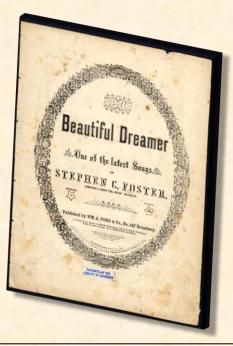
May 2015 Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

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Annual SVTOS Nembership Neeting and Arrangers' Challange May 11th at 7:00 PM Capitol Theatre, York, PA



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.

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We had a great turnout for our first showcase in 2015 on Monday, April 6th. It was nice to see so many members and guests attending, and we hope the guests will come back again and join SVTOS. Both Connor Ream and Dan Umholtz did a superb job showing off their talents and the depth of the organ. Their attendance at the ATOS Summer Youth Adventures over the last several years has really paid off! Our special musical guest was Mark Ream on the snare drum joining his son Connor for three selections. Connor displayed his theatre organ styles with one of Jesse Crawford's arrangements titled "I Love To Hear You Singing" and many other numbers. Dan demonstrated a more classical style with his "Blue Danube" and "War March Of The Priests" among others. We definitely want to have Connor and Dan back again. I thoroughly enjoyed their programs and want to thank Connor, Mark, and Dan for a most enjoyable evening!

Dan will be graduating from Messiah College in May and has invited all SVTOS members to attend his Senior Recital on May 3rd at 8:00 pm. See more details in the "Coming Attractions" section on Page 7.

Please remember to attend our Silent Film Series at the Allen Theatre on the last Sundays of April, May, and June at 2:00 pm. Don Kinnier has chosen three great classic silent films: "The Eagle," "The Mark of Zorro," and "It." Before each silent film we will be also be showing selections from a documentary titled "The Movie Palaces" narrated by Gene Kelly. The selections feature the great movie theatres of the 20's and 30's, many of which were torn down and sadly no longer exist. Please come out and support these films, and remember to bring your SVTOS membership badges to get the special admission price of \$5.00.

Our May 11th meeting at the Capitol Theatre will start with a short annual membership meeting, followed by the arrangers' challenge and open console. There are no elections this year, but we will have a membership and treasurer's report. Don Kinnier selected "Beautiful Dreamer" for this year's arrangers' challenge. Members are encouraged to create their own arrangement and play it at the meeting. See the music and additional instructions on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

Our June 8th Showcase will feature Justin Nimmo from Indianapolis, Indiana, who gave a outstanding performance when he last performed for us in June 2012. Justin started his organ studies on an electronic organ at age five and was thirteen when he had his first opportunity to play a real theatre pipe organ. At sixteen he was named as one of the house organists for the Riviera Theatre in North Tonawanda, NY. Since then Justin has played many other theatre organs, including the Shea's Buffalo 4/28 Wurlitzer and the Ohio Theatre's 4/33 Robert Morton. Justin is a member of the Central Indiana Chapter of ATOS and is also an accomplished organ technician employed by Carlton Smith Theatre Pipe Organ Restorations in Indianapolis. More about Justin in the next newsletter.

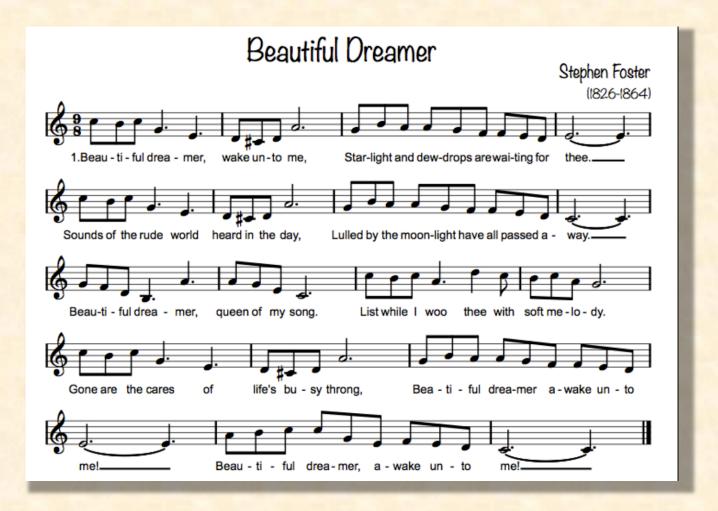
Finally, a reminder about the ATOS Annual Convention in Philadelphia July 2-7, which will feature our own Don Kinnier as one of the many organists! At last report more than 370 people had already registered for the convention, so if you are planning to attend please don't delay. Check your ATOS "Theatre Organ Journal" or the ATOS website (<u>http://www.atos.org/2015-convention</u>) for additional information.

