



# CIPHERS

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL INDIANA CHAPTER AMERICAN THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

## P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

For the second month in a row, the weather did not cooperate! Heavy April showers and a strong wind made the afternoon quite unpleasant, and thus attendance at our April 5th membership meeting was less than usual. And those who were unable to make it missed a marvelous program by Mark Herman on the Warren Barton! Mark gets better each time we hear him, and this performance was no exception. He played about an hour straight, and the time flew past too quickly. An additional treat were the vocals by Mark's friend, Anthony Snitker, who favored us with three Cole Porter tunes, including the humorous "Miss Otis Regrets" that tells the tale of a woman wronged and her ill-fated revenge. Our thanks go to Mark and Anthony for a most enjoyable and interesting program.

I hope everyone has made the change on his or her calendar for Ken Double's program, switching it from the original date of June 14th to **June 21st** at 2:30. The Warren PAC had a scheduling difficulty, so we felt it would be better to move our program out one week. Fortunately, that worked out all right for the 17-member Indy Jazz Orchestra who will be joining Ken on stage with Big Band-era selections, blending orchestra with theatre organ in what will be a most memorable and fun performance. As Shawn Chase explained at our recent April meeting, the at-the-door ticket price for this one concert will be \$20 (or \$15 in advance by calling 317-345-8121). Of course, the very BEST deal is to buy a season ticket for \$34, and you get all three concerts for a great price. (The other two concerts in our 2009 Series will be Martin Ellis at Manual High School on Sunday, Sept. 13; and Jim Riggs at Manual on Sunday, Nov. 8.)

In your latest *THEATRE ORGAN Journal* (March/April), there is a fine layout of the upcoming ATOS Annual Convention to be held from June 30 through July 5 in Cleveland, Ohio. The Western Reserve Chapter of ATOS has put together a wonderful line-up of organists and venues (almost all of them in restored movie theatres in the area) with the marvelous downtown Renaissance Hotel having a great rate of \$94 single or double room. Artists Richard Hill, Ron Rhode, Jelani Eddington, Clark Wilson, Brett Valliant, Jim Riggs, Ken Double, Chris Elliott, Donnie Rankin, and last year's competition winner, Jonathan Ortloff, round out the attractive list of organists playing the many instruments you will hear. Despite more venues than we used here in Indianapolis last year, they have managed to keep the registration the same at \$295 (if sent in by May 20), so this really is a most affordable convention since it is well within reasonable driving distance of Indianapolis. Give it some thought and try to attend!

If you've not heard Justin Stahl lately, you should come to our May meeting (on the FIRST Sunday of May) at Manual High School to hear how professional he is sounding. Evidently, a lot of practicing has been going on, and I know you will be very pleasantly surprised when you hear him! See you there.

Sincerely,

Tim Needler  
President | CIC-ATOS

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### NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

**CHAPTER MEETING**  
MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009 | 2:00 PM

**JUSTIN STAHL**

Manual High School

# CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2009 - 2:00PM | Warren Performing Arts Center | Bob Hudson, Recording Secretary

Tim Needler, president, opened the meeting and thanked our hosts from WPAC. Members Tom & Penny Mathiesen introduced themselves and said this was their first CIC meeting although they've been members for some years. Guests Mrs. Herman (Mark Herman's grandmother) and Spencer Myer, a classical pianist from New York City and friend of Tim Needler, were introduced.

The minutes of the previous meeting (3-08-09) were included with the April *CIPHERS*. Hearing no corrections or additions, they were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's report**—Shawn Chase gave a financial overview of the chapter and announced that he had tickets available for this year's concert series.

## OLD BUSINESS

**A.** Report on Indiana Theatre Wurlitzer—Carlton Smith said that the weekly Wednesday evening work crew was meeting and working. He also stated that the Hilbert Circle installation was going to begin this week.

**B.** Use of the Barton at WPAC for School functions—Carlton Smith said that WPAC has asked ATOS to perform before school functions in the auditorium, to give students and staff more exposure to the organ. Justin Stahl has already performed for a few functions and Justin Nimmo was going to be playing two upcoming events.

