH:

To reach the seminary from Interstate 94, take the Hwy 176 exit and turn right at the foot of the ramp to head west (the ramp loops around). Go approximately 4 miles. You will see signs for the University on your right.

### From the NORTH:

From Interstate 94, take the Hwy 137 exit and turn right. Go approximately 5 miles and turn left onto

route 45 (Lake Street). Approximately 2 miles, at University Drive, the entrance is on the left.

**Note:** The seminary has one entrance on Route 45 (Lake Street) and another on Highway 176 (Maple Avenue). Upon entering the campus follow University Drive to the left. The auditorium is on the north side of the campus on Principal Avenue. (North of the offices and library.)

## October Organist

A native of Lafayette, Louisiana, Lew Williams began playing the organ at age ten and started formal piano studies five years later. At Texas Christian University, he was a pupil of Emmet G. Smith. During this time he won several competitions in organ playing, gave numerous recitals, and graduated with the Bachelor of Music degree and Performer's Certificate.

Williams went to the Conservatory of Music, Geneva, Switzerland for a year of post-graduate work, where he studied organ and improvisation with Pierre Segond. While there, he gave an organ recital at the Cathedral of St. Pierre in Geneva, which was recorded by Swiss National Radio.

Upon his return to the United States, Lew Williams attended Southern Methodist University and earned the Master of Music degree with Dr. Robert T. Anderson. He also won the American Guild of Organist's regional competition and performed at their national convention the following year.

In 1979 he began playing for the Organ Stop Pizza restaurants in Phoenix and Mesa, Arizona. He performs weekly on the world's largest

publicly-installed theatre organ, the 4/78 Wurlitzer pipe organ at Mesa's Organ Stop Pizza. In 1988, he was named "Organist of the Year" by the American Theatre Organ Society.

Concert work has taken him around the USA many times. He has played seven concert tours of England, and in 1998 and 2003 he appeared in Australia's national theatre organ convention at Adelaide. In December 2000, he performed the first solo theatre organ concert in France by an American at the Atrium de Chaville in Paris, France, returning for a second engagement there in November of 2002.

In August 2008, he participated in a concert at Radio City Music Hall in New York, along with Col. Jack Moelmann and several other artists. This was the first solo organ concert at Radio City since 1970.

During October, 2010, Lew Williams made a theatre organ tour of Germany, including a performance at the famous Welte orchestral organ at the National Radio Studios in Hamburg.




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**From the editor .....**

Welcome to new members:

**Paul Garbarczyk**

**Mitch Bramstaedt**



We have another special event planned for **Saturday November 22nd** at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove. The Wurlitzer is celebrating it's 90th Birthday! For this event the two staff organists,

**David Rhodes** and **Tim Charlton** will be performing some of your holiday favorites on the CATOE 3/10 Wurlitzer.



The Mighty Wurlitzer at Downers Grove North High School will be featured before the Fall Choir Concert on Thursday October 16th starting at 6:30 pm. **Taylor Trimby** or **David Rhodes** will be at the console—the

concert is free so stop by for a great evening of entertainment and support the 3/10 Wurlitzer in the auditorium.



The CATOE board recently met to discuss the restoration of the Jim Shaffer Memorial, 3/16 Marr/Colton—Geneva organ in the Arcada Theatre. CATOE will oversee the fundraising and direct the restoration. Once we get a more definitive work plan and the associated costs, the project will begin. Stay tuned for lots more on this exciting project.

**METROPOLIS**  
*Halloween night @ Grace Oak Park*  
**10-31-14** **7:00PM**  
 \$20 admission (only \$10 in costume!) Pay at the door.  
 David Rhodes, President of Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts, will play a film accompaniment to the monumental 1927 German expressionist epic science-fiction film, METROPOLIS, to be screened in historic Grace Episcopal Church on Halloween Night.  
 Grace Episcopal Church  
 924 Lake Street in downtown Oak Park  
 www.GraceOakPark.org





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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!

A one-day bus tour of three of the **Classic Cinemas'** historic theatres will take place on **Saturday October 18, 2014**. The tour will start in Elmhurst, IL with a tour of the York Theatre, journey to Oak Park to visit the Lake and then head to Downers

Grove to visit the Tivoli. Before returning to Elmhurst, we'll also stop into the Downers Grove Museum to see their exhibit on the Tivoli "Movie Magic: Celebrating 86 years of the Tivoli Theatre."

Registration fee includes bus transportation between theatres and a pizza lunch at the Tivoli Bowl. Tickets are \$60 for members of the Theatre Historical Society Members and \$70 for non members.

Check out the THS web page [www.historictheatres.org](http://www.historictheatres.org) for more information or call 630-782-1800.

Doors 8:30 am —Starts at 9:00 am

