

The Manasota Theatre Organ Society members enjoy monthly meetings from September through June each year. In addition to social and refreshment opportunities, each meeting features a musical program presented either by a member or regional artist. MTOS members may purchase discounted tickets for 3-4 professional concerts annually. A newsletter is published approximately 8 times annually.

MTOS dues are due and payable on the first day of July each year. New MTOS members' dues received after January 31 are pro-rated to \$12.50.

ATOS membership dues are separate and include a high-quality color bimonthly magazine. If you are not an ATOS member and wish to become an Active Member of MTOS, our membership chairman can assist you with ATOS membership.

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Above: Miriam Parkinson at the console of the Aeolian Skinner pipe organ at the Charles Ringling mansion in Sarasota. Right: The annual anniversary party in 2002 was held at the Charles Ringling Mansion.



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The Manasota Theatre Organ Society



A Chapter of
The American Theatre Organ Society

MEMBERSHIP
INFORMATION
AND
APPLICATION

THE MANASOTA THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

(MTOS) was founded in 1991. With approximately 75 member households it is typical in size of the more than 60 local chapters of the parent organization, The American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS). ATOS is an international organization of more than 5,000 members which is nearing its 50th anniversary.

The Manasota Theatre Organ Society's first project was the renovation of the 1926 Aeolian Duo Art pipe organ in the Charles Ringling mansion, now part of the University of South Florida New College in Sarasota. This residence pipe organ was not in playable condition when the Chapter approached USF and proposed renovation of the instrument. An agreement was reached whereby the Chapter would restore the organ to its original condition in exchange for occasional use by MTOS for meetings. After several thousand hours of volunteer labor, the organ finally "spoke" again. The Chapter meets there once a year, to the delight of our members who enjoy hearing and playing this orchestral organ.

In 1995, MTOS member J. Tyson Forker said he wanted to see a theatre organ installed in a public venue in the Sarasota area. A successful business man, Mr. Forker said he would supply the necessary funds needed if MTOS members would supply the volunteer manpower (and womanpower) needed to rebuild and install an instrument.

In 1996, the MTOS located a suitable Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ in Miami, Florida. The instrument was originally installed in the Florida Theatre in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1927. On a couple of hot August weekends, members removed the organ, piece by piece and hauled it back to a warehouse in Sarasota. The organ was completely disassembled and rebuilt by MTOS members.

The Chapter reached an agreement with the Grace Baptist Church on Bee Ridge Road whereby MTOS would add ranks suitable for church use and install the organ in their existing pipe chambers. The organ was expanded to 32 ranks. The church would use the instrument for their services and for classical and religious concerts, while MTOS members would hold meetings there and would present theatre organ concerts there. Provision was made for members practice time.

Carole Scutt (daughter of Tyson Forker) continued to supply financing after Mr. Forker's death in 1997. The organ has emerged as a world-class instrument!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Alternate Address _____

From _____ to _____

Birthday (date) _____ (month) _____

I am I am not currently a member of the American Theatre Organ Society

Do you own an organ? yes no

Do you play the organ? yes no

How did you hear about us?

- Friend Flyer
 Music store Newspaper
 Radio Television
 Internet Other _____

How would you like to be involved?

- Attend concerts and programs
 Pipe organ maintenance, restoration
 Refreshments and hospitality
 General help as needed (mailings, staffing for concerts, etc.)

Membership Options

Friend \$25/year (*membership privileges except no office holding or voting rights*)

Active \$25/year (*see notes on back panel - includes office holding and voting rights - must also be ATOS member \$40/year*)

Contact the membership chairman for information about **Student** memberships.