

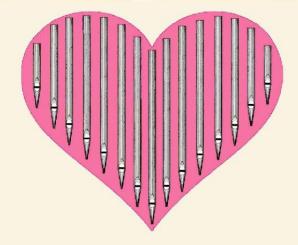
February 2016 *Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society*

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"Open Console" Capitol Theatre, York, PA Monday, February 22nd

Our February SVTOS event will be an "Open Console" for our members. You can

schedule time to practice, explore, set up your piston level, or just have a good time playing the newly updated WurliTzer. Contact Don Schoeps at 717-254-6097 or <u>dschoeps@aol.com</u> to schedule your time.



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.

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We had several SVTOS members signed up to play for open console on Monday January 18th including our youngest member, 12 year old Cody McSherry. I happened to be in the theatre when he was playing the organ and I was amazed at how much he has improved since last year. Cody plays several musical instruments and shows great promise to be a fine theatre organist. We need more young people to show an interest in the theatre organ.

The next open console is on Monday February 22nd. I was not able to reserve President's Day this year as the Strand has a show scheduled that day. Call Don Schoeps at 717-254-6097 or email him at <u>dschoeps@aol.com</u> to reserve your practice time. You can sign up to play even if you played in January. A big thank you to Don and Nancy Schoeps for hosting these open consoles.

Our March 14th showcase will feature the Father-and-Son team of Dan and Jack Umholtz at the Capitol Theatre. We heard Dan last year and are looking forward to hearing him again along with his Father Jack who has been an inspiration to Dan as a church organist.

Also in March the Capitol Theatre is having a silent film program in addition to their regular First Friday and Saturday night films. On Saturday March 26th at 7pm Don Kinnier will accompany the silent film, "The General," starring Buster Keaton. This program is open to the public and there is an admission charge. "The General" is one of Keaton's favorite films and is recognized by critics as one of the greatest comedies of all time. If you have not seen this film before, it is a "must see" for silent film and movie aficionados. See page 5 for more information.

I am pleased that our SVTOS organists have signed up to play the organ before all of the Capitol films. The organ plays 30 minutes before each film. See the list of films and organists listed in this newsletter on page 3. Thanks to all of our members who signed up to play. We still have 3 open slots for Masonic Village: April 12th, June 14th, and August 9th. Please contact Ken Kline at 717-564-7513 to play for any of these dates.

Our April 11th program will be a video of "The Walt Disney Concert Hall Organ" followed by Open console.

Barry Howard

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SVTOS 2015-2016 SEASON

| Open Console at the Capitol Theatre WurliTzer Capitol Theatre, York, PA |
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| Showcase: Father-and-Son Organists JACK and DAN UMHOLTZ |
| Capitol Theatre, York, PA |
| Video: "The Walt Disney Concert Hall Organ." Followed by Open Console |
| Capitol Theatre, York, PA |
| SVTOS Annual Meeting and election of officers. Followed by Open Console |
| Capitol Theatre, York, PA |
| Showcase: Organist Justin LaVoie, Detroit, MI |
| Capitol Theatre, York, PA |
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* Indicates meetings NOT held on the usual second Monday of the month

"SVTOS Plays For The Movies"

MANY THANKS! to the SVTOS members who play the WurliTzer before movies at the Capitol Theatre:

Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. – "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" – Gary Coller
Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. – "Good Morning Vietnam" – Glenn Hough
Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. – "Grease" – Don Schoeps
March 4 at 9pm – "Donnie Darko" – Bob Carbaugh
March 5 at 7 p.m. – "Amy" – Glenn Hough
March 12 at 7 p.m. – "Casablanca" – Gary Coller
March 19 at 7 p.m. – "He Named Me Malala" – Bob Carbaugh
March 26 at 7 p.m. – "The General" – SILENT FILM – Don Kinnier (see page 5)
April 1 at 9 p.m. – "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" – Bob Pierce
April 9 at 7 p.m. – "Dazed and Confused" – Bob Pierce
June 3, at 9 p.m. – "Kill Bill" – Bob Pierce

Organists are Needed for "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 in 2016:

| April 12th | <u>* Open</u> |
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| June 14th | <u>* Open</u> |
| August 9th | * Open |
| October 11th | Ken Kline |
| December 13th | Annual Christmas Spectacular featuring any and all SVTOS Members! |

* Please contact Ken Kline at 717-564-7513 if you would like to volunteer to play on any of these dates.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

| Sunday, Feb. 14 | Charlie Kokoski, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD |
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| 3:00 PM | <u>Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.</u> |
| Thursday, March 3 | Boscov's Berks Jazz Fest 2016, Vince Giordano and The Nighthawks, Alvernia |
| 7:30 PM | University, Reading, PA. \$20.00. <u>alvernia.edu/arts-culture</u> 610-796-8322. |
| Saturday, April 9 2:00 PM | Boscov's Berks Jazz Fest 2016, Ben Mauger's Roaring 20's Jazz Orchestra and Dixieland Band, Wilson West Middle School, 450 Faust Road, Sinking Spring, PA. \$15.00 at door. 610-678-5690. Benefits the Wilson Scholarship Fund. |
| Sunday, April 10 | GLENN HOUGH, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD |
| 3:00 PM | Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc. |
| Tuesday, April 12 7:00 PM | Boscov's Berks Jazz Fest 2016, DON KINNIER accompanies Buster Keaton's Silent Film "The General." Wilson West Middle School, 450 Faust Road, Sinking Spring, PA. \$15.00 at door. 610-678-5690. Benefits the Wilson Scholarship Fund. (See page 5) |
| Sunday, May 1 | DON KINNIER, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD |
| 3:00 PM | Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc. |
| Sunday, June 5 | Bob Gulledge, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD |
| 3:00 PM | Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc. |

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50 year old church-style Allen Organ with two manuals, full pedal board, and one expression shoe. Located in Royersford, PA. Contact Kathy Pritchett by phone at 410-579-8366 or by email at Kathy.pritchett@gmail.com.



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.

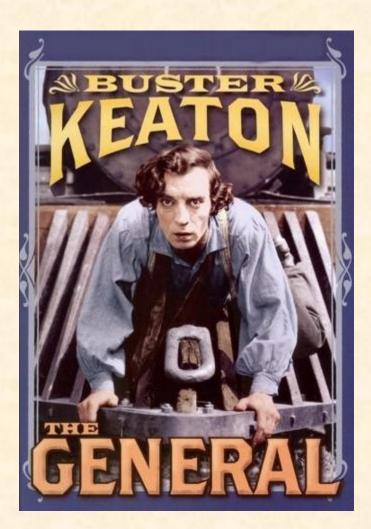
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DON KINNIER accompanies "THE GENERAL"

Capitol Theatre, York PA

March 26 at 7:00 PM

and

Wilson West Middle School April 12 at 7:00 PM

Comic genius Buster Keaton achieved an artistic milestone with the 1926 silent action-adventure-comedy, *The General*. Based on a true story, this civil war tale not only starred Keaton, but was written and co-directed by him as well. Keaton as a confederate railroad engineer, Johnnie Gray, attempts to thwart the theft of his beloved locomotive, *The General*, by Union spies. He springs into action when he realizes the other love of his life, girlfriend Annabelle Lee, is taken captive. His adventure turns from drama to hilarity in a memorable and poignant fashion. Keaton displays the deadpan countenance and brilliant comic timing that made him one of America's most beloved comedians and an icon of his era. One of his favorite films, *The General*, is known for its masterfully composed action sequences and brilliant recreation of the Antebellum South. It is recognized by critics and movie aficionados as one of the greatest comedies of all time.