## 2022 Membership Application Form

## **Motor City Theatre Organ Society**

a chapter of

# The American Theatre Organ Society

Membership year is January 1 through December 31. Dues are \$25 per year or: Family dues are \$25 per year and Junior dues are \$20 per year (thru age 17).

If joining mid year, the following are the pro-rated dues: January through March: \$25; April through June: \$20; July through September: \$15; October through December: \$10 MCTOS members that are not a member of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) are considered "Friends of the Redford," and does not include voting privileges or a potential to be elected to the Board of Directors. Full membership requires membership in the ATOS. ATOS dues are currently \$50 per year and are billed directly to members. Please do not send ATOS dues with your membership renewal. To start a new membership with ATOS go to their website, www.atos.org. We want everyone to be fully involved in our organization. While we realize the ability or interest may not be there we encourage everyone to become a part of ATOS as well. Information that is currently on file with your membership is listed below. Please indicate any changes that may need to be made so that our records can be kept up to date.

Spouse:			
Additional Name(s):			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
ATOS Member: Yes: NO: (non-AT	ros members are considered "Associates" w	nbers are considered "Associates" without theatre voting privilege	
Birthday:	Working Theatre Volunteer (receive badge holder)  Magnet attach or Clip attach or Lanyard attach		
E-Mail:			
	THE BLOWER" by:E-MailRe	gular Mail	
Would you like to receive the membership	directory: Yes: No:		
Interests: (please only check your Top 3 act	tivities, using 1, 2, 3, that you may be interes	sted in)	
Activity Planning	Marquee Changing	Restoration	
Administration	MC for Show	Security	
 Building Maintenance	 Merchandise Counter	Sound	
Clean-Up Crew	 Organist	 Stage	
Concession Counter	Pianist	Ticket Sales	
 Event Manager	 Projection Booth	 Ticket Taker	
Grant Writing	Publicity	 Ushering	
Information Desk	Raffle Tickets (50/50)	Wherever Needed	
 Lighting (Stage)			
Please list any hobbies or other interests:			
Payment accompanied with this form:	Membership Dues (see above for amou	unt due): \$	
	ATOS (national) Dues—\$50 (optional):	\$	
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Please make checks payable to:  Motor City Theatre Organ Society	Donation (tax deductible):	\$	

Please send completed form and dues to:

SIGNATURE:



# **Membership in the Motor City Theatre Organ Society**

The Motor City Theatre Organ Society (MCTOS) is a group of organ enthusiasts affiliated with the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS), who maintain and continue to restore the Redford Theatre, a 90-year-old building with a beautiful voiced Barton Theatre Pipe Organ in its original setting. The Theatre has been recognized as an historical site by both the State and Federal governments. Gifts to the MCTOS are tax deductible.

We are not all organists, and we don't all own home organs. Some of us see the theatre as a marvelous opportunity to save a unique atmospheric theatre. We are restoring it to a working theatre as near to its 1928 state as possible, while at the same time keeping stage, lighting, film, and sound equipment up to the changing standards of today's technology.

#### OUR THEATRE IS OPERATED BY MEMBER VOLUNTEERS: WE HAVE NO EMPLOYEES

The Theatre requires many working members, though you may see only a fraction of the membership during an event. The very wide range of ages (teens to eighties) shows there is something here to interest almost everyone. There is something for all talents, whether physically limited, elderly, inexperienced, professional or tinkerer.

We welcome new members who join to support our venture, play the organ, be working members and contribute time, encouragement and assist in the many projects necessary to raise funds, maintain the building, and present our shows to the public.

Theatre Organ Concerts and Silent Film presentations are the fun events of our Society. They occur multiple times a year and feature the finest artists. These concerts represent our commitment to presenting the theatre pipe organ as it has evolved from the 1920s right up to the present.

We show a variety of movies, normally every other Friday and Saturday, to help fund the cost of renovations and building maintenance. Our volunteer crews clean up the theatre each Thursday evening, with minor clean-up after each show.

Other crews operate the concession counter, stage, ticket booth, projection equipment, provide building security, and plan future shows. Member volunteers work on crafts: carpentry, electrical, air conditioning and heating, building restoration, and more. There is always something needing attention.

The Theatre is available to rent when we are not presenting our own shows. Our all volunteer staff will provide whatever support is necessary.

### MEMBER PRIVILEGES—CLUB FUNCTIONS

There are two levels of yearly renewable membership for our members. Basic "Associate of the Redford" (\$25) and ATOS membership (additional \$50) which entitles you to voting and office holding at the Chapter/National level. Family memberships include spouse/significant other and minor children. Following shows or activities, groups of members often stop off at a convenient restaurant for snacks before heading home.

Our newsletter, THE BLOWER, keeps you informed of club activities. The beautiful Theatre Organ Journal of ATOS keeps you informed about theatre organ activities all over the country and the world.

The national organization, of which we are a participating chapter, sponsors an annual world convention every summer, hosted by a local chapter. We hosted the convention here in Detroit in 1967, 1974, 1982, 1989 and 1995. Smaller regional conventions are also held, usually in the fall, by local chapters.

For member organists (amateurs or professional), the organ is available for practice.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss what we do, have done, and hope to do. Talk to anyone you see wearing an MCTOS badge at the Theatre during any of our events.

To join by mail:

MCTOS/Redford Theatre

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