

## **ATOS 2017 Convention – Tampa Florida July 3 – 8, 2017**

The annual ATOS Convention is an important gathering of all those who love theatre organ. This year's convention in Tampa is no exception. Come to Tampa to enjoy fabulous organs, fabulous organists, fabulous theatres and visit with all your worldwide friends. If you love the sound of a Wurlitzer or a Morton, this is the place to be. With six contestants entered this year, the Young Organist Competition will be the best ever. You will not be disappointed by the talent that is coming up.

If the heat of summer scares you, then Tampa is for you! Moderated by the continuous Gulf breezes, Tampa stays cooler than most of the big northern cities in July. All of the venues are fully air conditioned as are the buses.

Our convention hotel, the Marriott Riverside is steps away from wonderful restaurants, shops and three of our main venues. This year's hotel convention rate will never be repeated, so add a few days after the convention to visit some of the finest beaches in the country or take a side trip to a Disney, Universal or Busch theme park. Orlando is a little over an hour's drive away. Tampa and St. Petersburg have some of the finest museums in the country and you can even take a ride on the historic trolley cars from Tampa to Ybor City for dinner and a show or take a cruise on a giant pirate ship. The restaurants can't be beat! Make your reservation at Burn's for aged steak and get a free tour of the largest wine cellar in the western hemisphere. Don't forget their desert room.

The host chapter, the Central Florida Theatre Organ Society, has spent the last few years bringing all of the organs to tip-top shape. The Ebersson crown jewel, the Tampa Theatre has been recently upgraded and looks stunning inside and out. The amazing Walker in the Amalie Arena played by Richard Hills will be an event in itself. You will be trying to find where they hid the pipes.

To complete the convention, don't forget the TWO encore events. The newly restored Wurlitzer in the Pinellas Auditorium will thrill your ears in an intimate setting. The second encore features two large Wurlitzers at the Brittan and Jenko residences. That bus trip takes us across Alligator Alley for a glimpse of the Everglades. See if you can't spot an alligator lurking along the fence.

Don't miss the ATOS event of the year. We hope to see you in Tampa July 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that due to printing errors, the schedules printed in the previous issues of the Theatre Organ Journal are incorrect. Please see below for the correct dates. Make your reservations today, there is limited availability for the encores.

### **Corrected Schedule:**

#### **Monday, July 3**

Annual Membership Meeting & Members Forum  
Tampa Theatre  
Young Theatre Organist Competition  
Seamus Gethicker & Dave Wickerham at the 3/17 Wurlitzer

#### **Tuesday, July 4**

Grace Church, Sarasota; 4/32 Wurlitzer  
Mark Herman  
David Gray  
Simon Gledhill

#### **Wednesday, July 5**

Amalie Arena  
Richard Hills at the 5/80 Walker digital  
Polk Theatre, Lakeland  
Clark Wilson with Silent Film at the 3/12 Robert Morton

**Thursday, July 6**

Falk Theatre, University of Tampa  
Danny McCollum  
Andrew Van Varick  
Nathan Avakian  
*Awards Ceremony and Reception*  
*John McCall*  
Tampa Theatre  
Ron Rhode at the 3/17 Wurlitzer

**Friday, July 7 - Encore I**

Pinellas Park Auditorium  
Justin LaVoie &  
Walt Strony at the 3/15 Wurlitzer

**Saturday, July 8 - Encore II**

Jancko Residence, Plantation  
Jelani Eddington at the 3/22 Wurlitzer  
Brittain Residence, Fort Myers  
Donna Parker at the 3/25 Wurlitzer