

## Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

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#### Justin Nimmo Showcase June 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm Capitol Theatre, York PA

Justin Nimmo, was born in North Tonawanda, New York, the famous home of the Rudolph Wurlitzer Co. Although he began his organ studies on an electronic organ at age 5, it wasn't until he was thirteen years old that he had his first opportunity to play a real theatre pipe organ. Invited to attend an open console session at the historic Riviera Theatre in North Tonawanda, Justin was thrilled to get to play the Riviera's Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ. Recognizing his interest and talent, the Niagara Frontier Theatre Organ Society allowed him access to the Riviera organ to practice and further develop his theatre organ style. At the "young" age of 16, Justin was officially named as one of the house organists for the Riviera Theatre where he was regularly featured playing overtures and other programs.



Following his successes at the Riviera, Nimmo regularly played overtures for the classic film series at Shea's Buffalo on the large 4/28 Wurlitzer Theatre Organ. He currently appears as guest organist on occasion at the Ohio Theatre in Columbus, Ohio performing overtures for the Ohio's film series on the large 4/33 Robert Morton Theatre Organ.

Nimmo resides in Indianapolis, Indiana where he is a member of the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society. He can be heard playing "walk-in" music at the Hedback Community theatre's small but lively 2/11 Wurlitzer as well as Warren Performing Arts Center on the 3/18 Grande Barton. He has been employed by Carlton Smith Theatre Pipe Organ Restorations since 2004 where he has diversified his theatre organ interests to include the installation and service of theatre organs. Justin is a 2005 and 2006 recipient of a scholarship from the American Theatre Organ Society and has studied with renowned theatre organ teacher John Ferguson. He was also awarded the Theatre Organ Apprentice award from the American Theatre Organ Society in 2011.

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.

On May 3rd several of our members went to Messiah College to hear Dan Umholtz give his senior recital on the organ. Dan did an outstanding job on the organ, starting the program with Bach's *Toccata in F major* and ending the program with *Finale from Symphony No. 1* by Louis Vierne. I especially enjoyed his *Danse Macabre* in the second half which he performed along with four dancers from the college. Dan certainly has a bright future in the organ world and we were thrilled with his performance. Dan graduated in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. Congratulations Dan!

Our May 11th monthly meeting at the Capitol Theatre consisted of the annual membership meeting (see the membership and treasurer's reports on Page 3) and the Arrangers' Challenge. This year only one person accepted the challenge, but as always Emmitte ("Mr. Smooth") Miller did an outstanding job with his Latin-inspired arrangement of *Beautiful Dreamer*.

Our second silent film at the Allen Theatre is on Sunday May 31st at 2:00pm. The film is *The Mark of Zorro* starring Douglas Fairbanks with organ accompaniment by Don Kinnier. Douglas Fairbanks plays a Robin Hood-like character in this fast-moving swashbuckler that combines action, adventure, and romance in this silent movie classic. We will also be showing Part 2 of *The Movie Palaces* narrated by Gene Kelly before the silent film. These programs are also open to the public but SVTOS members get the special reduced price of \$5.00 with their membership badge. Our silent film in April was not very well attended and I hope we can do better this time. Please invite your friends and neighbors to these programs. Our last silent film entitled *It* stars Clara Bow and is on Sunday June 28th. *It* is 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?

Our last showcase for this season is on Monday June 8th at the Capitol Theatre and will feature guest organist Justin Nimmo from Indianapolis, IN. Justin last performed for SVTOS in June 2012. Aside from being an accomplished theatre organist, Justin is also an accomplished organ builder and technician. He is employed by Carlton Smith Theatre Pipe Organ Restorations in Indianapolis, IN. Justin and Carlton Smith are responsible for restoring many of the theatre organs in the Midwest and are noted for their high quality restorations. See more biographical information about Justin in this newsletter. Please come out and enjoy his program on June 8th. Remember you may bring guests to our programs. I know you will be thrilled with his program. Don't miss it!

And finally a reminder about the ATOS convention in Philadelphia from July 2-7. It's still not too late to register if you are planning to attend. At last count over 400 people have registered and it should be a great convention. For details check your ATOS "Theatre Organ Journal" or the ATOS website (<a href="http://www.atos.org/2015-convention">http://www.atos.org/2015-convention</a>).

Barry Howard

SVTOS Membership Repor May 8, 2015	rt
Member units currently.	
2015 Regular	13
2015 ATOS	34
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Total Membership Units	50 (2014 was 48)
2014 non-renewals	1 (one ATOS, zero regular)
2013 non-renewals	6 (two ATOS, four regular)
Courtesy list	40 (includes ten non-renewals from 2011 and 2012)

