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Chicago Allen Organ Dealer Hosts ATOS Summer Youth Camp

Seventeen young organ students from all across America converged on Chicago, Illinois, the week of July 21, 2008, to attend the second annual American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) Summer Youth Camp. During the week the group visited prominent theatre organ installations in the Chicago area, including the Rialto Theatre and the Jasper Sanfilippo estate. Renowned organists Jonas Nordwall, Donna Parker and Jelani Eddington were the primary instructors for the Camp, along with other guest instructors.



“The Organ Gallery” at Steinway of Chicago hosted the camp students – plus their parents, chaperones and instructors – for two evenings of the week-long activities. On the evening of Tuesday, July 22, three Allen theatre organs (including a George Wright Signature Series IV Renaissance™ Unit Orchestra), two Steinway “D” pianos, a drum set and twelve digital keyboards were brought together in the Allen showroom for a “jam session.” Jonas Nordwall assigned each student a different section of the orchestra to emulate. The sound was truly amazing. The students returned the next evening and divided into three groups for individual coaching on Allen theatre organs from Jonas, Donna Parker and Jelani Eddington.

Steinway of Chicago is proud to be involved in promoting theatre organ activities in the Chicago area, as well as providing Allen organs for the annual Pipe Organ Extravaganza weekend, hosting monthly theatre organ workshops and sponsoring the local ATOS chapter. For more information please contact Lee Maloney at The Theatre Organ Gallery at Steinway of Chicago, 1205A Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Phone: 630-512-9200, extension 8828, or 630-512-8828 direct. Fax: 630-512-9204. Steinway of Chicago is an exclusive dealership for new and used Allen Organs and Steinway Pianos.

The following link to the American Theatre Organ Society “ATOS in Action” page contains more information about this unique event:

<http://www.atos.org/action/>

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