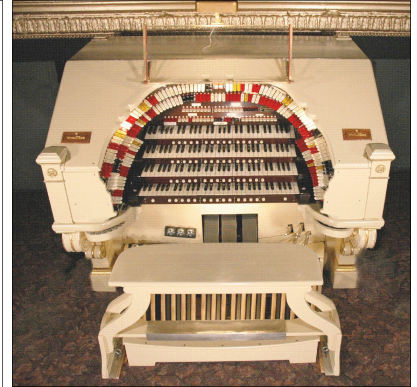


RTOS Blower

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Pipedreams Live!

Sunday, April 24th at 2:30 PM

RTOS Proudly Presents **Eastman Bunch IX**

With Featured Guest Artist **Justin LaVoie**

Hosted by APM's **Michael Barone**

Join us as RTOS, along with the Eastman School of Music,
the Rochester A.G.O. / RCORS and WXXI
conclude a 4-day extravaganza of pipe organ presentations.

JUSTIN LAVOIE



Twenty-one-year old Justin LaVoie possesses a steadfast dedication to the theatre organ art form. After hearing a theatre organ recording at the age of six, he was instantly captivated by the instrument's distinctive sound. Beginning in 2008, Justin attended several ATOS Summer Youth Adventures, deepening his knowledge of both the musical and mechanical aspects of the

pipe organ. In recognition of his diligence as an organ student, he was named ATOS Student of the Year in 2010, after which he began a period of study with acclaimed theatre organist Jelani Eddington. At the 2013 ATOS National Convention in Atlanta, Justin won the ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition, achieving the prestigious title of Overall Winner. He currently studies at the University of Oklahoma, pursuing a Bachelor of Music Arts Degree. Away from the console, he enjoys cooking, poetry, spending time outdoors, listening to a wide variety of music, maintaining his extensive collection of early 20th century box cameras, and (of course) restoring his personal Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ!

Justin LaVoie & Eastman Bunch IX

Auditorium Theatre
885 E. Main St
Sunday, April 24, 2016
2:30 PM
(Doors open 45 min early)

THE EASTMAN BUNCH IX

EDWARD DEAN

Edward is a graduate of the Royal College of Music in London and is a DMA candidate in the studio of Professor Nathan Laube.

THOMAS GAYNOR

Thomas's home town is Wellington, NZ. He is a DMA candidate studying with Professor David Higgs.

NICHOLAS HALBERT

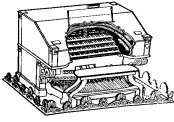
Nicholas hails from San Diego, CA and is an organ performance major studying with Professor Nathan Laube.

CHASE LOOMER

Chase is from Charlotte, NC and is an organ performance major in the studio of Professor David Higgs.

OWEN REID

Owen is from Weatherford, OK and studies with Professors Nathan Laube and Eduardo Bellotti.

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**A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

It seems like a long time since our last concert—well actually it has been. However, the time has been effectively used by the Eastman students and their coach, Professor Bill Porter. Many Thursday afternoons have been dedicated to them getting to know the Mighty Wurlitzer. The manuals (key boards) and pedals are the same as a classical organ console, but most of the similarity ends there. Stop names and sounds are new and percussion instruments / traps are not available on most classical organs, the rhythms of popular music and the high use of orchestrally voiced pipe ranks and tremulants add new challenges.

This is the ninth year of these concerts which were started by Eastman organ department alum Jon Ortloff. Be sure to come hear the results at the April 24 concert featuring Justin Lavoie and the Eastman Bunch plus Michael Barone of American Public Media's *Pipedreams* radio program. Our concert will be recorded and scheduled for a '*Pipedreams Live*' broadcast at a later date. We will have guests from the RCORS series (Rochester Celebrity Organ Recital Series), in which we will be participating.

In May, we will take another trip to visit an outstanding theater organ equipped home in Erie, PA. Look for details in another part of this *Blower*.

*Paul Law***PIPEDREAMS LIVE!****ORGAN EXTRAVAGANZA WEEKEND IN ROCHESTER!**

Since its founding in 1921, Rochester's Eastman School Of Music has been training some of the world's finest musicians and preparing them for their careers to perform in symphony halls, on concert stages and in churches and cathedrals throughout the planet. This impressive list includes many of our finest classical organists, past, present and future.

Also, and largely through the efforts of ESM's *Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative* (EROI), Rochester is now the home of a significant number of new and restored pipe organs representing a variety of styles and periods of organ building.

Beginning on Thursday, April 21st thru Sunday, April 24th Rochesterians will have the

unique and rare opportunity to hear the current crop of Eastman organ students as they perform on several of Rochester's finest pipe organs (including, of course our Mighty Wurlitzer). While the classical concerts will feature students exclusively, the RTOS concert will be shared by the Eastman Bunch and an up and coming theatre organist, **Justin LaVoie**, who currently studies at the University of Oklahoma.

As an added bonus, American Public Media's **Michael Barone** will be in town to be Master of Ceremonies for each program and record them for broadcast.

Note: half-price gallery admission (\$5/Senior, \$7 Adult) is required for the Thursday evening concert. All others are free with a \$5 donation suggested.

FOR SALE

Hammond A-102 tone-wheel electric organ (French Provincial style console and

bench), Leslie 142 (2-speed) using Trek II controls. Great shape, recently serviced, well-maintained, excellent for church or studio. \$2,500 (price includes moving and set-up within the greater Rochester area). Please call John Lukes at 585-820-9903.



