

Mark Herman Biography

Mark Herman was born in August of 1987 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has been studying the piano since he was seven years old and began classical organ lessons at the age of twelve. His first introduction to the theatre organ was when he was in fourth grade and was at the Embassy Theatre in downtown Fort Wayne. This was made possible by the late Robert Goldstine and the local American Guild of Organists chapter's "Room on the Organ Bench" program. In 2001, he began theatre organ studies with John Ferguson of Indianapolis, who is recognized worldwide for his skills as a teacher.

In the summer of 2003, Mark was given the opportunity to play a cameo performance at the American Theatre Organ Society's (ATOS) annual convention in Oakland, California. The following year, he won the ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition in Milwaukee at the Riverside Theatre. That enabled him to perform a critically acclaimed concert for the ATOS 50th Anniversary Convention in Pasadena, which took place the following July.

During the summer of 2006, he toured for six weeks in Australia and New Zealand, setting records in CD sales at many of the venues in which he appeared. In 2009, he returned for a second 7-week tour of those countries. Over the past few years, he has played dozens of solo concerts in theatres and venues from coast to coast. He is a graduate of The Theatre School, DePaul University in Chicago where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Arts with a focus in Theatre Management. In addition to playing the organ, Mark has also been known to perform on the piano, as well as introduce several original compositions. Mark is a proud "Hammond Artist" for Hammond Suzuki USA. Mark currently resides in Indianapolis, Indiana where he is a website designer and digital marketing specialist. He is affiliated with the Allen Organ Company as a tonal consultant and voicing specialist, as well as an Allen Representative for Meridian Music serving most of Indiana.

He was recently named the American Theatre Organist of the Year for 2012 and is the youngest person ever to receive the prestigious honor.

He feels special gratitude towards his parents, Ron and Andrea, as well as all of his family and friends who have supported him from the beginning, with special thanks to Anthony Snitker for his constant encouragement.

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