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Sunday, Apr. 19th, 2:00 PM,
Howard Pfeifer's home

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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dee and I are sorry we missed all of you at the March meeting at Dennis Rathert's home. Our daughter and son-in-law invited us to their home just south of Indianapolis, and family trumps just about anything else! On our way out of Indianapolis we were able to attend a concert hosted by the CIC-ATOS (Indianapolis chapter) featuring David Gray. David is the young artist from Scotland who has truly impressed the last two ATOS July Conventions with his creative stylings on the Theatre Organ. He is an amazing talent! We did enjoy the concert, and saw a few people we know in the audience, so that made the trip even better.

We have two GREAT opportunities during the month of April. First, on the 11th, a Saturday afternoon at 1:00 PM, we have a really exciting chance to see and hear a number of short silent movies written to fit a score written by Award Winning Nathan Avakian. Nathan was our Guest of Honor at the 2013 Party on the Pipes, and won rave reviews from our participants! There is a long article just after the President's Message with all the details. But this is totally new thing for our area, and we feel sure you will regret it if you miss it!

Also in April, on the 19th at 2:00 PM, our regular meeting will be at the home of Howard Pfeifer in St. Louis Hills. His address is 6466 Kinsey Place, 63109 for your GPS, and his phone is 314-353-1231. The street is off Donovan, just a bit North of where Donovan and Jamison meet.

For those of you who remember Linc and Barbara Kreuzkamp who were members until about three years ago, I need to tell you that Barbara passed away on March 1st. Linc is now on oxygen and uses a walker, but he sounds good, and looked good. Barbara has apparently been failing for some time, but we were sorry to hear about this. They were kind and delightful people.

We have increasing needs for prayers for some of our members, and would appreciate your being a part of that. One of them is LeRoy Ettling whose cancer has returned. He is currently receiving radiation treatments. He had been in remission for about a year, so prayers are definitely requested. The others have

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said they didn't want their names mentioned, but God knows who they are, and He will hear you.
Jim

JON PALANUK AND NATHAN AVAKIAN HOST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SILENT FILM FESTIVAL'S MIDWEST REGIONALS AT THE HISTORIC LINCOLN THEATRE IN BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

April 11, 1:00 PM, Lincoln Theatre

Imagine watching on the big screen silent movies created specifically for the theatre organ by today's young filmmakers! That's what's in store for those who attend the International Youth Silent Film Festival's Midwest Regional competition on April 11, 2015 at the historic Lincoln Theatre in Belleville, IL.

The festival challenges aspiring young filmmakers under twenty years old to create a three minute silent movie using original scores composed for the festival by award winning theatre organist Nathan Avakian. The short listed Screening Finalists will be screened, with the winners (who are chosen by Hollywood professionals) competing for cash prizes of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

"This is the sixth year of the festival, and we are thrilled to make Belleville, IL the new home for the Midwest Regionals. We had an amazing number of filmmakers enter, so the show promises to be varied and thrilling," noted Jon "JP" Palanuk, President of the festival.

"We are extremely excited to bring the festival to our community, and are thrilled to open our doors to this inspiring youth oriented event," added Dave Schoenborn, Lincoln Theatre.

The festival currently hosts regional competitions in Portland, Oregon, Adelaide, Australia, and Melbourne, Australia.

Hollywood Producer Tom DeSanto, whose films X Men, X-2, X Men United and the entire Transformers franchise have grossed over \$4 Billion dollars worldwide acts as one of the festivals celebrity jurors. "As a producer of feature films in Hollywood, watching the movies that young filmmakers create for the International Youth Silent Film Festival inspires me every time. My fellow jurors and I are constantly amazed at how this festival brings out the best in so many young filmmakers. I encourage filmmakers, writers and actors to take on this challenge."

Past jurors for the festival have included Academy Award nominated and Palm D'Or winner Director Gus Van Sant (Milk, Elephant, Good Will Hunting), Academy Award nominated Producer Don Hahn (Maleficent, Lion King, Beauty and the Beast) Tony Award Winner Michael Curry (Lion King Broadway), Actor Ryan Lee (Super 8), and Writer/Author Chuck Palahnuik (Fight Club, Choke).

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students/children are free! Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at:

<http://117.formovietickets.com:2235/T.ASP?WC=BT&Page=PickTickets&SHOWID=12041>

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING!

Please look for things stressed in **Bold**, Underlined, *italics* or highlighted with **color**. They are trying to draw your attention to an unusual situation.

