

March 2013

The Windline

Susquehanna Valley Chapter - ATOS

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A 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the preservation and presentation of Theatre Organs. Proudly supporting the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ at the Capitol Theatre in York, PA

March 11, 7:00PM "The Senator's Masterpiece" Capitol Theatre, York



How would you like to 'test drive' this baby?

HOWIE'S CORNER:

Our March meeting will feature the video "The Senator's Masterpiece" about the Atlantic City Convention Hall Organ, with additional comments and pictures taken by Ray Brunner during his visits to Convention Hall. The organ in the Main Auditorium is the largest pipe organ ever built and has over 33,000 pipes, including some of the largest pipes ever built. They are housed in eight chambers and played from a unique seven-keyboard console. The Ballroom also has a Kimball theatre pipe organ, and both instruments, along with the hall itself, are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. They also have National Landmark status. The organs were built in 1929 to the specifications of New Jersey State Senator Emerson L. Richards, earning him the title of "Commander in Chief of the American Revolution in Organ Building." This is a fascinating video that will take you through rooms that are normally off-limits, and you will not want to miss it.

In April, Michael Britt will be making a return visit to SVTOS. Michael last played here in March 2009, and those of you who heard him previously can attest to his broad musical talents. A frequent recitalist of classical organ music, he is also well-known as a performer of theatre organ music and has performed for chapters of the American Theatre Organ Society and at the Guild of Organists Convention in Baltimore.

Tickets are now on sale for the Mark Herman concert on June 2, 2013. Tickets may be ordered at the Strand-Capitol box office, by calling 717-846-1111, or on-line at <u>www.mystrandcapitol.org</u>. The price is \$14.00 with a 10% discount on ten or more tickets. Starting at our March meeting, SVTOS members can sign up for the quantity that they want and we will purchase a block of tickets and take advantage of the discounted price of \$12.60.

You still have time left to make your tax-deductable contribution to the matching SVTOS Scholarship Fund. We are only \$180.00 short of our goal, and your contribution will be doubled thanks to a very generous donation from one of our members.

Barry

PS:I received an email from Ken Kline. He went to pick up his income taxes last Tuesday and while in the building he felt dizzy and sick to his stomach. His legs gave out and he fell to the floor. He managed to get up and pick up his taxes. On the way back to the elevator his legs gave out again and down he went for the second time. They called for an ambulance and took him to the hospital. It was the same hospital where Leslie was having her back surgery on the 14th. After taking several tests the doctors concluded that Ken had suffered three acute strokes. Both Ken and Leslie are now back home resting and on the mend. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for a complete recovery. And by the way this all happened on Ken's birthday!

FREE

- 3 tickets to the Dick Smith concert at Dickinson High School on April 27, 2013
- contact Barry Howard (717) 274-2254



"Capitol Idea"

CDs are still available for sale. Sam Groh has them available at every meeting.

Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Program For 2012 - 13 Season

All meetings are at the Capitol Theatre, York 7:00PM unless stated otherwise

March 11, 2013	Video: Atlantic City Convention Hall Organ Presented by: Mr. Ray Brunner
April 8, 2013	Show Case - Michael Britt
May 12, 2013 2:00PM	Don Kinnier at the newly installedCustom Digital Theatre organAllen Theatre, 36 East Main St, Annville, PABrief Annual Meeting(see pg >>>>>
June 2, 2013 3:00PM	PUBLIC CONCERT—MARK HERMAN—Capitol Theatre, York See pages 4 and 5!
June 10, 2013	Show Case - Justin LaVoie
August 2013	Annual Picnic, date TBD

Events Calendar

March 9, 7:00 PM	Simon Gledhill at Dickinson HS, Wilmington, DE	
March 12, 7:30PM	Don Kinnier, Civic Theatre, Allentown, two silent films, see page 8	
April 7, 3:00 PM	Frank Vanaman, Rice Auditorium, Free State Theatre Organ Society, Baltimore	
April 27-28	Pipe Organ Extravaganza, JATOE, Joliet Illinois, see page 7	
April 27, 7:00 PM	Dick Smith at Dickinson High School, Wilmington, DE.	

FOR SALE: Rodgers "Marquee" 3 manual theatre organ with 2 speaker cabinets owned by the late William Roth, Jr - \$1,200.00. Buyer must remove from it current location in Seaville, NJ (or) FREE to any church or non-profit organization. The only requirement is to provide a receipt to the donor. For more information contact Robert L. Roth at (850)-623-2301 or (850)-377-3954.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND MATCHING CHALLENGE:

One of our members has generously offered to match all contributions to the Scholarship Fund up to a total of \$1000 by the next Summer!!! Double the power of <u>your</u> contribution!

Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship Fund has been set up to provide money for talented young organists to attend the ATOS Youth Summer Camp. To make your tax-deductible contribution to this fund, make your check payable to SVTOS, note "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line and send it (or give it) to our Treasurer, Roy Wainwright, 2897 Olde Field Dr., York, PA 17408-4256. If you would like more information about this scholarship fund and/or possible candidates, please call Barry, (717) 274-2254, or email <u>Pres@SVTOS.org</u>. These contributions are now tax-deductible! You can also contribute via PayPal on our web site www.svtos.org

Mark Herman Bio

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.





