

The Windline



December 2020



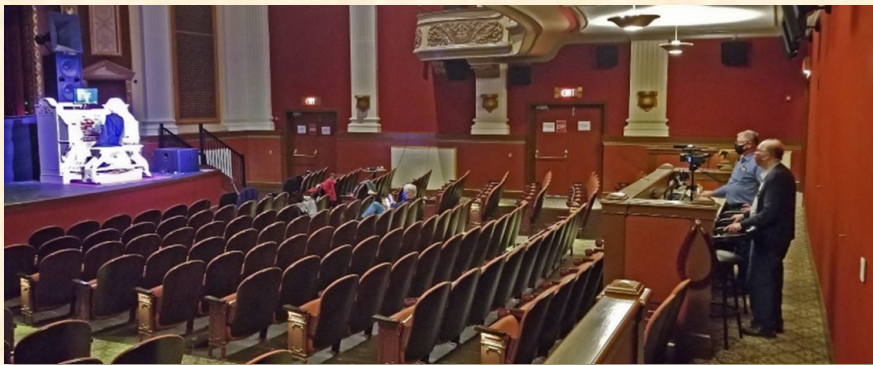
Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society



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The "holiday rush" has been well underway this past week for your President. On November 16th with assistance from others, we taped Don Kinnier playing the Charlie Chaplin silent movie "Shoulder Arms" at the Capitol. That was followed by a Zoom Chapter "gathering" on Wednesday evening November 18th.



For the taping at the Capitol, we had Larry Fenner, Barry Howard, and Ed Horvath assisting. Here's a photo of our setting up to record.

The film video editing is complete and has been posted on the SVTOS Facebook at this link [Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society | Facebook](#) . You do not have to be a

member of Facebook to watch the movie, but if Facebook asks you to join just click "Not Now".

For those that missed the Zoom gathering, here's a look at the rest of our membership year schedule:

December – Members Showcase (details below)

January 18 & February 15 – Open Console Sessions at Capitol, Barry Howard coordinating

March – Zoom Chapter Meeting, Past ATOS Convention Photo Show

April – June – To be Announced, Socially Distanced

Late July/Early August – Picnic at Neidich/Horvath Residence (3/51 Walker)

Fall Preview – September Chapter Meeting at Capitol, October Public Event at Capitol

With respect to December, we plan on video taping holiday music by Chapter members. For those playing at the Capitol, we will coordinate taping a few numbers of those that wish to perform. Larry Fenner and Barry Howard will tape music on Opus 501 at their home. One or two other surprises are in process. (For example, if you will provide photos of your home decorations, I can utilize them and if you want to record audio yourselves at home, I will also edit them with any decoration photos you take.)

Wishing all a Happy Thanksgiving, hoping all is well and properly socially distanced.

Richard Neidich, President

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.





SVTOS 2019-2020 SEASON

AVAILABLE NOW!	DON KINNIER accompanies the Silent Film "Shoulders Arms" starring Charlie Chaplin on the Capitol Wurlitzer. The film is available now on the SVTOS Facebook page at this link Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Facebook . You do not have to be a Facebook member to view this movie but if Facebook asks you to join just click "Not Now".
Monday, Jan. 18, 2021*	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre Wurlitzer, Martin Luther King Day, Capitol Theatre, York, PA, 9:00 am - 5:00 PM. Contact Barry Howard at 717-274-2254 to reserve your time
Monday, Feb. 15, 2021*	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre Wurlitzer, Presidents' Day, Capitol Theatre, York, PA, 9:00 am - 5:00 PM. Contact Barry Howard at 717-274-2254 to reserve your time
REMAINING SEASON TO BE DETERMINED	
* Indicates meetings <u>NOT</u> held on the usual second Monday of the month <u>and/or</u> at a different time or location	

"SVTOS Plays For The Movies"

Hear these SVTOS members play the Wurlitzer 30 minutes before movies at the Capitol Theatre.

All Shows \$10.00, Advance Tickets available [here](#).

"White Christmas" Weekends

- Friday, December 4 @ 7:00 PM – Roy Wainwright
- Saturday, December 5 @ 3:30 and 7:00 PM – Gary Coller
- Sunday, December 6 @ 12:30 PM – Larry Fenner
- Friday, December 11 @ 7:00 PM – Roy Wainwright
- Saturday, December 12 @ 3:30 and 7:00 PM – Gary Coller
- Sunday, December 13: 3:00 PM – Barry Howard
- Friday, December 18: 7:00 PM – Roy Wainwright
- Saturday, December 19 @ 3:30 and 7:00 PM – Larry Fenner



"SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village," Elizabethtown, PA

ALL PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

LIVE COMING ATTRACTIONS

POSTPONED	Justin Nimmo, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, January 30, 2021 7:00 PM	Tedde Gibson, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society, Wilmington, DE
Saturday, March 20, 2021 7:00 PM	Jerry Nagano, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society, Wilmington, DE
Saturday, April 10, 2021 2:00 PM	Saturday At The Silents, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society, Wilmington, DE
Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:00 PM	Phil Kelsall, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society, Wilmington, DE
Saturday, June 12, 2021 7:00 PM	David Peckham with the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society, Wilmington, DE
Saturday, June 13, 2021 2:00 PM	Dick Smith, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society, Wilmington, DE

Click on the underlined links to find additional information, including location and cost, for these events.





