



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

We had a nice crowd for our May meeting at Manual High School, many of whom were members of the church where our artist for the day, Justin Stahl, is the organist. Obviously respected and appreciated by these people, Justin outdid himself with a wonderful performance on the Mighty Wurlitzer following the short business meeting that lasted less than 10 minutes if memory serves. Justin explored all resources of the instrument and even added a programmable automatic drum machine to give an extra "razzle-dazzle" that blended very well with the Wurlitzer's percussion. His medley of selections from "Chorus Line" was my favorite of the afternoon, ending with his excellent arrangement and performance of the "hit" number from the show, entitled "One." To add interest to the program, Justin also brought along two vocalist friends of his, Ben Latimer and Laney Wilson who each performed a selection, expertly accompanied by Justin and the Wurlitzer. Both were fine singers, and Laney is a finalist in the Michael Feinstein national competition. So, it was a most interesting and enjoyable performance, and we thank Justin for his hard work in preparing almost an hour of fine music for our listening pleasure.

Another treat was in store for us the following Sunday, May 10, at the Embassy Theatre in Fort Wayne when the guest artist for the Buddy Nolan Memorial Concert was our own Cletus Goens. There was a fine turn-out also for this program, and part of the reason may have been the appearance of the highly acclaimed Children's Choir, about 30 youngsters, who sang very professionally. Cletus opened the program with Buddy Nolan's "Embassy Theme" and followed that up with his most well-known composition, "Probably," a nice tribute to the long-time Embassy organist who started the ball rolling to save the theatre and its organ. After Cletus had presented a number of selections relating to Mother's Day with clever connecting comments between songs, the Choir was introduced and sang several selections to end the first half, accompanied by their pianist. They also sang a few numbers to begin the second half before turning the stage back to the Embassy Page Organ that rose majestically

into the spotlight while music poured from the chambers, but no Cletus on the bench. Then, he began singing while walking down the aisle with a portable microphone, having pre-recorded his accompaniment on the Page. A very clever way to begin his portion of the second half, and the audience loved it. Good showmanship, Cletus! It was a most enjoyable afternoon, and we thank Cletus for his hard work in preparation.

Our next attraction will be **Ken Double and the Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra**, an aggregation of 17 that plays the big band music of the golden age of dance bands and has quite a local following of supporters. With the addition of the Barton theatre pipe organ to their sound under Ken's capable fingers, it should be a wonderful afternoon of toe-tappin' music that you really will enjoy. As has been mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have had to move the date from June 14th to the next Sunday, June 21. With the crowd expected from those who come to hear the Jazz Orchestra each time they appear, we'd suggest that our members get their tickets ahead of time and not have to stand in line to buy them. If you don't have season tickets, NOW is the time to buy them since that will get you into the June 21st show and the next two CIC concerts (Martin Ellis and Jim Riggs) for under \$12 each. That's a terrific bargain!

Finally, we have had a number of members suggest that we begin our monthly membership meetings at 2:30 instead of 2:00. We start our public concerts at 2:30 and have done so for many years, so why not start our monthly membership meetings at the same time for prevent any confusion and to allow a little more time for lunch and travel, they say. The Board of Directors unanimously supports this action, but I'm asking for input from our members on this issue. Are you pro, or con? Please call or write/e-mail me!

Sincerely,

Tim Needler
President | CIC-ATOS

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NEXT CHAPTER EVENT

CONCERT
JUNE 21ST, 2009 | 2:30 PM

KEN DOUBLE
& THE INDY JAZZ ORCESTRA

Warren Performing
Arts Center

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2009 - 2:00PM | Manual High School | Indianapolis
Bob Hudson, Recording Secretary

President Tim Needler opened the monthly meeting and thanked Manual High School for allowing the chapter to host its monthly meeting in the auditorium. New member Don Hemenover was introduced. The many, many guests of Justin Stahl were thanked for attending what was going to be a great musical afternoon.

The minutes of the previous meeting on April 5, 2009 were published in the May CIPHERS; without hearing any corrections or additions, they were approved as printed.

