

The Windline

June 2022



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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BRETT MILLER SHOWCASE PLUS "SEVEN CHANCES" SILENT MOVIE

**MONDAY, JUNE 13TH, 7:00 PM
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**



Brett Miller is an organist, pianist, orchestrator, and conductor specializing in silent film accompaniment. His most recent appointment is as music director of the [Empire Film and Media Ensemble](#), a nonprofit based in Rochester, NY, that advocates for the education, performance, and production of silent film music. As a performer, Brett has been a featured soloist for the New Jersey Capital Philharmonic, the author George R. R. Martin, as well as being featured on PBS "State of the Arts" and the Philadelphia Inquirer "We the People." Brett has received numerous accolades, including an honorable mention at the White House Student Film Festival and as a finalist in the American Theatre Organ Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition. Brett is

currently a student at the Eastman School of Music, continuing his academic involvement and advocacy for the education and preservation of silent films through performance live to picture. Brett is an active member of the Garden State, Rochester, and American Theatre Organ Societies and the Historic Pipe Organs and Boardwalk Hall*. (**Editor's Note: See Page 4 for Brett's schedule of performances at Boardwalk Hall this Summer.*)



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 in the Capitol Theatre in York, PA.

A big thank you to Barry Howard, Larry Fenner, and Mark Herman for our May Chapter meeting on Wurlitzer OPUS 501. Another great program by Mark, and the organ has never sounded better. After the Saturday program, Ed Horvath and I headed north to a Sunday program at the Rochester Theater Organ Society by Nick Renkosik. (I'm hoping to have Nick visit with SVTOS in the near future.) On our return trip, we stopped for a visit with David Peckham. David is currently working on restoring elements of the Shea's Buffalo Wurlitzer and the Moller 3/7 in the Rome, NY, Capitol Theatre, as well as continuing an installation at his home.

For our June program on Monday, June 13th we are hosting Brett Miller. Brett last appeared at the Capitol in November 2018. Since then, Brett has enrolled in College at the Eastman School of Music and will be making appearances this summer at the Atlantic City Boardwalk (see Page 4 for his performance schedule). For his return visit to the SVTOS, he will be providing a program of organ music and will also accompany the Buster Keaton silent film "Seven Chances." (see below)

The Appell Center's Capitol Theatre is resuming a fuller schedule of films this Summer. See Page 3 of the *Windline* for the a list of dates and organists. All movies are FREE!

Our summer plans for a picnic are being developed for Saturday, July 30th with Donnie Rankin as the invited organist. Donnie visited the area in the past and is expected to provide a program of traditional theatre organ arrangements as well as providing his unique approach, adding some rhythmic variations based upon his skill as a drummer. (More details will be included in the July "Windline".)

Note that the Brett Miller program will be preceded by a short SVTOS Business Meeting to include our biennial election of Chapter Officers.

Richard Neidich, President SVTOS

"Seven Chances" starring Buster Keaton

Love has never been funnier or more difficult to manage than in this immortal Buster Keaton comedy. "Seven Chances" is a film often imitated but never rivaled for hilarity and visual virtuosity. Keaton stars as Jimmie Shannon, a romantically jinxed young man who must marry by 7:00 PM to inherit seven million dollars. While fate seems to thwart his efforts to woo the object of his true affection (Ruth Dwyer), public announcement of his strange predicament provides him with a throng of would-be brides who are aggressive in their pursuit of a husband, to say the least. In one of the most rousing, brilliantly choreographed sequences in Keaton's career, Shannon flees the horde of women while dodging the hostile forces of nature that seem to be conspiring against him (in the form of a colossal rockslide) during his manic dash to the altar.

SVTOS 2020-2021 SEASON

Monday, June 13 7:00 PM	Brett Miller Showcase and SVTOS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Saturday July 30th* (time to be announced)	SVTOS Summer Picnic featuring Donnie Rankin, Neidich-Horvath residence, Lewisberry, PA
* 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”

All Summer Movies are FREE

- Wednesday, July 6th @ 7PM – film To Be Determined (TBD) – Don Schoeps
- Wednesday, July 13th @ 7PM – film TBD – Glenn Hough
- Wednesday, July 20th @ 7PM – film TBD – Roy Wainwright
- Wednesday, July 27th @ 7PM – film TBD – Larry Fenner
- Wednesday, August 3rd @ 7PM – film TBD – Roy Wainwright
- Wednesday, August 10th @ 7PM – film TBD – Barry Howard
- Friday, September 2nd @ 6:30PM – film TBD – Roy Wainwright
- Friday, October 7th @ 6:30PM – film TBD – Larry Fenner



“SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village,” Elizabethtown, PA

ALL PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Friday, June 3 Doors Open at 6:00 Film starts approx. 7:30	DON KINNIER accompanies Charlie Chaplin’s silent film <i>The Kid</i> at Bergstrasse Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9 Hanhstown Road (intersection of routes 322 and 222), Ephrata, PA. A donation of \$5 is suggested to support the ministry of Bergstrasse Lutheran Church, where “All are welcome, means ALL”!
Saturday, June 11 7:00 PM	David Peckham with Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
July 3-7	ATOS Annual Convention, San Diego, CA. ATOS 2022 Convention
Saturday, July 16 4:00 PM	Memorial Service for Bob Dilworth, the founder of the Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE. Services begin at 4pm with Carl Black and John Baratta on the consoles, with a special pre-recorded tribute by Peter Richard Conte following. After a break Nathan Avakian and Dave Wickerham will present a musical celebration concert. This memorial and special presentation has no admission required. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made that evening to the society.
Sunday, September 18th 2:00 PM	Wurlitzer 100th Year featuring Mark Herman, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.
Sunday, October 30th 2:00 PM	Silent Film “Nosferatu,” Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.

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

Florian Hutter—Talented Young Organist on YouTube

Young German organist Florian Hutter has several videos on his YouTube channel ([click here](#)) playing various 2- and 3-manual Wersi organs. He is self-taught and started playing the organ at age 5. His style is very similar to that of the legendary organist Klaus Wunderlich. His first public concert was in 2005 at age 15, and he has performed concerts in Belgium, England, Sweden, and Denmark, and has also released several recordings. His selections are always familiar and demonstrate his natural ability.

Barry Howard—SVTOS vice president

Brett Miller plays the Atlantic City Midmer-Losh Organ

Brett Miller will be presenting recitals this Summer on the Midmer-Losh organ, the largest and loudest musical instrument on Earth with 33,112 pipes, at [Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall](#) in Atlantic City. If you are ever down at the shore and want to hear and see the world largest and loudest instrument, Brett would love to see you! All recitals are at Noon and have a short tour afterwards.

- Wednesday May 25th
- Tuesday May 31st
- Thursday June 2nd
- Tuesday June 7th
- Tuesday June 14th
- Tuesday June 28th
- Tuesday July 5th
- Tuesday July 12th
- Tuesday July 26th
- Tuesday August 2nd
- Tuesday August 9th
- Tuesday August 16th



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