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February Social features Joel Gary!

CIC Favorite will entertain at the Warren PAC's Barton Organ on Sunday, February 10th, at 2:30pm

Join us for our free February chapter social at Warren Performing Arts Center, where we will welcome Michigan organist, Joel Gary!

Please bring refreshments to share. There will be an open console following Joel's program.

About Joel Gary

Joel Gary became interested in music at an early age. Starting with the piano, he moved to the organ at the age of nine. Joel attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI and Red Wing Technical College in Red Wing, MN. His organ teachers include William Elliott, Joseph Sullivan and George Shirley. He has established himself as a church and theatre organist, as well as a teacher of both styles of organ playing. Growing up in Grand Rapids, MI he became acquainted with the theatre organ at "The Roaring Twenties" later re-named "Good Time Charley's" Restaurant. In 1989 he joined the staff as organist until the business closed in 1991. His affair with this well-known Wurlitzer organ

continued as he worked with the G.M. Buck Pipe Organ Company in restoring and installing this instrument in the new Grand Rapids Public Museum.

For several years Joel worked in the pipe organ maintenance and restoration business. This eventually led to a keen interest in the modern digital computer organ. Since 2000 he has been employed by Westfield Organ Company in Grand Rapids, representing Allen Organs. He is currently Director of Music and Organist at East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, MI and is a staff organist at the Grand Ledge Opera House in Grand Ledge, MI. Mr. Gary has performed for several chapters of the American Guild of Organists as well as the American Theatre Organ Society. His other interests include antiques, Grand Rapids history, home improvement, computers and classic automobiles.

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Our Barton organ is pictured here when it was installed in the Indiana Theatre in downtown Indianapolis.



Joel Gary will entertain at the February Social.

President's Message

By Tim Needler

Bill Tandy was his genial, humorous self at our January social and played a great program on the Manual Wurlitzer organ for a most appreciative group. He has a unique gift for recreating dance band type arrangements that he hears on 78-rpm records he has collected, and he manages to coax the Mighty Wurlitzer into replicating very similar sounds of those now-gone aggregations that brought such fine entertainment to earlier generations. We thank him for his music and were privileged to have Bill play for us in such an entertaining way. We also thank Bill for his most generous act of turning back to our treasury the fee and travel expenses he received for coming down from Kokomo and performing.

I want to compliment Mark Herman for his idea of sending out January meeting notices to those folks on our concert mailing list. Several responded by attending the January 13 meeting and enjoyed Bill's music very much, so much so that two family memberships have been received. One is from Daniel and Monica Kohlman of Indianapolis who have been ATOS members but had never joined CIC. In a nice letter he sent with his membership dues check, Daniel said "My wife and I attended and enjoyed ourselves immensely which cemented our interest in joining." They have purchased and are rebuilding and installing a two-manual, four-rank Robert Morton theatre pipe organ that they purchased from someone in Texas. We'll look forward to having a new home installation in the area!

The other new CIC and ATOS members are Andy and Irene Engel who have attended our concerts in the past and enjoyed attending our January membership social, sending in their dues plus a nice contribution to the CIC treasury. Andy wrote, "I just wanted to take

a minute to tell you how much we enjoyed Sunday's concert We do so enjoy this type of entertainment" So, Mark's action was a fine outreach, and I think we need to continue to invite these on our concert mailing list to attend one of our monthly socials. Maybe, like the Kohlman's and the Engel's, once they come to a meeting/social and learn more about who we are and what we do, others will join and help us on our mission of keeping these musical giants playing in our central Indiana area! So, be sure to welcome these four new members whenever you have the chance, maybe at the February meeting or March concert at Warren.

I'm very much looking forward to hearing the artistry of our February performer! Joel Gary hasn't played for us for quite awhile, but he sure pleased us when he was last here, and we're delighted he's made time in his schedule to drive down from Grand Rapids to entertain us on the Warren Barton organ at 2:30 on Sunday, February 10th. Hope to see everyone there. Pray for cooperative weather!

Finally, I want to thank Keith Mikesell for his four years of faithful service as a board director of CIC. I should have included him when I thanked Joe Burrows last month, and my omission was certainly not intentional for which I do now apologize publicly to Keith. Keith was unable to run again having served a maximum two terms as director and has served CIC in many other capacities throughout the years, and I am sorry for overlooking him last month. Fortunately, he has said he understands and forgives me, but I really hate to make such mistakes. I've done it before and will probably do it again, but I still hate it when I do. As in Peanuts when Charlie Brown misses the football . . . "Arghhhh!"

MEMBER NOTES

Please welcome these new members:

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Meeting Minutes

By Tom Nichols

Date: January 13, 2013

Location: Emmerich Manual High School

President Tim Needler opened the January meeting by welcoming 36 members and guests to Manual High School. He thanked the new principal, Byron Ernest, the new Vice President of Operations, Don Burton, and the new Building Engineer, Keith Fondaw, for making it possible for CIC-ATOS to have access to this facility once again, after a hiatus during the change of administration from Indianapolis Public Schools to Charter Schools USA. He also thanked CIC member John Royer for providing his portable public address system to us once again. Tim apologized for some door entry issues and explained where the available restrooms are. He also explained the reason for the fire curtain being lowered in the proscenium was to dampen the sound of the organ's backstage blower intake, which had its wooden muffling baffle removed for safety reasons (it will soon be replaced by a metal one) and all the stage curtains had been removed presumably for cleaning.