Barry Howard

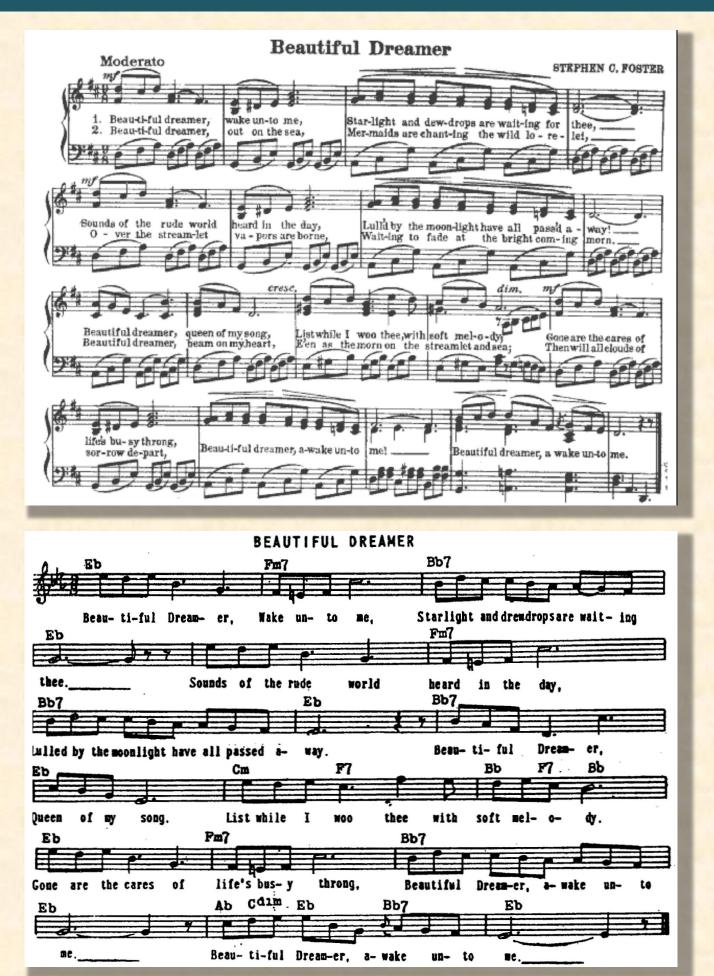
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<u>ARRANGERS' CHALLENGE</u> <u>SVTOS Meeting - May 11th – 7:00 PM</u>

Using all your musical skills, take this piece and transform it into something new. Use altered tempo/meter, ethnic style, orchestration and registration to bring this 19th century piece (and beautiful theatre organ music as it stands) to life for a new era. The piece for this year's arranger's challenge is Stephen C. Foster's **"Beautiful Dreamer."** Use one or more of the following sheets, or the original sheet music can be found and downloaded at <u>http://www.loc.gov/creativity/hampson/dreamer_1.html</u>.