**C.** Refreshments for Meetings—Tim thanked those who have volunteered to handle refreshments and mentioned that we have meeting refreshment coordinators assigned through the end of the year.

## NEW BUSINESS

**A.** Carlton Smith informed everyone that the Ken Double June concert has been changed to Sunday, June 21, due to a conflict at WPAC. **B.** Todd Saul announced that the Concert Committee has added the Indy Jazz Orchestra to the Ken Double concert. Tim Needler encouraged everyone to spread the word and support these concerts as CICATOS has been losing money in concerts due to lack of attendance. **C.** ATOS Convention in Cleveland, June 30 to July 5—Tim Needler encouraged everyone who could attend this year's convention should try and do so. Full details are in the March/April issue of *Theatre Organ Journal*.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.** Next CIC meeting: Sunday, May 3, 2:00 p.m. Manual High School, Justin Stahl performing. **B.** Cletus Goens, Buddy Nolan Memorial Concert, Embassy

Theatre, Sunday, May 10, 2:00 p.m. \$14 (\$7 students). **C.** Ken Double and Indy Jazz Orchestra, Sunday, June 21, WPAC, 2:30 p.m. **D.** July 12th Pitch-in (1:00 p.m.) at Bill Tandy's in Kokomo. Meat will be furnished, bring a dish to share. More details coming in the July newsletter. **E.** From the AGO: S. Wayne Foster concert at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19th, at Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door, \$5 students.

Tim Needler then introduced our artist for the afternoon, Mark Herman. We enjoyed a wonderful program of his great music, with several vocals by Anthony Snitker from Chicago, who was accompanied masterfully by Mark.



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# MARK HERMAN



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Now that we have instantaneous delivery via the Internet, we can keep you informed up to the minute.

In order to make *CIPHERS* meaningful to you, we need your help and awareness to continue this tradition by providing your personal input and suggestions on ways to sustain and improve it. As one of our valued members, will you please complete the attached readership survey form below and return soon at the address provided.

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# APRIL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



**Justin Stahl** is a native of Beech Grove, Indiana, and has been playing piano and organ since age five. Justin's musical influence came from his great-grandfather and grew from mostly playing by ear to finally taking lessons. His healthy obsession with the theatre pipe organ began at age 13 with a trip to the Paramount Music Palace and has continued ever since with his membership in CIC-ATOS.

Justin is currently attending Marian College (soon to be Marian University) pursuing a degree in music with a focus on choral education. For the past six years, he has been the accompanist for the Decatur Central High School Choral Department. In addition to working and going to school, Justin serves in the Indiana Army National Guard as a member of the 38th Division Band and is also the music director at First Christian Church of Beech Grove.

Justin has been extremely appreciative of the tremendous support and encouragement he has received through the years from the members of CIC-ATOS.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

May 3, 2009 @ 2:30PM	Chapter Meeting Featuring <b>Justin Stahl</b>	Manual High School
May 10, 2009 @ 2:00PM	<b>Buddy Nolan Tribute Concert with Cletus Goens</b>	Embassy Theatre
June 21, 2009 @ 2:30PM	<b>Ken Double &amp; The Indy Jazz Orchestra in Concert</b>	Warren Performing Arts Center
July 12, 2009 @ 1:00PM	Chapter Meeting & Bar-B-Que Featuring <b>Bill Tandy</b>	Bill Tandy's Home
August 2, 2009 @ 2:00PM	Chapter Meeting Featuring <b>Ron Wilson</b>	Hedback Theatre
September 13, 2009 @ 2:30PM	<b>Martin Ellis in Concert</b>	Manual High School

Please help us welcome our newest members:

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The Hemenover's have joined at the \$25 (Donor) level, for which we thank them!

### 2009 Roster Corrections:

Cletus Goens II's address is:  
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## CHAPTER NOTES

Thanks go to Justin Stahl and Justin Nimmo for volunteering to play the Warren organ for a half-hour prior to three school programs in late April and early May. John Hilmer, head of the music department at Warren High School, requested that the organ be played, and CIC-ATOS is happy to cooperate in hopes that such requests will become more frequent, thus spreading the good news about the organ to the Warren school body and their parents and relatives.

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