RTOS 2015 FUND RAISING EFFORTS SURPASS GOAL BY 25%

A heartfelt thank-you to all of our 2015 fund drive donors

Last fall a campaign to raise funds to offset our rising annual deficit was launched with a goal set at \$10,000.00 RTOS Treasurer Ken Veneron has reported that the final tally was \$12,476.31. We sincerely thank everyone for their generosity and commitment to the stability and future of RTOS.

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JOHN LAUTER TO HEADLINE RTOS SPRING FLING TO ERIE PA. SIGN UP TODAY!

It's Springtime in Rochester and time for another great RTOS bus trip. RTOS members are invited to join with us on Saturday, May 14th as we travel via deluxe coach to the home of **Dennis and Margaret Unks** in suburban Erie, PA. Now retired, Dennis is the former long-time owner of Organ Supply Industries (OSI) in Erie.

Installed in their music room is a 3-manual 22-rank Wurlitzer that Dennis installed a number of years ago.

Our organist for the day will be **John Lauter**. John is curator and resident organist for the Stahl Automotive Museum in Chesterfield, MI where he performs regularly on the Wurlitzer installed there. John has played twice for RTOS in past years.

As usual, 50 seats will be available for the first fifty lucky people who sign up. Do this soon to reserve your seat. Don't be disappointed.

The cost will be \$65.00 / person and includes transportation, bus 'snacks', light lunch at the Unks home and the concert.

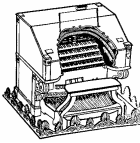
We will leave Rochester at 9 AM SHARP! We will travel via the thruway to the Unks home in Erie where we will enjoy a light lunch (included in the cost of the trip) upon arrival.

Following the concert our coach will whisk us up the Thruway to *Aunt Millie's Family Restaurant & Bakery* near Silver Creek. There we will order individually from Aunt Millie's extensive menu of reasonably priced appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, entrees and fabulous homemade desserts. You may order as little or as much as you like.

Please Note: everyone will pay for their own dinner. The cost of this meal is **NOT** included in the sign-up fee.

Following dinner we will return directly to Rochester. We expect to arrive home no later than 8:30.

See you on the bus!



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RTOS EVENTS

Auditorium Theatre, 885 E. Main St.
All artists and dates subject to change

Eastman Bunch/Justin LaVoie	Apr 24	2:30PM
David Gray	May 22	2:30PM
Dan Minervini	Jun 19	2:30PM

Rochester Museum & Science Center
Eisenhart Auditorium, East Ave. & Goodman St.

Open Console

Sundays from 11:00 AM to 4 PM
Apr 17 May 15 Jun 26 Jul 17
Aug 21 Sep 25 Oct 23

"Open Console" is when members are given a time slot to play one of the Society's theater pipe organs. Come to play, or enjoy the sound.

Clip or copy the pocket guide below to the Pipedreams Live Weekend events and keep it with you as a reminder of the times and locations of all FIVE events.

UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

Riviera Theatre & Organ Preservation Society

Clark Wilson Wednesday, April 6th, 7:30 PM—\$10.00

Artist 'TBA' Wednesday, May 4th, 7:30 PM—\$10.00

(3/15 Wurlitzer) 67 Webster St, N Tonawanda

Box Office: (716) 692-2413. Info: <http://www.rivieratheatre.org/>

Empire State Theatre & Musical Instrument Museum (ESTMIM)

David Peckham Sunday, April 17th, 3:00 PM—\$15.00

David Gray Saturday, May 21st, 8:00 PM—\$15.00

(3/11 Wurlitzer) 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse (315) 687-3580

<http://www.empiretheatre.org/index.htm>

Kingston Theatre Organ Society (KTOS)

Clark Wilson, Friday, April 08th, 7:30 PM—\$25.00 (\$20/senior)

David Gray, Friday, May 13th, 7:30 PM—\$25.00 (\$20/senior)

Kingston Korean Church 89 Kirkpatrick St., Kingston, ON, CA

(3/28 Kimball) Info/ticketing: <http://www.ktos.ca/index.html>

Toronto Theatre Organ Society (TTOS)

Clark Wilson *Accomp. Ben-Hur*, Monday, April 11, 8:00 PM—\$20.00

David Gray, Monday, May 16th, 7:30 PM—\$20.00

Concerts at: Casa Loma, 1 Austin Terrace, Toronto ON, CA

(4/21 Wurlitzer) Tickets: (416) 492-6262 email: box-office@ttos.ca

Info/ticketing: <http://theatreorgans.com/toronto/>

Binghamton Theatre Organ Society

Jim Ford *acc. Chaplin silent movie fest.* Sun, April 10, 2:00 PM - \$20

Nancy Wildoner & Vocalists Sun, May 15, 2:00 PM - \$20

236 Washington St, Binghamton, NY. Box Office (716) 692-2413. Info/

ticketing: <http://www.binghamtontos.org/>

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Schedule
4/21 - 4/24

Thursday, April 21, 7:30 pm

Francesco Cera

**Memorial art Gallery
500 University Avenue,
Rochester, NY



Friday, April 22, 5:30 pm

Happy Hour Concert

Christ Church
141 East Avenue
Rochester, NY

Friday, April 22, 8:00 pm

From Baroque to Romantic

Christ Church
141 East Avenue
Rochester, NY



Saturday, April 23, 8:00 pm

Chant inspired music for organ

Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park,
Rochester, NY

Sunday, April 24, 2:30 pm

Justin LaVoie

with the

Eastman Bunch IX
Auditorium Theatre
885 East Main Street,
Rochester, NY

All Classical programs performed
by Eastman School students.

**The Thursday evening concert is
free with Gallery admission
(\$7/Adult, \$5/Senior, \$2.50 Stdnt)
All other programs are free and
open to the public with \$5
suggested donation.