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SVTOS 2014-2015 SEASON

| Monday, May 11 7:00 PM | Annual SVTOS Membership Meeting and Arrangers' Challenge Followed by Open Console |
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| 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, Annville, 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, <u>Allen Theatre, Annville, PA</u> . \$5.00 admission for SVTOS Members with Membership Badge. |

SVTOS Plays For The Capitol Theatre Movies

Hear these SVTOS Members play the WurliTzer from 2:30 to 3:00pm before select Sunday matinees:May 3, 2015:Glenn Hough "Route 30"

"First Friday Movies" – Organist plays at 8:30 pm and movie starts at 9:00 pm May 1, 2015 Robert Pierce "Fight Club"

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 |
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| August 11th | Herb Inge |
| October 13th | Ken Kline |
| December 8th | Annual Christmas Spectacular featuring any and all SVTOS Members! |



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



<u>Allen Theatre</u> 36 E. Main Street (Rt. 422) Annville, PA 17003 (717) 867-3545



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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 <u>www.svtos.org</u>. 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 <u>Pres@SVTOS.org</u>. **These contributions are now tax-deductible!**

THANK YOU to all the SVTOS members who contributed to the Scholarship Fund. Because of your very generous donations we were again be able to send Connor Ream and Dan Umholtz to the 2014 ATOS Summer Youth Adventure in Portland, Oregon. This is a very important program that assures the future of the theatre organ and its music.

"A Capitol Idea!"

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



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Theatre Organ Featured on "NBC Nightly News":

Click the link below to watch a story about the WurliTzer Theatre Organ installed in the Seattle Paramount Theatre. The organist is Tedde Gibson, originally from the Seattle area but now living in the Washington, DC area.

http://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/theater-organ-making-small-comeback-426758723676

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

| Saturday, May 2 7:00 PM | Hector Olivera, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE |
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| Sunday, May 3 3:00 PM | Michael Britt, Silent Film, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD <u>Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.</u> |
| Sunday, May 3 8:00 PM | DAN UMHOLTZ's Senior Recital will be held on Sunday, May 3rd, at 8:00p.m., at Messiah College in the Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts, 1 College Avenue, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, and this link (<u>http://www.messiah.edu/info/20021/campus_map</u>) will take you to a campus map showing the location of the High Center (#5 on the map). |
| Sunday, June 7 | Ron Rhode, "Spring Into Summer" Concert, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, |
| 2:00 PM | <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u> |
| Sunday, June 7 | Frank Vanaman, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD |
| 3:00 PM | Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc. |
| 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 <u>http://www.atos.org/2015-convention</u> for additional information and a "Video Preview" narrated by none other than our own <u>DON KINNIER</u> , who is also a featured artist during the Convention Encore. <i>Don't Miss It!</i> |
| Sunday, Sept. 20 | Fall Concert Kick Off (Special Guest Artist to be announced), Colonial Theatre, |
| 2:00 PM | Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u> |
| Sunday, Oct. 25 | Halloween Silent Movie, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, |
| 2:00 PM | <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u> |
| Sunday, Dec. 6 | Annual Holiday Concert, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, |
| 2:00 PM | Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley |

For Sale

A Walker two channel sound cabinet, not used too much. Its sounds great with Rodgers analogue organs (my Trio 321 which I sold). I no longer use the cabinet with my Allen R311 and would like to sell it. Know anyone who is interested?? Make an offer.

Contact Herb Inge at Membership@svtos.org or 410-692-6722



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The Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Presents Great Classic Silent Films

With Live Theatre Organ Accompaniment

Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 2:00 PM "The Eagle" (1925) Starring Rudolph Valentino

A sweeping melodrama filled with romance, intrigue, comic moments, and more in a wellcrafted movie that is entertaining and one of Rudolph Valentino's best.





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

Douglas Fairbanks plays a Robin Hood-like character in this fast-moving swashbuckler that combines action, adventure, and romance in this silent movie classic.

Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 2:00 PM "It" (1927) Starring Clara Bow

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?





Live organ accompaniment by **Don Kinnier** at the Mighty 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