

22nd ATOS NATIONAL CONVENTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 28 thru SUNDAY JULY 3
GRAND FINALE - MONDAY, JULY 4

Poet Carl Sandburg immortalized Chicago with its 227 square miles, 29 miles of lake frontage, 430 parks and 3500 acres of forest preserves. The city boasts being the hub of the Amtrak railroad system and having O'Hare Field, the world's busiest airport. Lots of room, too, with over 43,000 hotel rooms and 3 of the 5 tallest buildings in the world. A view from the top of Sears Tower, 1454 feet up, is breath-taking. Just a few minutes walk to the north and east of the loop is Chicago's Magnificent Mile with dozens of galleries and shops along Michigan Avenue just north of the Chicago River. You may like to visit the many museums and band shell along the lake front. For night life visit exciting Rush Street just north of the loop.

MAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW 

Registration Form

ATOS NATIONAL CONVENTION – CHICAGO

Please Print . . .

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Children's Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter Name _____

Title (If Any) _____

_____ Registration(s) at \$35 each \$ _____
If postmarked by June 1 – \$30.00 each!*

_____ Bus Transportation at \$25 each _____
If postmarked by June 1 – \$20.00 each!*

_____ Banquet(s) at \$15 each _____

_____ Rockford Prelude(s) at \$10 each _____

_____ Grand Finale(s) with George Wright
at \$5 each _____

*Children 14 years of age and under
need not pay registration fee but
must pay other fees. TOTAL: _____

Palmer House Hotel Reservation

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Single (1 person) \$25/Day

_____ Double (2 persons, one bed) \$35/Day

_____ Twin (2 persons, twin beds) \$35/Day

Arrival Date _____ Hour _____ AM Departure Date _____
PM Check-out time: 1 P.M.

Send Hotel Reservation with Registration; CATOE will send to Palmer House. No advance deposit for room is required. Limousine Service every 15 minutes between O'Hare & Palmer House – \$3.15.

Sweet Deal

**SAVE
\$10.00 EACH
ON YOUR
CONVENTION
COSTS!**

*Registrations postmarked before June 1, 1977, ONLY \$30 each. Bus transportation postmarked before June 1, 1977, ONLY \$20 each.

Make checks and money orders payable to:
1977 ATOS Convention

Mail both Registration and Hotel Reservations to . . .

1977 ATOS Convention
6244 W. Eddy
Chicago, IL 60634

Telephone: (312) 282-0037

**DON'T
DELAY . . .**

**DO IT
TODAY
AND SAVE**

Here's where you'll stay . . .

THE PALMER HOUSE

The Palmer House is in the heart of Chicago's loop at State and Monroe Streets. It boasts five fine restaurants inside the hotel and many more within a block radius of the building. Nine passenger elevators insure super fast service for busy conventioners and a large indoor swimming pool provides relaxation when you want it. Dining in the Grand-State Ballrooms at the ATOS Banquet will be a gastronomical delight, and light, airy rooms will make your stay a real pleasure.

Dining

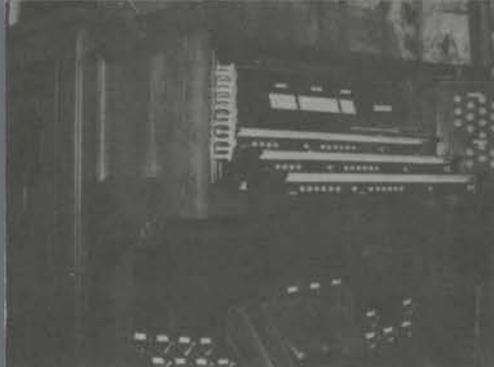
Chicago is a diner's paradise, and whether you want a light snack, or a full meal, purely ethnic, or just plain American, day or night, or somewhere in between, you can find what you want easily in Chicago's loop in all price ranges. (List will be furnished to all conventioners.)