Shawn Chase, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. He also recognized and thanked Matt Wire for his donation of time and professional talent on the current CICATOS promotions, including the new format for the monthly CIPHERS. Donations to the chapter were acknowledged from Danni & Matt Stark & Richard Sklenar from the surprise birthday party for Tim Needler.

Old Business

Carlton Smith reported that work on the Indiana project was coming along. He also reported that the Circle Theatre installation was one-half completed.

New Business

Tim reminded everyone about the Ken Double/Indy Jazz Orchestra concert that is coming up in June.

The ATOS Convention in Cleveland will be held June 30 – July 5. All those interested should try to attend, since it is within driving distance.

There was a questionnaire published in the CIPHERS in May. Jim Rogers would greatly appreciate any and all feed back on ways to improve this publication.

Announcements

Cletus Goens, Embassy Theatre, Sunday, May 10, 2009; 2:00 p.m. \$14 (\$7 students)

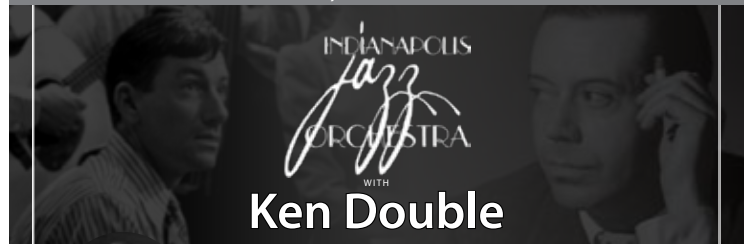
Concert: Ken Double / Indy Jazz Orchestra, Sunday, June 21, WPAC, 2:30 p.m.

July 12th Chapter meeting and pitch-in at the home of Bill Tandy in Kokomo. Meat will be furnished, bring a dish to pass. More in the July CIPHERS.

With no other business, Tim introduced Justin Stahl as the afternoon artist. Justin gave an exhilarating performance, which also included two students, whom he has been working with. Laney Wilson and Ben Latimer gave fabulous vocal performances, while being accompanied by Justin. It was a fantastic afternoon.

WARREN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

JUNE 21st, 2009 at 2:30 PM



CIC-ATOS presents *The Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra* featuring
Ken Double at the Grande Barton Theatre Pipe Organ in a
Celebration of Indiana Composers featuring music by Cole Porter,
Hoagy Carmichael & others!

Tickets: \$15 advance or \$20 at the door

For tickets or more information: (317) 532-6280
or visit www.warrenpac.com

Addendum to "Notes for June 2009 Ciphers"

HISTORIC VILLAGE THEATER IN PLAINFIELD TO BE PRESERVED?

Plainfield's historic Village Theater may get a reprieve from extinction, if local town officials manage to preserve the 1927 landmark on Main Street there. The venue has been dark for two years, so Town Manager Rich Carlucci and the Town Council have recommended that a feasibility study be undertaken soon. A state grant of around \$10,000 is being sought, allowing them to hire an architectural firm to conduct the study. The town is drawing from a nearly \$11 Million federal grant to revitalize the downtown, beginning this summer. It considers the theater to be a vital link to that effort. Source: Indianapolis STAR.

NOTED HOOSIER MUSICIAN AND BIG BAND CONDUCTOR DIES

Big Band lovers are mourning the loss of Al Cobine, 82, who died at his Bloomington home in mid May. He was a gifted composer, conductor, arranger, and tenor saxophonist. He conducted and played for some of the greats, including Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mathis, Andy Williams, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme. One of his long-standing musical relationships was with Henry Mancini, as band leader and lead tenor sax player on many of his national tours. Cobine overcame his physical challenges from childhood polio and maintained a rigorous work schedule. He was a Richmond, IN native and graduate of Earlham College. He originated his first big band in Bloomington in 1956, and by 1961 it was named "best of the new dance bands" by the American Federation of Musicians.

