

American Theatre Organ Society

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



For those of you who missed the Richmond ATOS Convention, it was a great success! I know that everyone there had a great time visiting that historic town and hearing the excellent organs which Richmond has to offer. A "Well done!" to the Virginia Chapter for hosting a terrific convention. We look forward to coming back to Richmond again in the future. To all of those who worked so long and hard, thank you for a great time.

We have started a NEWSLETTER which, at the request of many of you, will provide you with current news of activities in the theatre organ world. Our THEATRE ORGAN journal does not allow us to have perishable news in it because of deadlines and its purpose as the journal for ATOS. To fill the void, the NEWSLETTER should be informative and interesting. However, it costs money to publish a monthly newsletter, so we need to know what you think of it and if we should continue beyond the six-month trial period. You will receive it as part of the Journal on those months that the Journal is published and as a separate item the other months. Board member Tom B'hend will be the first editor of the NEWSLETTER.

We welcome to your Board of Directors Allen Miller, Catherine Koenig and John Ledwon, who were elected by you to serve a term on the Board. We look forward to their ideas and inspiration during their terms.

We will be getting underway with our 1987 Young Organist Competi-

tion soon. Dwight Thomas, this year's winner, put on an outstanding cameo performance during the convention. Our best wishes for Dwight's continued success in theatre organ.

Allen Miller has been working hard on a *Technical Manual* which will be available soon through the Library/Archives. It should help fill the void of technical information about setting up and maintaining theatre pipe organs.

Special thanks to those at the convention who volunteered equipment for the Library and Archives and volunteered to help during the coming year. We are in desperate need of your help and support if we are to achieve our goals.

A great deal of business was transacted during the several days that your Board of Directors met in Richmond. I hope that you will take time to read the minutes of the meetings. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know.

Again, thank you, Virginia Theatre Organ Society, for hosting a great convention.

Sincerely,

Jack Moelmann

JOURNAL COMMENTS



Within a few weeks, membership renewal notices will be sent to about 60% of our members. After the decision to renew is made (please don't consider the alternative), you are urged to return your check directly to ATOS in the envelope provided with your renewal notice. This method increases accuracy and saves this office time in processing your renewal. And, if you do it right away, it saves ATOS the added cost of sending a "reminder" notice later.

Along with the decision to renew directly to ATOS, please consider a category above "regular" if you can. We can only keep the regular

dues at \$20 if many of you voluntarily add extra funds. The additional funds become significant in our ability to add programs that can mean so much in our long term goal of preserving the theatre organ for future generations to enjoy. With your help, 1987 can be the best year ever for ATOS.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. Fisk