Banquet

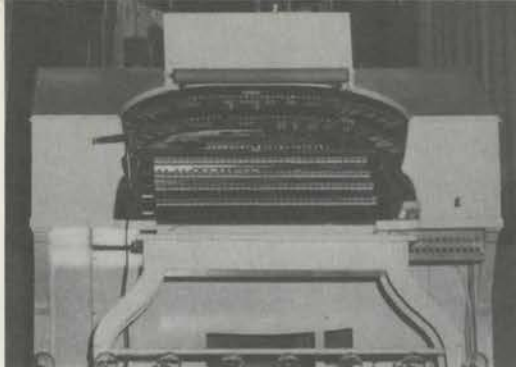
This year's Convention Banquet, climaxing the events of a busy week, will be held Saturday evening in the sparkling, elegant Grand-State Ballroom in this hotel.

Plan to spend the evening there. First the cocktail hour. Then dinner featuring the Palmer House's superb cuisine and smooth service (French style). Then following the drama of the annual awards and the roll call of chapters, the committee has arranged for a fun-packed evening in a night club setting. This will be the time for dancing, table hopping, patronizing the cash bars, visiting with old friends and making new ones.





Opera House
3/50 Skinner



Elm Rink
4/24 Geneva Console
Hybrid



Pickwick Theatre
3/11 Wurlitzer

Temple Shalom
4/32 Wurlitzer



CATOE welcomes you to Chicago '77, home of the 22nd Annual American Theatre Organ Society Convention with headquarters in the world-famous Palmer House located in the heart of Chicago's loop — less than three blocks from the fabulous Chicago and Oriental Theatres. Both big Wurlitzer organs will be tuned to perfection and feature top-notch artists for your enjoyment.

It is just a few minutes walk from the hotel to the Chicago Theatre's marquee, one of the largest and most ornate in the Midwest and the source of our convention logo. Only about five blocks west of the Palmer House is the Civic Opera House, site of the brilliant 3 manual, 50 rank Skinner Organ. These downtown organs are but three of the organs rebuilt, reactivated, and maintained by CATOE during the last few years.

Visit the Theatre Organ

CHICAGO STADIUM — 9 THEATERS — 2 HIGH SCHOOLS — 2 RINKS — B



Axle (Hub) Rink
3/13 Wurlitzer

To reach the many other organs comfortable buses will transport you. Just three miles west of the loop is the Chicago Stadium, home of the Blackhawks and the world's largest unit theatre organ — a 6 manual, 62 rank Barton. You get a glimpse of its hundreds of stop tablets on the cover of this month's THEATRE ORGAN. You will hear the ethereal sweetness of half a dozen Tibias and the resounding sound of its percussions. It is an experience you will never forget.

During the convention you will make trips to Joliet, a city south of Chicago and hear the beautiful 4/21 Barton in the Rialto Theatre, courtesy of JATOE; and the Arcada in St. Charles, where there will be an exciting vaudeville show to go along with the 3/16 Geneva. In Downers Grove you will hear the beautiful 3/10 Wurlitzer that CATOE members personally transported from Lima, Ohio, a few years ago. You won't want to miss the Axle and Elm Rinks either; nor the 3/11 Kimball at WGN Stu-

Downers Grove North High School
3/10 Wurlitzer

Arcada Theatre
3/16 Geneva

Hinsdale Theatre
3/21 Hinsdale Cinema Organ
(Courtesy Owl Cinema Organ Guild)





Rialto Theatre
4/21 Barton
(Courtesy JATOE)



Chicago Theatre
4/29 Wurlitzer



Oriental Theatre
4/20 Wurlitzer

WGN Broadcasting Studios
3/11 Kimball-Wurlitzer



dios that was such a hit of "Showtime in Chicago" in 1969. Temple Shalom is an impressive Chicago landmark on Lake Shore Drive where a 4/32 Wurlitzer speaks out in most dulcet tones. You will look forward to visiting new Maine North High School in Des Plaines. It now houses the 3/10 Wurlitzer recently moved from the Indiana Theatre in East Chicago. And, OH, the theatres! Every one of them an operating movie palace! — the Patio — the Mont Clare — the Pickwick — and the Hinsdale! Every day will be entirely different!!