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INCOME		2014-15	2013-14	Change	%
INCOME					
	Dues-ATOS Members	510.00	840.00	-330.00	-39
	Dues-NON-ATOS Members	400.00	520.00	-120.00	-23
	Masonic Home honorariums	300.00	225.00	75.00	33
	Other Income (operating exp contrib +CDsales)	516.21	94.46	421.75	446
	Allen Theatre Shows (net)	-110.00	-180.00		-39
	Donations		25.00		-100
	Total Income	1616.21	1524.46	91.75	6
EXPENS	ES				
	Honorariums	800.00	1000.00	-200.00	-20
	Insurance	282.00	284.00	-2.00	-1
	Meeting Expenses (organ tuning)	400.00	200.00	200.00	100
	Refreshments(net income)	-60.75	86.00	-146.75	-171
	Newsletter	101.06	323.20	-222.14	-69
	Web site		170.90	-170.90	-100
	Total Expenses	1522.31	2064.10	-541.79	-26
	Net Gain	93.90	-539.64	633.54	-117
BALANC	ES				
	Scholarship fund	2253.00	2645.00	-392.00	-15
	Specified Donations (Hauptwerk & Piano)	780.00	150.00	630.00	420
	Free Cash Balance	8023.46	7774.48	248.98	3

### SVTOS 2014-2015 SEASON

Sunday, May 31 2:00 PM	SVTOS Great Classic Films with Live Organ Accompaniment by DON KINNIER, "The Mark of Zorro," starring Douglas Fairbanks, <u>Allen Theatre</u> , <u>Annville</u> , <u>PA</u> . \$5.00 admission for SVTOS Members with Membership Badge
Monday, June 8 7:00 PM	Showcase: Organist JUSTIN NIMMO, Indianapolis, IN
Sunday, June 28 2:00 PM	SVTOS Great Classic Films with Live Organ Accompaniment by DON KINNIER, "It," starring Clara Bow, Allen Theatre, Annville, PA. \$5.00 admission for SVTOS Members with Membership Badge.

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

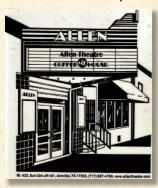
Hear these SVTOS Members play the 3-manual Allen digital theatre organ in the Masonic Village Health Center at 7:00 pm on the following Tuesdays:

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



#### **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 <a href="www.svtos.org">www.svtos.org</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:Pres@SVTOS.org">Pres@SVTOS.org</a>. These contributions are now tax-deductible!

#### "A Capitol Idea!"

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



A CAPITOL IDEA!

KEN DOUBLE AT THE MIGHTY WURLITZER + BIG BAND

#### **SVTOS OFFICERS**

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#### For Sale- Conn 650 Theatre Organ

Available is a very nice Conn 650 3 manual Theatre Organ. The organ was built in 1968, and was restored in 2014. It boasts high quality analog voices, and an incredible integrated speaker system. This instrument is in excellent playable condition. The organ has excellent crisp high's and exceptional rumbling lows. A great instrument, available for \$1300, or best offer. Call Connor for more information: 717-917-9320.







## COMING ATTRACTIONS

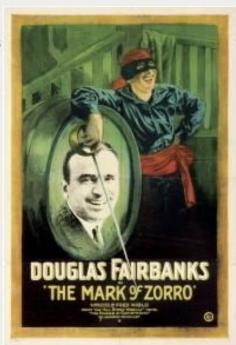
Sunday, June 7 2:00 PM	Ron Rhode, "Spring Into Summer" Concert, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>		
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Saturday, June 13 7:00 PM	Justin LaVoie and Dan Minervini, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</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 <a href="DON KINNIER">DON KINNIER</a> , who is also a featured artist during the Convention Encore. <a href="Don't Miss It!">Don't Miss It!</a>		
Sunday, Sept. 20 2:00 PM	Walter Strony, Fall Concert Kick Off, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley		
Saturday, Sept. 26 7:00 PM	Nathan Avakian, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE		
Sunday, Sept. 27 3:00 PM	John Baratta, Silent Film Series, "The King Of Kings" <u>Grand Theatre</u> , East Greenville, PA		
Sunday, Oct. 18 3:00 PM	John Baratta, Silent Film Series, "Nosferatu" <u>Grand Theatre</u> , East Greenville, PA		
Sunday, Oct. 25 2:00 PM	Halloween Silent Movie, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>		
Saturday, Nov. 7 7:00 PM	Jelani Eddington, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE		
Sunday, Nov. 22 3:00 PM	John Baratta, Carl Black, and guests! Silent Film Series, "Go West" Grand Theatre, East Greenville, PA		
Sunday, Dec. 6 2:00 PM	Annual Holiday Concert, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>		
Saturday, Dec. 12 7:00 PM	Lance Luce, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE		
Saturday, Jan. 30 7:00 PM	Ron Rhode, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE		
Saturday, March 19 7:00 PM	Mark Herman, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE		



Great Classic Silent Films
With Live Theatre Organ Accompaniment

## Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 2:00 PM "The Mark of Zorro" (1920) Starring Douglas Fairbanks

When Don Diego Vega returns to Old California from school in Spain, he discovers the tyrannical governor Alvarado in power. Assuming the persona of an effeminate fop while secretly masquerading as Zorro, a masked bandit who robs the wealthy and gives to the poor, Diego attempts to restore justice. His true identity known only to his faithful servant Bernardo, Zorro outwits his enemies, wins over the soldiers to his case, forces the governor to abdicate and wins the affections of Lolita, a lovely aristocrat who is delighted to discover that her foppish fiancé Diego, whom she scorns, is actually a dashing hero.



Live organ accompaniment by

Don Kinnier at the

Mighty Hauptwerk Virtual 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