Justin Nimmo sent us this link to a very interesting YouTube video of Martin Ellis playing and giving a tour of the WurliTzer in the Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis. You may remember that Justin played for SVTOS in June 2012, and he works for Carlton Smith who restored and installed the instruments. This is one of the organs that will be featured during the 2014 ATOS Convention in Indianapolis. <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNh7_8AWwoc&feature=em-share_video_user</u>

Start Planning Now

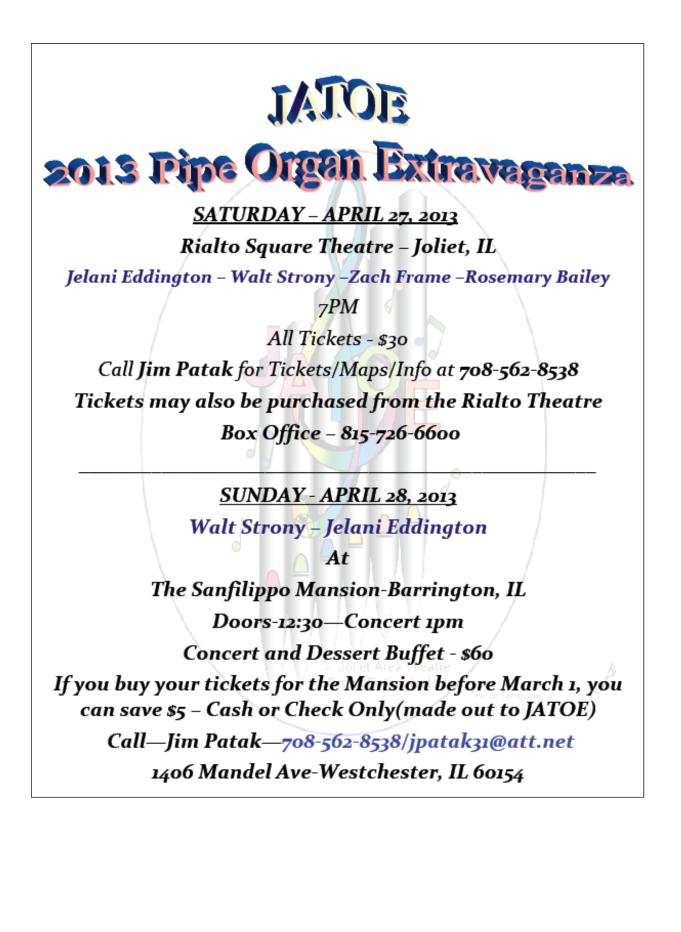
The 2013 ATOS Convention will be held in Atlanta, GA, from Tuesday July 2nd through Friday, July 5th. The artists and venues are listed in the "Theatre Organ Journal" and on the internet at http://atosatlanta2013.org. It promises to be a great convention this year, with premier artists and organs. Check out the "Journal" or website for more details.

MASONIC VILLAGE SCHEDULE:

Feb. 12, 2013 - Roy Wainwright Apr. 9, 2013 - Herb Inge June 11, 2013 - Gary Coller Aug. 13, 2013 - Larry Fenner & Barry Howard Oct. 8, 2013 - Gary Coller & Don Schoeps

CAPITOL MOVIE SCHEDULE:

December 23rd -Larry Fenner January 6th -Barry Howard January 20th -Don Schoeps -Roy Wainwright - "Route 30 Too" February 17th, March 3rd -Glenn Hough! -Bob Pierce March 17th April 7th -Herb Inge April 21st -Gary Coller -Glenn Hough May 5th -Robert Carbaugh May 19th All movies Sunday afternoon, 3PM, start playing 2:30PM Contact Ken Kline @ 717-564-7513 or email kkline3217@comcast.net to sign up.





Civic Theatre of Allentown announces the return of master organist Don Kinnier for Harold Lloyd's "Why Worry?"

Master organist Don Kinnier returns to Allentown to accompany two silent films that feature the work of comedic genius Harold Lloyd at Civic's historic Nineteenth Street Theatre on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Don Kinnier has been called "the premier silent film accompanist in the northeastern United States." He has become well known to concert, comedy and silent film audiences throughout the Delaware Valley and beyond and is internationally recognized from concert performances that have taken him from Boston to Buenos Aires and from Toronto to Taipei.





The films "Why Worry," written by and starring Lloyd, and "An Eastern Westerner" by Hal Roach of "Little Rascals" fame and starring Lloyd, offer a double comedic bill running one hour and thirty minutes. Don made his Civic debut to a sold-out audience last year when he accompanied Buster Keaton's "The General" on the Theatre's original 1928 Moeller Deluxe Organ, which was reconditioned by Allen Organ for the Civic's 80th Anniversary. In "Why Worry?", a 1923 film that Lloyd wrote and produced, the comedian plays a wealthy young

hypochondriac who visits a South American "island of paradise" and encounters a revolution which he initially believes is staged for his entertainment. In "An Eastern Westerner", a 1920 short film by Hal Roach, Lloyd plays a spoiled East Coast playboy whose father ships him off to his uncle's ranch in the Wild West.

Silent Film Event

Harold Lloyd in "Why Worry?" and "An Eastern Westerner" Tuesday, March 12, 2013 @ 7:30 pm Supported in part by Allen Organ Ticket prices: \$12 General Admission, \$10 Students and Seniors, and \$9 Civic Theatre Members Tickets to this event are available in advance by visiting civictheatre.com



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