You must come early and enjoy the June Prelude at the Coronado Theatre in Rockford, courtesy of LOLTOS, on June 28th. Rosa Rio, international favorite, will be starred in a special performance called "Rosa by Starlight!"

n Capital of the World

DCAST STUDIO — CIVIC OPERA HOUSE — TEMPLE — PLUS 22 ARTISTS

At the Palmer House you will enjoy your stay where Thursday night two seminars will be highlighted. And of course, on Saturday night the traditional ATOS Banquet will be held in the Grand-State Ballrooms.

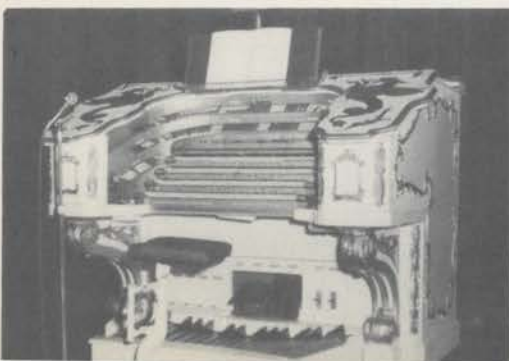
You certainly will not want to miss the Grand Finale of this most exciting convention. None other than George Wright will play the Chicago Theatre Wurlitzer in all its grandeur.

But you can't enjoy all these things if you are not here — so don't delay — send in the registration form today!!!!

Richard J. Sklenar, CATOE Chairman
Bill Rieger, Convention Chairman

Note: The photo of the beautiful Chicago Stadium Organ is on the front cover of this magazine.

Coronado Theatre
4/17 Barton
(Courtesy LOLTOS)



Mont Clare Theatre
3/10 Barton



Maine North High School
3/10 Wurlitzer



Patio Theatre
3/17 Barton



Prelude

Tuesday afternoon, June 28th, Rosa Rio prelude the Chicago '77 ATOS Convention. She will play the big 4/17 Barton in the Coronado Theatre, Rockford, courtesy of LOLTOS.

The glamorous and talented Rosa has played the Brooklyn Fox and Paramount Theatres; she established her reputation as staff organist for the ABC and NBC Networks by providing music for *The Shadow*, *Between the Bookends*, *Lorenzo Jones*, and her *Rosa Rio Rhythms*. Cameo performance by Chad Weirwick rounds out this exciting program.

You certainly won't want to miss viewing the beautiful, historic Coronado Theatre which, with its original lobby furniture and architecture, has retained all the splendor of its opening day in 1927. The Spanish motif, with its castles, buildings, and turrets extends from the rear of the balcony to the proscenium arch. To complete the fairy-tale picture, a deep blue sky follows the vaulted roof where the illusion of hundreds of stars appear between the floating clouds. What a treat for all those who come early!!

The Grand Finale

What could be more appropriate to complete this great convention than a GRAND FINALE with the incomparable GEORGE WRIGHT at the Chicago Theatre Wurlitzer on Monday morning, July 4th.

It has been nearly ten years since George has been heard at an ATOS convention, and CATOE is very proud that Mr. Wright has chosen Chicago to end his long absence from the convention scene.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear GEORGE WRIGHT in concert at the famous Crawford Wurlitzer.

We are also proud to announce that the NEW George Wright Pipe Organ Stereo Album will be available for sale during the Grand Finale only.

truly a GRAND FINALE!

Some Details

Registration — Register and pick up pre-registered convention materials at Registration Desk on the mezzanine at the top of the lobby escalator.

REGISTER EARLY!!! Because we are so anxious to know that you are coming to the 22nd ATOS Chicago '77 Convention, we are offering an "EARLY BIRD" discount to all those who register by June 1st. All registrations postmarked by that date are only \$30 per person, and bus transportation only \$20 per person. You can't afford not to take advantage of this great opportunity! Why not leave your car at home and sit back and enjoy our comfortable air-conditioned buses planned especially with you in mind.

