

## ATOS RECEIVES THE LARGEST GIFT IN ITS HISTORY

The American Theatre Organ Society is pleased to announce the reception of a major gift. ATOS received a letter from the trustee of the estate of the late Kenelm M. Lufkin of Des Moines, IA, a longtime member of the organization.

The letter included a check in the amount of \$900,000, the largest single gift ever given to ATOS. In granting the funds, Mr. Lufkin left no specific instructions nor restrictions, thus ATOS has the opportunity to provide funding for several worthy programs.

More importantly, the Board of Directors will be guided with input from our experts on the Fund Raising Committee and the new Financial Review Committee in terms of the best use of these funds for the long term interest and growth of ATOS. Clearly, the vast majority of these new dollars will be invested for the future of the organization.

The Board of Directors, the staff, and the membership of ATOS extends its greatest appreciation to those closest to Mr. Lufkin for his largesse, and the monumental impact his gift will have on this organization.

Furthermore, this single occasion points out what the ATOS leadership and its President and CEO Ken Double have been discussing for nearly three years. There are members of this organization from all walks of life who are passionate about theatre organ and the future of this art form. That passion can extend to major gift-giving when the organization presents a well prepared program for future growth.

In addition to the four new Estate Planning gifts that have been announced, this spectacular announcement and Mr. Lufkin's incredible generosity, present ATOS with an entirely new, and certainly much brighter message about the future of theatre organ music and the society charged with promoting and presenting this unique art form.

The American Theatre Organ Society leadership intends to be a good steward of these funds, and looks forward to announcing the allocations for the various worthy and important projects underway and being planned with a close eye on long term growth of the organization.