

The Windline

March 2020



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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LUKE STAIISIUNAS SHOWCASE

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH AT 7:00 PM

CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA



Luke Staisiunas, 23, is pursuing his Master's Degree at the University of Oklahoma, where he completed a bachelor's degree in organ performance. He was also active in the school's pipe Organ Technology program, which was the only one of its kind in the country. He is comfortable across a wide variety of genres and styles, from the Baroque to Theatre Organ, as well as silent film accompaniment. He has studied organ with Dr. Adam Pajan, Dr. Damin Spritzer, and Dr. John Schwandt. In addition to High School studies with Mr. Jim Brinson, he learned much about theatre organ playing in his many years of attending the American Theatre Organ Society's Summer Youth Adventure, a unique summer program where young theatre organists receive coaching and participate in masterclasses from the top artists and teachers in the country. During his time at OU, he has also received coaching in theatre organ playing, arranging, and silent film accompaniment from Clark Wilson. In addition, he has studied improvisation and continuo playing with Dr. Schwandt. He is also the current harpsichordist for the Vitam Musica Foundation, a new chamber orchestra based in the Oklahoma City area. He has performed for numerous ATOS chapter events, and others, including an appearance for the Chattanooga Music Club on their historic Austin Municipal Organ, and as a Finalist in the 2016 and 2018 ATOS competitions, earning first place in the 2018 competition. (continued on page 3)

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.

Many thanks to Don and Nancy Schoeps for again hosting the open consoles in January and February, allowing our members the opportunity to get some practice time on the Capitol Wurlitzer.


Our March 16th meeting will be held at the Capitol Theatre in York at 7:00 PM and will be our first showcase this year featuring guest organist Luke Staisiunas. Luke is currently pursuing his Master's Degree from the University of Oklahoma. Luke attended the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure for 9 years and was the winner of the ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition in 2018. He currently serves as the Youth Representative on the ATOS Board of Directors. This will be Luke's first time playing for SVTOS. See more about Luke on pages 1 and 3 of this newsletter.

We have a change of artist for our April 19th meeting at the Howard/Fenner residence. Unfortunately, Justin LaVoie had to cancel his program for us due to his schooling priorities. Justin is back in college and his schedule will prevent him from doing our program. We are currently finalizing arrangements with another artist(s) and will provide more details in the April newsletter. The date and location for the April program remain the same.

Our May 11th meeting will be at the Capitol Theatre at 7:00 PM and will be our annual Business Meeting and election of officers. All officers are up for election: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Gary Coller, the Nomination's Chairman, at 610-687-5690 or email him at springmontpipes@verizon.net. Following the meeting we will show a video about the newly installed Wurlitzer in the Nathan Barr Studio (formally installed in the Fox Studio in Hollywood, CA.) An open console will follow the video.

Our last showcase for this season will be on Monday June 15th at 7:00 PM and will feature Dan Minervini from Massapequa, New York. Dan last played for SVTOS in 2014. Since then Dan has graduated from college and the New York Police Academy. Dan is currently serving as a police officer in New York. Dan was the 2013 ATOS Theatre Organ Student of the Year and has attended many of the ATOS Summer Youth Adventures. He was a winner of the ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition in 2015 and has served as the Youth Representative on the ATOS Board of Directors and is currently an elected member of the NYTOS Board of Directors.

After a hiatus of several years, we will again have an SVTOS Picnic this year on Saturday afternoon August 1st at the home of Richard Neidich and Ed Horvath in Lewisberry, PA. Richard and Ed recently moved to PA from Washington, DC, and purchased a very spacious and lovely home with a sizable outdoor deck - the perfect place for a picnic! They also purchased a 3/51 Walker digital theatre organ which is installed in their great room. Organist Seamus Gethicker will provide organ music for the picnic. Details will follow in the June and July-August newsletters, but please remember to reserve the date.



