



Susquehanna Valley Theatre

Organ Society

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SVTOS SUMMER PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 24TH @ NOON

PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 20TH

Its SVTOS Picnic time again, hopefully this time without the need to social distance. The picnic will be on Saturday, July 24, 2021. You are welcome to arrive any time after noon and stay with us through the evening.

For the afternoon, we have invited ***Pierre Fracalanza*** to provide organ and piano melodies. For those on a tight schedule, 2 to 4 PM is the designated period for Pierre to entertain us, however, music will be the background for the afternoon's gathering.

Ed Horvath and I have a wonderful home in upper York County, on the Yellow Breeches River. We have installed a custom 3/51 Walker Digital Theater Organ in our music room/studio. The instrument was regulated and balanced to the room acoustics by Bob Walker, founder of Walker Technical Services, and Dan Umholtz over the past year. Pierre will also be playing our Steinway grand. We're very proud to be able to share the sounds of these very special instruments in a magnificent room with SVTOS members and guests.

The music room opens to a 3,000 sq. ft. deck and outdoor kitchen that can accommodate those to gather and listen through the home's French doors. The organ's 16 audio channels and 2 banks of speakers present great fidelity and spatial acoustics to enhance the first-hand audience experience in the performance space. Also, there are outdoor speakers to hear music room activity. We will have plenty of padded chairs for seating, courtesy of Barry & Larry. (continued on Page 2)



Music Room

Richard's
Radar

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Outdoor Deck and Kitchen

For those who attend we will be presenting a traditional shared dish picnic food service. We will provide the basics including hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst with other traditional picnic foods.

If you wish to bring any food to share, side dishes, treats or snacks will be welcome. To avoid too much of a good thing, if you can, please let us know what would like to bring to help us plan and coordinate food and beverages for our guests.

Richard's
Radar Continued

So that we have sufficient seating and to allow for beverage planning, please provide an RSVP by e-mail or phone call by July 20th with names of those planning on attending. An acknowledgement message with map and location will be provided by e-mail on July 22th.

While we are hoping the weather cooperates, this will be a rain-or-shine event. If we are unable to picnic outside, we have an indoor space that can be used for dining. There is one step at the front entrance and 3 steps or use of a ramp from the main level to the deck. There is plenty of parking available on our street and our driveway areas.

Richard Neidich and Edward Horvath

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PIERRE FRACALANZA

Pierre Fracalanza has been a pianist and organist since the tender age of three. First studying under his Father, Pierre was playing in churches by age eight and a Church Director of Music by age sixteen.

Pierre attended the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York where he concentrated on vocal studies. After school, he pursued a career in entertainment and was featured in some of the finest venues in Metropolitan Detroit, Michigan.



Among his notable accomplishments were opening for Carol Channing at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts. He also played for a National Governor's Conference in Traverse City, Michigan and privately entertained for the late Senator Ted Kennedy and then First Lady, Hillary Clinton.

Pierre began playing Theatre Organ and Theatre Organ Pizza and Pipes in Pontiac, Michigan in his twenties. During that period, he performed organ concerts for about ten years. Then Pierre took a hiatus from Theatre Organ until he gained attention with his YouTube performances on Hauptwerk Virtual Theatre Organ. Since then, he has concertized in several states.

Pierre is part of the select Roster of Steinway Pianists around the world, known as Steinway Artists. He has demonstrated Steinway pianos, Yamaha pianos and organs, Roland Organs and Rodgers Church Organs.

Pierre is known in theatre organ circles for his copious research and imitation of the style of Buddy Cole, who passed away in 1964. In 2014, utilizing the recorded voice of Buddy Cole, Pierre put together a multimedia biographical music concert at the Indianapolis ATOS Convention. Several years later, Pierre also played for the Pasadena Convention. And in 2019, Pierre was named "Artist of the Year" by ATOS.

For nearly three decades, Pierre has been Organist/Music Director for a 3000-family Catholic Parish in Suburban Detroit - St. James in Novi, Michigan.

“SVTOS Plays For The Movies”

Hear these SVTOS members play the Wurlitzer 30 minutes before movies at the Capitol Theatre. Advance Tickets available [here](#).

- Friday, July 2 @ 6:30 PM - *Trolls* - Don Schoeps (FREE)
- Saturday, July 10 @ 7:00 PM - *Crooklyn* - Larry Fenner
- Sunday, July 11 @ 4:00 PM - *American Graffiti* - Barry Howard
- Saturday, July 17 @ 7:00 PM - *Dirty Dancing* - Glenn Hough
- Sunday, July 18 @ 4:00 PM - *El Cantante* - Barry Howard
- Saturday, July 24 @ 7:00 PM - *Waiting To Exhale* - Don Schoeps
- Sunday, July 25 @ 4:00 PM - *Pretty In Pink* - Bill Autry
- Saturday, July 31 @ 7:00 PM - *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* - Gary Coller
- Friday, August 6 @ 6:30 PM - *Minions* - Roy Wainwright (FREE)



“SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village,” Elizabethtown, PA

ALL PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ATOS 2021 Convention - “The Unconventional Convention” July 8-11

ALL listed times are Eastern Time Zone

JULY 8

- * 3pm – Justin LaVoie at the Mole Hole in Marshall, Michigan. 2/6 Barton
- * 8pm – Justin Stahl at the Bronson Wurlitzer in SE Michigan. 3/10 Wurlitzer

JULY 9

- * 3pm – Jonas Nordwall presenting a seminar on theatre organ playing techniques
- * 4pm – No-Host Cocktail Party (using the Zoom platform)
- * 8pm – Zach Frame at Organ Piper Pizza. 3/30 Wurlitzer

JULY 10

- * 12pm – Members Forum – (On Zoom)
- * 3pm – Awards Ceremony – (On Zoom)
- * 4:30pm – Chapter / Membership Seminar (On Zoom)
- * 8pm – Dave Wickerham at the Blackwood Performing Arts Center in Harrisville, Pennsylvania. 3/20 Wurlitzer

JULY 11

- * 3pm – Jelani Eddington at the Carmex Warehouse in Franklin, Wisconsin. 4/90 Mostly Wurlitzer
- * 7:45pm – Preview for 2022 San Diego Convention
- * 8pm – Simon Gledhill and Richard Hills at the Holbeach Studio Organ in Lincolnshire, England. 4/22 Compton
(*See below to listen to examples of the artistry of Simon and Richard)

Additional information is available by clicking [here](#) .

*Simon Gledhill and Richard Hills Solos/Duets on the 4/22 Holbeach Compton

- 2020 - [Simon Gledhill Plays the 4/22 Residence Organ in Holbeach - YouTube](#)
- 2016 - [The Dam Busters March for Four Hands and at least Two Feet - YouTube](#)
- 2015 - [The Runaway Rocking Horse - YouTube](#)
- 2014 - [Simon Gledhill and Richard Hills: Looking Around - YouTube](#)
- 2013 - [Simon Gledhill and Richard Hills play Canyon Caballero - YouTube](#)
- 2012 - [Simon Gledhill and Richard Hills play Spectre on the Spree! - YouTube](#)
- 2010 - [Richard Hills plays Sambalina on the Theatre Organ - YouTube](#)