



## *Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society*

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### SVTOS SHOWCASE DOUBLE FEATURE

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015 AT 7:00 PM  
CAPITOL THEATRE, 50 N. GEORGE STREET, YORK, PA

FEATURING SVTOS' OWN



**DAN  
UMHOLTZ**

**CONNOR  
REAM**



**PLAYING THE MIGHTY WURLITZER**

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

## CONNOR REAM

Connor Ream is a native of Lancaster county and lives in Lititz, PA. He started playing the piano at the age of 5 years old. He discovered he had a knack for Ragtime style music, polkas, boogie woogie and older show tunes from a time gone by. Later, after finding his touch with the keyboard, he taught himself how to play the accordion. He was introduced to the Theatre organ and truly enjoyed the immense variety of sounds he could make with it. He is a member of the Susquehanna Theatre Organ Society, Rochester Theatre Organ Society, and the American Theatre Organ Society.



Connor is currently attending The Pennsylvania College of Technology, in Williamsport, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology. In his spare time he enjoys model railroading of various scales, riding off-road motorcycles with family and friends, fiddling with hot rods, trucks and cars, and running Ream Technologies, which specializes in the sales and service of computers of all types, including the recycling of retired units in an environmentally friendly way.

## DAN UMHOLTZ



Dan Umholtz, age 24, began his musical training in 1996 by studying the piano at the age of 5 at the Braun School of Music in Pottsville, PA. His training at Braun continued through 2005. Fascinated with the organ from a very early age, Dan began organ lessons in 2001 at the age of 10 with his father, Jack, a well-known local musician. Dan continued his training by studying organ in 2008 and 2009 with Aram Basmadjian in Macungie, PA. Dan currently is full-time organist at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church and part-time organist at Trinity Lutheran Church, both located in Valley View, PA. In the

Fall of 2009, he was appointed house organist of the Hershey Theatre, located in historic downtown Hershey, PA., and in the Summer of 2013 Dan began to publicly express his interest in the theatre organ and appears on occasion at the Allen Theatre in downtown Annville, PA. Dan is currently attending Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, PA, working toward a Bachelor's Degree in Music with concentration on the organ. He will be graduating in May 2015. There he has studied with Dr. Shawn Gingrich of Hershey, PA, and currently studies with Michael Stairs of Philadelphia - organist for the Philadelphia Orchestra and Assistant Organist to Peter Richard Conte - Wanamaker Grand Court Organist.

Our first showcase for 2015 will be on Monday, April 6th at the Capitol Theatre, and will feature our two youngest members, Connor Ream and Dan Umholtz. Connor is currently attending the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology. Dan is currently attending Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA, and will graduate in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Music with concentration on the organ. Both Connor and Dan started studying the piano at age 5. While Connor is leaning more toward theatre organ music, Dan leans more toward classical organ music. Connor and Dan have been attending the ATOS Summer Youth Adventures for the last several years thanks to the SVTOS Scholarship Fund. I know you will enjoy both of their programs. There will also be a surprise guest musician. DON'T MISS IT!

May 11th is our annual Membership Meeting, followed by the Arrangers' Challenge and Open Console. Don Kinnier has selected Stephen Foster's "Beautiful Dreamer" for this year's arrangers' challenge. Members are encouraged to work up their own arrangement of this selection and present it at the meeting. See the music included in this newsletter.

SVTOS, in cooperation with the Allen Theatre in Annville, PA, will be presenting a Silent Film Series consisting of three great classic silent films: "The Eagle" starring Rudolph Valentino; "The Mark of Zorro" starring Douglas Fairbanks; and "It" starring Clara Bow. These programs are open to the public and will be on the last Sunday of April, May, and June at 2:00 pm. Don Kinnier selected the films and will provide the organ accompaniment. Admission will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and SVTOS members (remember to bring your SVTOS badges). Before each film we will show a preview of "The Movie Palaces" narrated by Gene Kelly. The previews feature many of the great movie palaces from the early 20's through the 30's when talking pictures were introduced. Many of these lavish theatres no longer exist as they were torn down in the 50's and 60's. See the flyer in this newsletter.