Registration Hours: 9 AM — 9 PM Daily.

Optional Events — Four optional events are scheduled, two on Saturday (WGN or Home Tour "A") and two on Sunday (Temple Shalom or Home Tour "B"). You may choose one of these four options on a first come basis to their capacities when picking up your registration packet.

Photos — By all means bring your camera, but PLEASE — NO FLASH PICTURES during a performance!

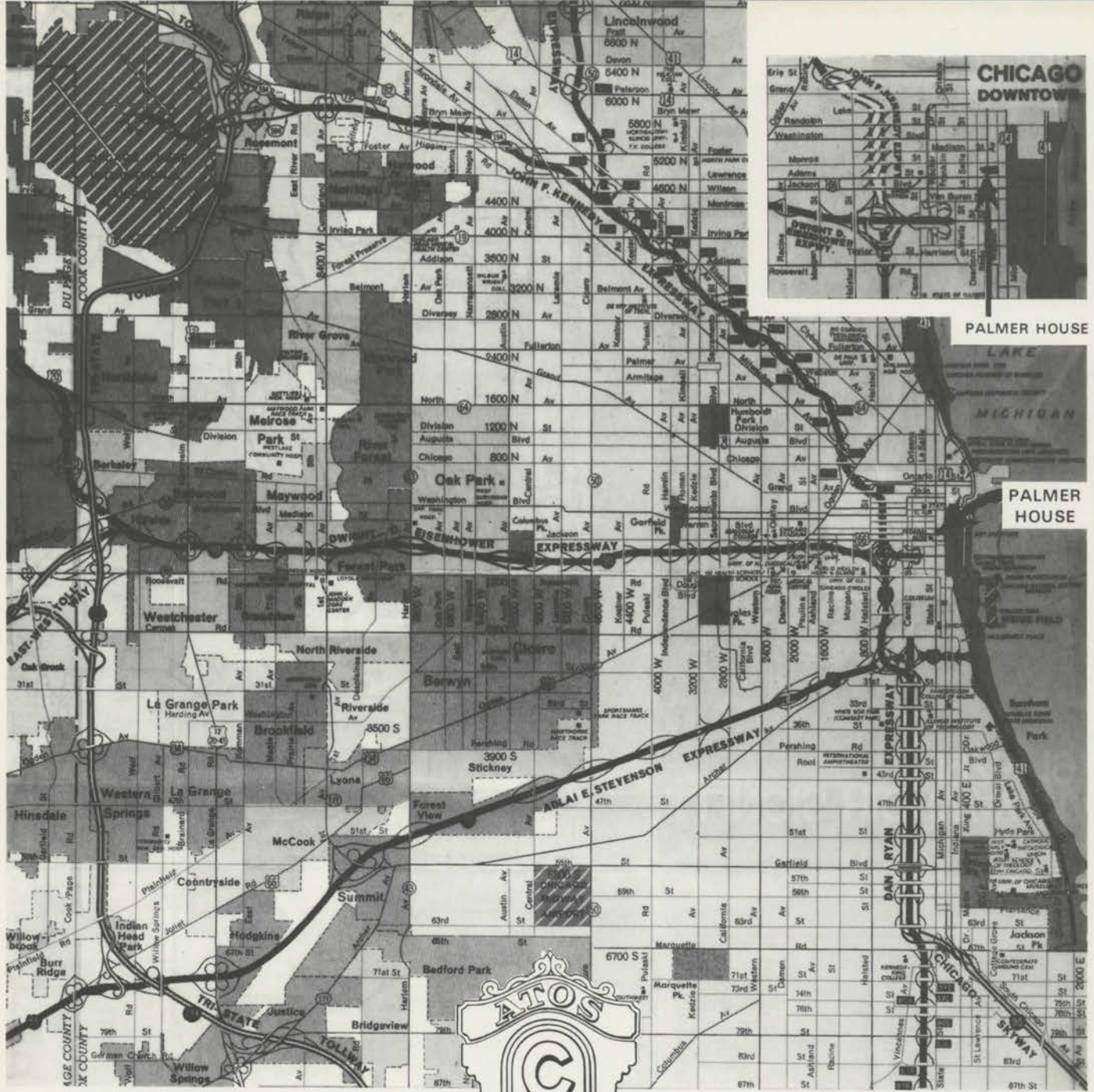
Taping — Tape recording for personal, non-commercial use only will be allowed at all programs, EXCEPT George Wright at the Chicago Theatre, using hand-held battery operated equipment only. Microphone stands or clamp-on holders cannot be allowed due to limited seating at many events. Please be courteous in handling your equipment so as not to disturb artists or other listeners.