	<p>Please note that all of the upcoming months are currently listed. In order to host a meeting, please contact: Dave Stephens 314-800-7541</p>
<p>SLTOS MEETINGS and SPONSORED EVENTS ARE IN BOLD TYPE. Guests are welcome</p>	
<p>April 11, 1:00 PM INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SILENT FILM FESTIVAL'S MIDWEST REGIONALS</p>	
<p>Apr. 19th, 2:00 PM, Howard Pfeifer's home</p>	
<p>May 14th thru 18th, Party on the Pipes</p>	
<p>June 6th, SLTOS PICNIC at Wallace's</p>	

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July 19th, 2:00 PM, hosted by George and Nancy Neimeyer at the home of Mary Lou Ammann

Aug. 17th, **Monday Fabulous FOX** Hosted by Al Haker

Aug 23rd, 2:00pm at the Fabulous Fox, Jack Moelmann's " Those Were the Days"

Sept. 20th, 2:00 PM, Jim and Dee Ryan's home

Oct. 18th, 2:00 PM, Dave and JoAnn Bartz's home

Nov. 15th, 2:00 PM, Rich and Pam Masching's home

Dec. 19th, A SATURDAY, Holiday Party, Jack Moelmann's home

THE MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Saint Louis Theatre Organ Society (SLTOS) was hosted by Dennis Rathert at his home in Crestwood, Missouri. It was a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon in March with warm temperatures and low humidity. The patio screen door of our host's music room was open for the fresh spring air. Dennis has an Allen 319 electronic theatre organ, and has recently acquired a Hammond (Model #?). The featured organist of the day was our own Vice President, Dave Stephens. Dave played a wonderful program of music of various genres from as early as 1916 up to the 1940's on not only the Allen, but also the Hammond. Then none other than ATOS board member, Jack Moelmann, took an impromptu seat at the Allen and then moved over to the Hammond to play various favorites. This was followed by duets between Jack and Dave as they alternated playing the Allen and the Hammond to everyone's delight.

PARTY ON THE PIPES

The dates are May 14th through the 18th, and we are hoping for a crowd of about 60 individuals. We currently are about a third of the way with reservations. We are very sure you would enjoy it if

you decided to register. Our main organist is Dave Wickerham, a gentleman who is a dynamic player and has a style I'm sure you will enjoy. Plus, there will be a new option added to the end of the program, namely a Monday afternoon / Tuesday morning tour of St. Louis. Now you might think you don't need that since you live here, but think of the number of times you've said, "I need to go there." or "I've always wondered where that was!" or "We need to visit that historic place." The tour group won't be getting off the bus at every location, but there will be some actual tours. There are details on our website, www.sltos.org, or ask a board member. You are welcome to stay at the hotel, or meet there to take the bus. Of course, you can drive yourself to each venue as well.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Starring **Jack Moelmann and Friends** at the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ!

The date is Sunday, August 23rd, 2015, at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$25.00 for general seating, and \$35.00 for the mezzanine, the front rows of the lower section of the balcony. Those seats are the best for hearing the creative sounds of the 4/36 Wurlitzer organ original to the theatre.

We will hear Jack Moelmann, Lew Williams, and Walt Strony, and I wouldn't be surprised if there were some surprises as well. For tickets call MetroTix at 3147-534-1111 or 1-800-293-5949.

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**Those
Were The
Days**

Pops Program
Colonel Jack Moelmann
Walt Strony
and Lew Williams at the
Mighty Wurlitzer
Theatre Pipe Organ

**St. Louis Fabulous
Fox Theatre
Sunday,
August 23,
2:00 p.m.**

Tickets: \$25 general admission
\$35 for the mezzanine.
Tickets available through the
Fox Box Office and MetroTix.

Colonel Jack Moelmann at the
Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ
Also featuring internationally acclaimed
organists Walt Strony and Lew Williams
Audience Sing-a-long
Short Laurel & Hardy Silent Movie
A Musical "Tribute to America"

TICKET INFORMATION:

JACK MOELMANN'S ORGAN CONCERT "THOSE WERE THE DAYS"

Sunday, August 23, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.

St. Louis Fox Theatre

527 N. Grand Blvd (Grand and Washington)

Tickets (there are no reserved seats):

\$25 general admission

\$35 balcony mezzanine (best seats to see and hear the organ)(there are only 352)

Tickets available at the Fox Box Office

531 N. Grand (next to the front door of the theatre)

Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tickets available on-line or by phone through MetroTix

On-line: www.MetroTix.com

Under select event, block 1, enter "pipe organ" and that takes you to the page of the event and then click on more information.

To order/charge by phone:

(314) 534-1111

(800) 293-5949

Cost of tickets through MetroTix:

\$35.00 + service charge \$5.25 = \$40.25

\$25.00 + service charge \$3.75 = \$28.75

As a service, and to avoid paying the service charge noted above, Jack will get your tickets from the Fox Theatre Box Office when he is there playing the organ for tours using the following procedure:

(1) Provide Jack with your ticket requirements (general admission or mezzanine, there are no assigned seats) and put cash or check made out to Jack Moelmann in a self-addressed stamped envelope and give it to him or mail it to him at:

Jack Moelmann

1015 Matthew Drive

O'Fallon, Illinois 62269.

(2) When he gets the tickets on his next visit to the Fox he will mail them to you in the envelope which you provided or whatever personal arrangements are made.

(3) There can be no refunds or exchanges if you have any questions, give Jack a call at (618) 632-8455

Whatever you do, please don't wait until the last minute. Tickets will also be available at the Box Office the day of the show.

[NOTICE!!! See next page.](#)

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I have several boxes of L.P. records of organ and misc music that are free until the trash man comes on Monday April 6th.

Jim and Dee Ryan
314-892-0754