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Exciting things are happening in CIC-ATOS!

From the President:

Judging from the many positive comments from our members who attended the Brett Valliant concert at Warren PAC on Sunday, June 9, our artist did an outstanding job! His program was varied and very well-played, using combinations and sounds from the Barton that others either had never used or hadn't found. Those of our members who were unable to attend missed a fine show, and we are being asked from those who did attend when we can have him back to play for us again; and due to the outpouring of accolades, we will have Brett back again so those who missed him, as well as those who attended, can enjoy his excellent artistry.

Attendance figures for the Atlanta ATOS Convention are excellent (440 at last count), so we congratulate Ken Double, Lee Lanier and the entire Atlanta Chapter for their diligent promotion and careful arrangements for what will be an excellent convention. We will have our work cut out for us here in Indianapolis to do as well next year when we will be the hosts of the 2014 ATOS Annual Convention. As the rest of this year and the early part of next year unfold, there will be more and more details of what our convention will entail. For those who have never attended an ATOS Convention, let me say that they are great fun! We assemble the finest organists in the world to play what we feel are some of the finest instruments in the ATOS world, and we end up with five days of marvelous concerts, along with a fabulous banquet, educational seminars and wonderful camaraderie. For our local CIC members, this is the least expensive way to enjoy an ATOS annual convention, so plan now on attending and supporting our chapter's biggest fund-raising effort.

The Indiana Theatre in Terre Haute has been sold. The new owner is a Terre Haute native who lives in Fishers and has various businesses both here in Indianapolis as well as in Terre Haute, a gentleman by the name of Rob Lundstrom. Carlton Smith and I visited him at the Indiana Theatre on June 12, spending two hours working out some details of what needs to be done in the theatre to house our 3-manual Wurlitzer that is nearly restored, and we both came away with a good feeling about Mr. Lundstrom and his strong desire to have us put the organ in and to have it used as much as possible. Due to the work involved with staging the 2014 ATOS Annual Convention, of course, we will not be planning on installing the Wurlitzer until sometime after the convention, and this will work well with his plans to update and refurbish the theatre over the coming months.

While we will not be having a monthly social in July due to the ATOS Convention in Atlanta, we do look forward to our August get-together at WPAC on Sunday, the 11th, when we'll present a young organist from the Detroit area who studies with Jelani Eddington and is an extremely talented and exciting player named Justin LaVoie. You won't want to miss hearing this young man! I heard him last year at the LA Convention and can assure you that he is one of the best new artists coming along. So, mark your calendars and join us on August 11th for a most enjoyable performance at Warren PAC.

-Tim Needler

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Member Notes:

John Royer has retired from his long-term work at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway , so his main phone number now is 317-439-5553, and his only email is royerjohn@aol.com. Please make a note of this. We wish John well in his highly-deserved retirement after so many years at the Speedway handling their national and international broadcast operations.

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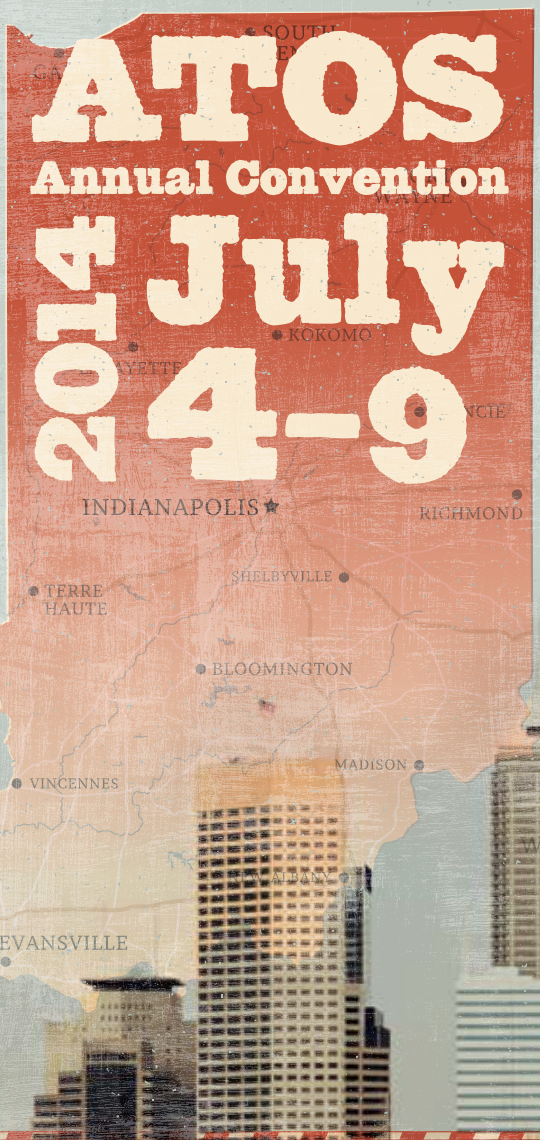

ARTISTS
(in order of appearance)
Richard Hills*
Scott Smith
Simon Gledhill*
Nathan Laube
Mark Herman*
Dave Wickerham
Justin Stahl*
Pierre Fracalanza*
Walt Strony
Clark Wilson
Ken Double*

Jelani Eddington
Mark Herman*
(Cincinnati Encore)
*Member of Central Indiana Chapter

ORGANS
3/24 Wurlitzer*
3/18 Barton
3/12 Page
4/90 Casavant*
4/16 Page
4/50 VTPO*
3/12 Hybrid*
2/11 Page-Wurlitzer
3/21 Wurlitzer

4/36 Wurlitzer
3/31 Wurlitzer*
*New since 2008 ATOS Convention

HOTEL 450-room Hyatt-Regency, downtown Indianapolis. Guaranteed rate: $99 (single or double) with free Internet access in all rooms.

Banquet Optional Gala Banquet at the 1928 atmospheric Indiana Roof Ballroom.

Encore Optional Cincinnati Encore with visits to
Ron Wehmeier's residence and Music Hall Ballroom, plus cocktails/dinner cruise on the Ohio River.

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2013 Event Calendar

August 11, 2013 | 2:30pm
CIC SOCIAL: Justin LaVoie
Warren Performing Arts Center, Indianapolis

September 8, 2013 | 2:30pm
CIC CONCERT: Pierre Fracalanza
Warren Performing Arts Center, Indianapolis

For the Pierre Fracalanza show, to purchase tickets in advance ($12 instead of $15 at the door), contact Tim Needler at 317-255-8056 anytime to order with a VISA or MasterCard; or mail him a check made payable to CIC-ATOS for the number of advance sale tickets you would like, and he will mail your tickets to you or hold them at the box office.

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