**KEN DOUBLE AT THE GRANDE BARTON
TO JOIN INDIANAPOLIS JAZZ ORCHESTRA FOR
AN EXCITING NEW COMBINATION OF SOUNDS
AND SONGS BY HOOSIER COMPOSERS**



Ken Double needs no introduction, as he's performed many times in Indianapolis. Just after graduating from Butler University there, he began his professional career at the organ, entertaining Indiana Pacers basketball fans at their new Market Square Arena home. Now for over 30 years, organist/broadcaster/entertainer Double has been heard on radio, enjoyed on television and radio as a sportscaster and announcer for pro basketball and hockey. He maintains a rigorous concert schedule and has played in many cities in the US, Australia and New Zealand. At last July's ATOS Convention in Indianapolis, Ken was elected president of the organization and is our full time chief executive. He now resides in Tampa, FL.

The Grande Barton organ originally was installed in the glamorous atmospheric Indiana Theater in downtown Indianapolis, before the interior space was demolished and refitted for the Indiana Repertory Theater in the early eighties. This magnificent organ had been played by the world's best theatre pipe organists for silent movies, at intermissions and special concerts. The magnificent 3-manual, 18-rank instrument was acquired by CICATOS in the early nineties and later installed in the Warren Performing Arts Center, a beautifully designed facility of Warren Township High School at 9500 East 16th Street, Indianapolis.

Advance tickets are \$15 or \$20 at the door. For more information visit www.warrenpac.com. Or call 317-532-6280.

This has to be a first, at least in our club. An organ-jazz orchestra combine! And this one is a don't miss! So mark your calendars for Sunday, June 21, 2:30 PM, when our popular national ATOS president and adopted Hoosier, Ken Double, steps up to the Grande Barton Theatre Pipe Organ console at the Warren Performing Arts Center joining the 17-piece Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra in concert, "Celebrating Indiana Composers." Featured mainly are Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael and Albert Von Tilzer.

Your Central Indiana Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society is focused on bringing new innovations to the traditional organ presentations by weaving in other sounds: solo or combined instrumental as well as vocal. The June concert will bring together, the largest and most ambitious mix of musical sounds ever. Melodies to be heard include Night and Day, It's All Right With Me, Begin The Beguine, The Nearness of You and Stardust.

The Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra is Indiana's "premiere professional repertory big band jazz ensemble," according to its proponents. Its members are leading professional jazz musicians and vocalists from the heart of Indiana. The group was created to preserve and advance the dynamic history of the big band. A music critic recently wrote, "Every time I hear the IJO and its impressive vocalists, I'm reminded how they continue to keep alive a great American tradition. If you haven't heard them yet, you are in for a treat."



EVENTS CALENDAR

June 21, 2009 @ 2:30PM	Ken Double & The Indy Jazz Orchestra in Concert	Warren Performing Arts Center
July 12, 2009 @ 1:00PM	Chapter Meeting & Bar-B-Que Featuring Bill Tandy	Bill Tandy's Home
August 2, 2009 @ 2:00PM	Chapter Meeting Featuring Ron Wilson	Hedback Theatre
September 13, 2009 @ 2:30PM	Martin Ellis in Concert	Manual High School
October 11 2009 @ 2:00PM	Chapter Meeting Featuring Donnie Rankin	Hedback Theatre
November 8, 2009 @ 2:30PM	Jim Riggs in Concert	Manual High School
December 13, 2009 @ 2:00PM	Chapter Meeting Featuring Mark Herman	Warren Performing Arts Center

Please help us welcome our newest members:

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Please welcome returning member . . .

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Update on Warren York . . .

Long-time member Warren York recently had laser surgery on his eye at the VA Hospital in Indianapolis and will be returning in early June to be fitted for glasses there. In the meanwhile, he is staying at the VA Hospital in Danville, IL, getting his diabetes under control and undergoing physical therapy to stabilize his balance and his walking. He would welcome get-well cards that may be sent to him in care of **VA Illiana Health Care System, 1900 East Main Street, Danville, IL 61832**. He also has a direct line if anyone cares to phone him, which is (217) 554-6610, but if there's no answer, he's not in his room. Chris Anderson and Joan and Bill Griffis visit him frequently and say his spirits and sense of humor are certainly in top shape. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him over here one of these days.

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