There were no new members present. The guests present included Luis Maia from Brazil (friend of John Rust) and Andy & Irene Engel.

Tim asked if there were any corrections or additions to the December 9, 2012 meeting minutes as published in Ciphers. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer Shawn Chase presented the treasurer's report of transactions, revenues and expenses, and account balances. He had a record of transaction available for review.

OLD BUSINESS

- In 2012 we had 172 members of CIC-ATOS on record; of those, 60 have not yet renewed for 2013. All of them will be notified and reminded that they must also be members of ATOS.

- Carlton Smith reported that the Indiana Theatre Wurlitzer organ project has been on hiatus in recent months due to the theatre being up for sale for

nearly two years. The current owners are no longer CIC members. Recently the keyboards were assembled and wired, and the horseshoe has been assembled and installed. The Wednesday evening work sessions will resume very soon but the pressure is off to have the organ ready for installation by a given date. Another potential location for this organ is the Rivoli Theatre (3155 E. 10th St., Indianapolis) which might be undergoing a restoration in the near future.

- Thanks to Mark Herman, Second Vice-President, for playing the Wurlitzer during the Manual H.S. Choral Concert on December 18, 2012 (Spencer Lloyd, Director of Fine Arts). Justin Stahl has provided this service in the past but was not available this year.

- All were encouraged to attend the 2013 ATOS Convention in Atlanta, GA, Tuesday July 2 – Friday July 5, 2013. Atlanta's J.W. Marriott is the convention hotel (\$119/night, plus tax); see the January/February Theatre Organ journal for details.

- All were encouraged to volunteer for and attend the 2014 ATOS Convention being hosted here by CIC-ATOS, July 4-9, 2014. Indianapolis' Hyatt Regency Hotel is our convention hotel (\$99/night, plus tax), with the convention banquet occurring at the Indiana Roof Ballroom.

NEW BUSINESS

- CIPHERS editor Mark Herman asked for input on his idea for us to accept paid ads in CIPHERS to help offset printing & mailing costs, providing local organ-related advertisers to promote their products and services with us on a monthly basis. The idea was met with support.

- Incentives to attract more member support of public theatre organ concerts include:

- o offering two free tickets to anyone willing to have their name & address placed on our concert mailing list
- o accepting paid sponsorships for our concert series

Stephen Brockmann mentioned the idea of offering one free Adult ticket and one free Student ticket to anyone who purchases a season ticket to our theatre organ concert series (as is done by the "Music in the Museum" series on the E.M. Skinner organ at the Cincinnati Museum Center).

- An Aeolian-Hammond roll-player organ has been donated to CIC-ATOS, with 60 original music rolls. It was built circa 1939 for a mansion on north Pennsylvania Street and features a custom art deco case. The organ has been partially restored and is playable. We will sell it on eBay as a fundraiser. It is stored in Mark Herman's garage; contact him to see and play it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tim reminded us to please wear our name badges at meetings and at concerts, to help newer members get to know us all. Keeping yours in your vehicle ensures you'll always have it with you. If yours is misplaced or damaged, simply contact Tim Needler and he'll gladly print and mail you a new badge.

- Michael Fellenzer announced that our next chapter meeting and social will be on February 10, 2013 at Warren Performing Arts Center with Joel Gary performing on our Barton organ. On March 3, 2013, Mark Herman will appear in concert also at the Warren PAC. On April 14, 2013 our chapter meeting and social will be a pitch-in lunch at the home of Michael Fellenzer, gathering at 1:00 to eat, followed by an informal program at 2:30 performed by Nathan Wilcox. Our May meeting and social will be held on the third Sunday, May 19th, location and artist TBA. On June 9, 2013, Brett Valliant will appear in concert at the Warren PAC.

With no further business, the business meeting was adjourned upon motion by Carlton Smith and second by John Hudson. First Vice-President Michael Fellenzer introduced the artist for the afternoon, Bill Tandy of Kokomo, IN. Following Bill's program, refreshments were served backstage while members and guests enjoyed "open console" time on the Wurlitzer.

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2013 EVENT CALENDAR

February 10, 2013 | 2:30pm

CIC SOCIAL: Joel Gary, Organ

Warren Performing Arts Center, Indianapolis

February 10, 2013 | 2:00pm

SILENT FILM: Clark Wilson | *The General*

Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

March 3, 2013 | 2:30pm

Concert: Mark Herman, Organ

Warren Performing Arts Center, Indianapolis

March 10, 2013 | 2:00pm

SILENT FILM: Clark Wilson | Charlie Chaplin's *The Kid*

Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne

April 14, 2013 | 2:30pm

CIC SOCIAL: Nathan Wilcox, Hammond Organ

Home of Michael Fellenzer, Indianapolis

May 13, 2013 | 2:30pm

CIC SOCIAL: Artist TBA

Venue: TBA

June 9, 2013 | 2:30pm

CIC CONCERT: Brett Valliant

Warren Performing Arts Center, Indianapolis



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