Record Shop — Do you have anything to sell? Display your records or other items at Record Shop. Please contact Record Shop Manager Bob Verduin for arrangements.

Bob Verduin
2948 - 177th St. Apt. 29B
Hammond, Indiana 46323
(219) 845-3350

1977 Convention - Tentative Schedule

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
TUESDAY JUNE 28	Registration 9 AM – 9 PM Daily	A June Prelude "Rosa by Starlight" Coronado Theatre – Rockford Rosa Rio Chad Weirick, Cameo	No Host Cocktail Party Chapter Representatives and National Board of Directors Meeting – 8 PM
WEDNESDAY JUNE 29	Registration Chicago Stadium Ron Bogda	Patio Hector Olivera Pickwick Tom Cotner (Sing-along & film)	Opera House John Innes – Bill Fasig Organ & Piano Duo
THURSDAY JUNE 30	Registration Rialto – Don Baker Lunch Pheasant Run Lodge (Included in registration fee)	Arcada Lowell Ayars & Stage Show	SEMINARS #1 "Theatre Organ from Roots to Full Blossom" William Hansen Organ Builder #2 "Our Mansions for Pipe Organs" Dr. John Landon Bro. Andrew Corsini
FRIDAY JULY 1	Oriental Walter Strony	Hinsdale – Kay McAbee Elm Rink – Paul Swiderski Downers Grove Bob Ralston – Jim Benzmilller National Membership Meeting – 5 PM	Open Evening
SATURDAY JULY 2	Mont Clare Ron Rhode Axle (Hub) Rink Fred Arnish	Optional Event (limited capacity) Home Tour "A" or WGN Studios Byron Melcher	BANQUET & Show Frank Pellico
SUNDAY JULY 3	Chicago Jesse Crawford Style Sunday Organ Concert John Muri	Optional Event (limited capacity) Home Tour "B" or Temple Sholom Devon Hollingsworth	Maine North High School Tom Hazleton
MONDAY JULY 4	THE GRAND FINALE Chicago George Wright 10 AM – Noon	After the Convention you will find plenty of interesting things to see and do in exciting Chicago. HAVE FUN ON YOUR OWN!	
PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE	If you have any questions regarding the convention	write: 1977 ATOS Registration Charlotte Rieger, Registrar 6244 W. Eddy Chicago, Illinois 60634	or call Charlotte Rieger at (312) 282-0037



**It's easy
to get to
Chicago!**

By Plane — If you arrive at O'Hare International Airport, a Continental Air-Transport bus leaves from the lower level baggage area every 15 minutes for the 18 mile trip to the Palmer House. Cost: \$3.15. The bus stops right in front of the hotel's Monroe Street entrance.

By Bus — Two bus depots are located in the Loop. The Greyhound Terminal is at Clark and Randolph Streets and the Continental Trailway Depot is at 20 E. Randolph Street.

By Train — Amtrak's Terminal, Union Station (Canal at Adams St.), is served by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation's major lines leading from all major cities in the United States and Canada.

By Car — If you should prefer to drive, several highways lead directly to Chicago's Loop. The Eisenhower Expressway (West), Stevenson (Southwest), Dan Ryan (South), Kennedy (Northwest), and Edens (North). The Tri-State Tollway, East-West Tollway, and Northwest Tollway hook up easily with these routes. (See Map).

Parking — Municipal parking lots throughout loop area. Reasonable rates.