ATOS Convention Reminder: If you are planning to attend the ATOS Convention in Philadelphia, you should make your reservations ASAP. More than 260 people have already registered and some optional events are limited to only 300 people. Please check this ATOS website for additional information: <http://www.atos.org/2015-convention>.



## *The Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Presents*

Great Classic Silent Films

With Live Theatre Organ Accompaniment

**Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 2:00 PM**

**"The Eagle" (1925)**

**Starring Rudolph Valentino**

A sweeping melodrama filled with romance, intrigue, comic moments, and more in a well-crafted movie that is entertaining and one of Rudolph Valentino's best.



**Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 2:00 PM**

**"The Mark of Zorro" (1920)**

**Starring Douglas Fairbanks**

Douglas Fairbanks plays a Robin Hood-like character in this fast-moving swashbuckler that combines action, adventure, and romance in this silent movie classic.

**Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 2:00 PM**

**"It" (1927)**

**Starring Clara Bow**

A romantic comedy that propelled Clara Bow into a major star, and as a result she became known as the "It Girl." Can a woman who loves Coney Island hotdogs and a man who dines at the Ritz ever meet halfway?



Live organ accompaniment by **Don Kinnier** at the Mighty Theatre Organ

### **The Allen Theatre**

36 East Main Street, Rt. 422, Annville, PA 17003

General Admission: Adults \$10.00; Students & SVTOS Members \$5.00

Tickets available at the Allen Theatre box office on the day of the film

Door prizes will be drawn after each feature film

Special preview film "The Movie Palaces" will be shown prior to each silent film

## ARRANGERS' CHALLENGE

SVTOS Meeting - May 11th – 7:00 PM

Using all your musical skills, take this piece and transform it into something new. Use altered tempo/meter, ethnic style, orchestration and registration to bring this 19th century piece (and beautiful theatre organ music as it stands) to life for a new era. The piece for this year's arranger's challenge is Stephen C. Foster's "Beautiful Dreamer." Use one or more of the following sheets, or the original sheet music can be found and downloaded at [http://www.loc.gov/creativity/hampson/dreamer\\_1.html](http://www.loc.gov/creativity/hampson/dreamer_1.html).

**Beautiful Dreamer**

Stephen Foster  
(1826-1864)

1. Beau - ti - ful drea - mer, wake un - to me, Star - light and dew - drops are wai - ting for thee. —

Sounds of the rude world heard in the day, Lulled by the moon - light have all passed a - way. —

Beau - ti - ful drea - mer, queen of my song. List while I woo thee with soft me - lo - dy.

Gone are the cares of life's bu - sy throng, Bea - ti - ful drea - mer a - wake un - to

me! — Beau - ti - ful drea - mer, a - wake un - to me! —

### Beautiful Dreamer

STEPHEN C. FOSTER

Moderato

### BEAUTIFUL DREAMER

## SVTOS 2014-2015 SEASON

<b>Monday, April 6*</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Showcase: Featuring SVTOS' own CONNOR REAM and DAN UMHOLTZ</b>
Monday, May 11th 7:00 PM	Annual SVTOS Membership Meeting and Arrangers' Challenge Followed by Open Console
Monday, June 8 7:00 PM	Showcase: Organist JUSTIN NIMMO, Indianapolis, IN
<b>PLEASE NOTE: * indicates meetings not scheduled on usual second Monday of the month.</b>	

### SVTOS Plays For The Capitol Theatre Movies

Hear these SVTOS Members play the WurliTzer from 2:30 to 3:00pm before select Sunday matinees:

May 3, 2015: Glenn Hough "Route 30"

"First Friday Movies" – Organist plays at 8:30 pm and movie starts at 9:00 pm

April 3, 2015 Robert Pierce "A Clockwork Orange"

May 1, 2015 Robert Pierce "Fight Club"

### SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA

Hear these SVTOS Members play the 3-manual Allen digital theatre organ in the Masonic Village Health Center at 7:00 pm on the following Tuesdays:

April 14th Don Schoeps

June 9th Gary Coller

August 11th Herb Inge

October 13th Ken Kline

December 8th Annual Christmas Spectacular featuring any and all SVTOS Members!

