

# The Windline

January-February 2024



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre  
Organ Society*

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## OPEN CONSOLES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH\* (MLK DAY)**

**AND**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 19TH\* (PRESIDENTS' DAY)**

**CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**

Make your reservations today for the two  
Open Consoles in January and February!



For January 15th contact Don Schoeps at  
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For February 19th contact Barry Howard at  
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Theatre Pipe Organs. Proudly supporting the Mighty WurliTzer Theatre Pipe Organ  
in the Capitol Theatre in York, PA.

Here's hoping all is well and wishing happiness of New Years to all. We just returned from a Christmas visit to the Washington, DC area and preparations are now underway for the weekend celebrations for January 1<sup>st</sup>.

I have received several comments wishing that we have a repeat of our 2023 Holiday Celebration at the Capitol where we featured Nathan and Claire Avakian. Nathan recently posted on Soundcloud via Facebook one of the tunes from their new album, "The Christmas Waltz". (Link here: <https://www.facebook.com/N.AvakianMusic>) Nathan and his family are gathered out west with his parents and the new CD should be finished soon after his return to the east. I would be most interested in your suggestions regarding what to plan for the 2024 holiday program. This year's planning had to start in late March of 2023, so we will have to work on next year's program in the spring next year.

As with past winters, Don Schoeps and Barry Howard will be organizing open consoles for January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup> respectively (see info on Page 1 of this *Windline*). The March program will be a video/meeting at the Capitol Theatre on the **THIRD** Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The April meeting will be a "Members Showcase", so all our players should start to prepare a 15-minute organ program for April. Since the May meeting will be at the Howard/Fenner residence, we will hold the Annual Chapter Meeting/Election at the Capitol Theatre on Monday evening April 8<sup>th</sup>. (Details will be presented at the March Chapter Meeting as well as in the April issue of the *Windline*.) As indicated, our May meeting will be in Lebanon on OPUS 501 with Ben Forsthoffer, and June will conclude the spring events schedule with a silent film by organist Bernie Anderson.

On Friday evening, March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Appell Center will be presenting Don Kinnier accompanying Buster Keaton's masterful silent film "Sherlock Jr.". This is a CapFilm event, not an SVTOS event. See information in "Coming Attractions" on Page 3 or at this link <https://appellcenter.org/show/capfilm-sherlock-jr/>.

On a personal note, I do not intent to stand for the Presidency of SVTOS for the next two years. However, I will be helping to conduct several of next year's programs. More will be explained during our March meeting and prior to the April election of new officers.

Ed Horvath and I will be spending January, February and the first part of March in Florida. Happiest of New Year's to everyone.

Richard Neidich, President SVTOS



## SVTOS OFFICERS

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Don Schoeps, and Judy Townsend



## SVTOS 2023-2024 SEASON

Monday January 15, 2024 9 AM - 5 PM*	*Open Console (MLK Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday Feb 19, 2024 9 AM - 5 PM*	*Open Console (Presidents' Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday March 18 7:00 PM*	*Video Presentation: <i>Chasing Beauty, The Phil Maloof Story</i> (Note: Third Monday of March, not the usual second Monday)
Monday April 8, 7:00 PM	Annual Membership Meeting/Election and Member Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Saturday May 18* 2:30 PM*	*Ben Forsthoffer Showcase on Opus 501, Howard-Fenner residence, Lebanon, PA
Monday June 10, 2024 7:00 PM	Bernie Anderson Silent Film, Capitol Theatre, York, PA

\* Indicates meetings NOT held on the usual second Monday of the month and/or at a different time or location

### "SVTOS Plays For The Movies"

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

Consult the Capitol Theatre Website ([Click here](#)) for the details and admission prices.

- Friday, January 5 @ 6:30 PM - *Trolls* - Barry Howard (First Friday Free Family Film)
- Saturday, January 13 @ 7:00 PM - *Stop Making Sense* - Larry Fenner
- Sunday, January 21 @ 3:00 and 7:00 PM - *Apocalypse Now* - Glenn Hough



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Thursday January 4, 2024 5:00-8:10 PM	Don Kinnier plays his last Christmas program of the season at <a href="#">Longwood Gardens</a> , Kennett Square, PA.
Saturday, January 27th 3:00 PM	Mark Herman, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE. (NOTE: Change of Artist because Carol Williams had to cancel)
Saturday, March 16th 3:00 PM	Jerry Nagano, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Friday, March 29th 7:00 PM	Don Kinnier accompanies the Buster Keaton silent film <i>Sherlock Jr.</i> , <a href="#">Capitol Theatre, York, PA</a> . Tickets \$8.00 (Not an SVTOS event but Appell Center Member Passes are accepted)
Saturday, May 4th 7:00 PM	Simon Gledhill, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.

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



### Are YOU the next SVTOS President?

If so, the SVTOS Leadership Committee wants to hear from YOU! As Richard Neidich stated in his editorial piece on Page 2, he will not accept a third term as SVTOS President. He originally agreed to one 2-year term, but that term was interrupted by Covid and most of the 2019-2020 Season was cancelled, so he graciously agreed to take a second 2-year term which will end in 2024. If you would like to run for the next SVTOS President, please contact any members of the SVTOS Leadership Committee listed at the bottom of Page 2 to let us know. Thank you!



## FREE To A Good Home:

**Vintage Organ Speaker** on wheels. 30" wide, 38" high, and 16" deep. Contains five speakers: one 15", two 12", and two 10", plus Hammond reverb unit.

Last used about 30 years ago when it was connected to a Hammond M3 spinet organ. Tubes in amplifier light up, but unit may need to be checked out electronically.

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