Luke Staisiunas (continued from page 1) He has also taken place in a variety of workshops beyond the world of theatre organ, most recently as a Biggs fellow during the 2018 Organ Historical Society convention, also taking part in the 2018 Longwood Organ Academy, a week long intensive series of lessons and masterclasses focusing on the art of orchestral transcription on the Aeolian organ installed in the Longwood Gardens conservatory, with instructors Peter Richard Conte and Alan Morrison, as well as various guest instructors. Outside of performance, he currently serves on the ATOS Board of Directors as Youth Representative, as well as working on his own organ projects. Outside of music, he spends many hours in the kitchen, attempting various culinary, baking, and cocktail mixing adventures, with varying degrees of success, as well as spending time with the family dog, Rex, while home for breaks.

SVTOS 2019-2020 SEASON

Monday, March 16* 7:00 PM	Luke Staisiunas Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Sunday, April 19th* 3:00 PM	Showcase (Artist(s) to be announced), <i>Howard-Fenner residence, Lebanon, PA</i>
Monday, May 11 7:00 PM	Annual SVTOS Business Meeting and Election followed by video about the newly-installed Nathan Barr Wurlitzer (formerly installed in Fox Studios, Hollywood, CA) and Open Console. Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, June 15* 7:00 PM	Dan Minervini Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Saturday afternoon August 1*	SVTOS Picnic at the home of Richard Neidich and Ed Horvath, Lewisberry, PA, featuring Seamus Gethicker at the 3/51 Walker Digital Theatre Organ

** 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.

All Shows \$7.00 unless otherwise noted.

Friday, March 6th @ 6:30 - *Dumbo* - Gary Coller - FREE

Saturday March 14th @4:00 & 7:00 PM - *TBD** - Bill Autry

***Saturday March 21st @ 7:00 PM - *The Jesus Rolls* - OPEN**

Sunday, March 22nd @ 2:00 PM - *The Jesus Rolls* - Larry Fenner



***Please contact Ken Kline at 717-564-7513 or krkline38@gmail.com to volunteer to play for this movie.**

“SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village,” Elizabethtown, PA

Tuesday April 14th @ 7PM - OPEN

Tuesday June 9th @ 7PM - OPEN

Tuesday August 11th @ 7PM - OPEN

Tuesday October 13th @ 7PM - OPEN

Tuesday December 10 @ 7:00 PM Annual SVTOS Christmas Spectacular—OPEN TO ALL

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, March 14 7:00 PM	Jelani Eddington and Donnie Rankin - Dual Consoles, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, March 22 2:00 PM	Brett Miller, Silent Movie - <i>The Black Pirate</i> - Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, March 28 2:00 PM	Roaring 20's Jazz Orchestra & Ben Mauger's Vintage Jazz Band, Yocum Institute for Arts Education , Reading, PA (Portion of proceeds benefit Wilson Scholarship Fund)
Saturday, March 28 7:00 PM	Saturday At The Silents - John Baratta accompanies popular silent films, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, April 25 7:00 PM	Simon Gledhill and Richard Hills - Dual Consoles, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, April 26 2:00 PM	A Dick Smith Happening, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, May 3 2:00 PM	Justin Nimmo, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Sunday, June 7 2:00 PM	Don Kinnier , Silent Movie - <i>Ella Cinders</i> - Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, June 13 7:00 PM	Peter Richard Conte, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
July 6 through 11	ATOS 2020 Annual Convention , Indianapolis, Indiana
Sunday, September 13 2:00 PM	John Lauter, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Sunday, October 25 2:00 PM	Wayne Zimmerman, Halloween Silent Movie - <i>The Cabinet of Dr Caligari</i> - 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.	



Please Give A Big SVTOS Welcome to Our Newest (and one returning) Members!

Brunner & Associates, LLC, Silver Spring, PA (formerly Ray Brunner)

Lee Hulko, Carversville, PA

Daniel D. Kohler, Spring Grove, PA

Charles O. Reynolds, East Berlin, PA (returning member)

Greg Stellmach, Palmyra, PA

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