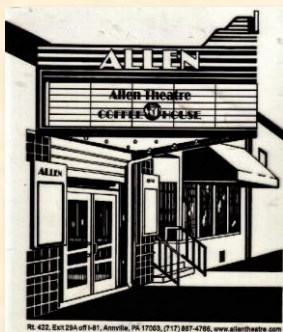
### **Allen Theatre and MJ's Coffeehouse**



Hear SVTOS members play the 3 manual Digital Hauptwerk theatre organ 30 minutes prior to the 7:30 PM movies on selected weekends at the

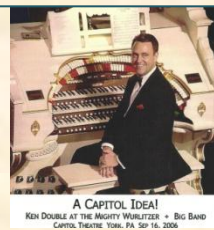
#### Allen Theatre

36 E. Main Street (Rt. 422)  
Annville, PA 17003  
(717) 867-3545



## “A Capitol Idea!”

SVTOS' CDs featuring Ken Double and the Bob Clay Orchestra are still available for sale by Sam Groh at every meeting.



## Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship Fund has been established to provide money for talented young organists to attend the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure. 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. You can also contribute via PayPal on our web site [www.svtos.org](http://www.svtos.org). If you would like more information about this scholarship fund or to nominate possible candidates, please call Barry Howard at (717) 274-2254, or email [Pres@SVTOS.org](mailto:Pres@SVTOS.org). **These contributions are now tax-deductible!**

THANK YOU to all the SVTOS members who contributed to the Scholarship Fund. Because of your very generous donations we were again be able to send Connor Ream and Dan Umholtz to the 2014 ATOS Summer Youth Adventure in Portland, Oregon. This is a very important program that assures the future of the theatre organ and its music.

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and Don Schoeps

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Tuesday, April 7 10:00 -11:00 AM	Annual DAYTIME Concert with Glenn Hough, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE. Admission \$1.00 at the door.
Sunday, April 12 3:00 PM	Nathan Avakian in concert with silent shorts and piano. Lowe’s Landmark Theatre, Jersey City, NJ. <u>Garden State Theatre Organ Society</u>
Saturday, April 18 2:00 PM	Ben Mauger’s Roaring 20’s Vintage Orchestra and Dixieland Band plays 1920’s and 1930’s music, featuring a troupe of swing dancers. Supports the Wilson Scholarship Fund (sponsored by SVTOS member <b>GARY COLLER</b> ). Wilson West Middle School, 450 Faust Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. Tickets available at <a href="http://goo.gl/7zMGNm">http://goo.gl/7zMGNm</a>
Sunday, April 19 3:00 PM	<b>DON KINNIER</b> , Silent Films “The Kid” and “Be My Wife” <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, May 2 7:00 PM	Hector Olivera, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, May 3 3:00 PM	Michael Britt, Silent Film, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD <u>Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.</u>
Sunday, June 7 2:00 PM	Special Guest Artist (to be announced), Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>
Sunday, June 7 3:00 PM	Frank Vanaman, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD <u>Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.</u>
Saturday, June 13 7:00 PM	Justin LaVoie and Dan Minervini, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
July 2nd – 7th	2015 ATOS Annual National Convention, headquartered in Philadelphia, PA. See <a href="http://www.atos.org/2015-convention">http://www.atos.org/2015-convention</a> for additional information and a “Video Preview” narrated by none other than our own <b>DON KINNIER</b> , who is also a featured artist during the Convention Encore. <i><b>Don’t Miss It!</b></i>
Sunday, Sept. 20 2:00 PM	Fall Concert Kick Off (Special Guest Artist to be announced), Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>
Sunday, Oct. 25 2:00 PM	Halloween Silent Movie, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>
Sunday, Dec. 6 2:00 PM	Annual Holiday Concert, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>