VIRTUAL HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Join **DON KINNIER** now for a Longwood Gardens Christmas Organ Sing-Along at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eSNVNFnZeA&feature=youtu.be>. Chances are you too will be shouting **"Yippee!"**

The Dickinson Theatre Organ Society is currently featuring their 2019 Holiday Spectacular lasting 2+ hours on the DTOS YouTube channel at [DTOS 2019 Holiday Spectacular - YouTube](#)

The Cincinnati Music Hall presents "Happy Holidays with the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ 2020" featuring Mark Herman with vocalists and ballet dancers. This streaming production will be available from December 3rd at 7:00 pm through December 26th. For more information and to **request a link** to see the concert click this link: [Happy Holidays with the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ 2020 - Friends of Music Hall](#)

The Rochester Theater Organ Society presents "We Need A Little Christmas" starring Tim Schramm and Friends featuring 5 organs in 4 outstanding venues. Streaming begins December 4 and continues through the Holiday Season on the RTOS YouTube Channel at [Rochester Theatre Organ Society | Facebook](#)

Festive Holiday Music with Mark Herman at the Fox Studios Wurlitzer, Bandrika Studio, will be made available by the Los Angeles Chapter of the AGO (Yes! The AGO is going to the "Dark Side") starting December 14th at 10:00 pm EST on the AGO's YouTube page at [los angeles american guild of organists - YouTube](#).

Virtual Holiday Organ Concerts sponsored by the Joliet Area Chapter on three consecutive Friday's at 7:00 PM EST featuring the Rialto Square Theatre Grande Barton. Livestreamed at [JATOE - Joliet Area Theater Organ Enthusiasts | Facebook](#)

December 4 featuring David Rhodes
December 11 featuring Frank Pellico
December 18 featuring Carl DiSanti

Click on the underlined links to find additional information, including location and cost, for these events.

SVTOS Open Consoles

As in past years, Open Consoles will be held on Monday January 18th (Martin Luther King Day) and on Monday February 15th (Presidents' Day) from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm at the Capitol Theatre. Please contact Barry Howard at 717-274-2254 or by email at bhowie428@comcast.net to schedule your time to play.

Please Give A Big SVTOS Welcome to Our Newest Member!

Bruce Kolka, Lemoyne, PA





In Memoriam Raymond J. Brunner

We were very saddened to learn that long-time SVTOS member Raymond (Ray) J. Brunner passed away. Ray's firm, R. J. Brunner & Company, was instrumental in the restoration and reinstallation of the Wurlitzer Theatre Organ in the Capitol Theatre. SVTOS extends our sincere sympathy to Ray's family and to his employees, who include SVTOS members Bob Carbaugh and Terry Nace, who has worked for the firm for over 33 years. The following is Ray's obituary from Groff Funeral and Cremation Service.

Raymond James Brunner, 71, of East Petersburg, PA, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 surrounded by his family and after a brief battle with cancer.

Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Adolphus Jay and Ruth Glendora Gaskins Brunner. He was the husband of his beloved wife, Martha (Sweigart) Brunner, and the late Ruth E. (Rissmiller) Brunner who passed away in November 2003.

Raymond received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University in 1971. He worked for eight years with PennDot as a Civil Engineer in the Research and Development Department, where he earned his P.E., Professional Engineer. He went on to continue his lifelong career in Pipe Organ building where he was able to share his passion for fine woodworking and musical instruments. In 1981, Ray started his own Pipe Organ business, R.J. Brunner & Company (now Brunner & Associates, LLC), where he restored some of the world's finest Pipe Organs. He was a member of the American Institute of Organ Builders and the Organ Historical Society. In 1990, Raymond became a published author of "That Ingenious Business," which highlighted Pennsylvania German Organs and Organ Builders.

Ray attended Holy Spirit Lutheran Church for 35 years. He enjoyed classic cars, trains, and was a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club of America, and the Studebaker Drivers Club-Keystone Region. Reading was a true passion of his as he enjoyed early American history and genealogy. His grandmother, the late Hattie Klapp Brunner, an antique dealer and Folk-Art painter based in Reinholds, PA, influenced Ray for his love of antiques, while Ray influenced Hattie to start painting in the late 1950's. During his retirement, Ray could be found on his family's island along the Susquehanna River where he enjoyed boating, camping, and swimming with his family. Along with his wife, Martha, he enjoyed traveling the world.

Raymond is survived by his loving wife, Martha, his children: Owen J. Brunner (Jaimie) of Bel Air, MD; Amy E. Moore (Jeffrey) of Columbia, PA, and Amelia R. Brunner (fiancée of Nicholas), Rochester, N.Y.

Ray will be remembered for the kindness and love he shared with his wife, children, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth, the mother of his three children, and his brothers, William Knight and Lancelot Knight.

A public memorial service will be planned for a later date with The Rev. Clifton D. Eshbach officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Ray's name to the Studebaker Drivers Club – Keystone Region. Checks can be mailed to the attention of Ronda White, 2706 Hoffer Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103.

Family and friends are strongly encouraged to share condolences on his Memorial Page at www.TheGroffs.com



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