

Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

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# Annual SVTOS Membership Meeting



Video of Don Kinnier at the Broadway Theatre Pitman, NJ

followed by Open Console

May 9th 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.

The March 26th silent film program at the Capitol Theatre showing "The General" starring Buster Keaton was a big hit with the theatre and the audience. As a result the theatre is looking to schedule more silent films, including possibly a Halloween program and Christmas program. Don Kinnier will be meeting with the theatre to come up with more silent film programs. Also the Capitol Theatre has scheduled 7 more Saturday night movies and we need to schedule organists for these movies. (See the schedule on page 3). Please contact Ken Kline at 717-564-7513 to sign up to play for any of these movies.

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Our Open console on May 7th has been cancelled and rescheduled to April 30th. To schedule practice time on the organ please contact Don Schoeps at 717-254-6097 or email him at dschoeps@aol.com.

May 9th is our annual business meeting and this year is election time again. All of our officers are up for election: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. According to our current by-laws all officers, except Treasurer, may only serve 2 consecutive terms and all of our current officers have already served their 2 terms. All SVTOS members are eligible to serve in any of these positions. Please contact either Don Schoeps at 717-254-6097 or Gary Coller at 610-678-5690 to be nominated for any of these positions. Following the election we will show a video of Don Kinnier at the Broadway Theatre in Pitman, NJ, during the 2015 ATOS Convention. There will also be an open console after the video with a surprise organist.

June 13th is our last showcase for this season with guest organist, Justin LaVoie, from Canton, MI. Justin is an extremely talented young organist and played a fantastic program for SVTOS back in 2013. He is currently attending the University of Oklahoma pursuing a degree in Organ Technology. More information about Justin in our next "Windline." You do NOT want to miss his program!

Time is running out to contribute to our MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP FUND. One of our members has agreed to match all contributions up to \$500.00 if received by June 1st. We have only received \$200.00 to date so we still need \$300.00 to meet our goal. (See details on page 4 on how you can contribute to this very worthwhile program).

Our last open console day for this season is on Saturday July 16th. Contact Don Schoeps to sign up to play at 717-254-6097 or email <u>dschoeps@aol.com</u>.

Reminder: ATOS Convention July 3rd thru July 8th in Cleveland, OH. Check "Theatre Organ Journal" or <a href="http://www.atos2016.org">http://www.atos2016.org</a> for details.

Barry Howard

## SVTOS 2015-2016 SEASON

| Saturday, April 30         | Open Console, Capitol Theatre. Contact Don Schoeps at 717-254-6097 or <a href="mailto:dschoeps@aol.com">dschoeps@aol.com</a> to schedule your time (Note: rescheduled from May 7th.)   |
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| Monday, May 9<br>7:00 PM   | SVTOS Annual Meeting and election of officers. Followed by video of Don Kinnier at the Broadway Theatre in Pitman, NJ, playing the Kimball organ during the 2015 ATOS Convention and Open Console. Capitol Theatre, York, PA |
| Monday, June 13<br>7:00 PM | Showcase: Organist Justin LaVoie, Detroit, MI Capitol Theatre, York, PA  |
| Saturday, July 16          | Open Console, Capitol Theatre. Contact Don Schoeps at 717-254-6097 or dschoeps@aol.com to schedule your time.  |

Members of the SVTOS Program Committee (you know who you are) will meet on June 1st to plan next year's meetings. If you have any suggestions regarding topics, organists, videos, organs, playing, technical seminars, etc., for our programs next season please email Barry Howard at <a href="mailto:Pres@svtos.org">Pres@svtos.org</a>.

#### **ORGANISTS NEEDED** for "SVTOS Plays For The Movies"

MANY THANKS! to the SVTOS members who play the WurliTzer before movies at the Capitol Theatre:

April 23 at 7:00 pm "Amy" Glenn Hough April 30 at 7 pm "Brooklyn" Don Schoeps May 6 at 9 pm "Dazed and Confused" **Bob Pierce** May 14 at 7 pm "Room" **OPEN** May 21 at 7 pm "The Birds" **Bob Pierce** "Reservoir Dogs" June 4 at 3 pm **Barry Howard** June 4 at 6 pm "The Hateful Eight" **Barry Howard** June 11 at 7 pm "The Maltese Falcon" **OPEN** June 18 at 7 pm "12 Angry Men" **OPEN** 

### "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 in 2016:

June 14th Gary Coller
August 9th Roy Wainwright
October 11th Ken Kline

December 13th Annual Christmas Spectacular featuring any and all SVTOS Members!

Many thanks to all of the SVTOS members who volunteered to play at Masonic Village this year!!!!

<sup>\*</sup> Please contact Ken Kline at 717-564-7513 if you would like to volunteer to play on any of these dates.

#### Welcome to our New SVTOS Members!!!!

John Hooper – Newville, PA
Daniel Hoy – York, PA
Monte Maxwell – Arnold, MD
Rob Vastine – Middletown, PA

Please introduce yourself and say "hello" to these new members when you see them at our meetings.

#### Scholarship Fund - A Matching Challenge!!!

An anonymous SVTOS member has graciously offered to match all donations up to a total of \$500.00 to the SVTOS Scholarship Fund until June 1st. This is your chance to double the impact of your donations to this important 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!

#### **New on the SVTOS Website**

A copy of "Milton Charles' Organ Interpretation of Popular Songs – including Jazz Breaks and the Trick of Playing the Glissando" has been posted on the SVTOS website at:

http://www.svtos.org/PDF/Milton%20Charles%20Course.pdf

This 36-page course from 1927 was graciously made available to SVTOS members by a grant from the President of the University of Northern Brunnerville, the distinguished Dr. Donald Kinnier, who graduated Magna Cum Loudly from the prestigious Julie Arden School of Music. This rare manuscript is one of the many pieces of theatre organ hysterical memorabilia archived in the University's extensive library of sacred, secular, and obsolete music.



#### For Sale: 3-Manual Conn 651 Theatre Organ

Organ is in fair to good condition, with some modest scuffs in the mahogany finish. It is in fair playing condition, with all keys playable, but there are some stops that need contacts cleaned and serviced. All lights work. Has a few small electrical issues that do not affect regular playing, but make the rhythm unit unreliable at the present time. No restoration work has occurred on this organ, and with a little elbow grease, it will make a nice addition to a home or venue. \$500.00, or best offer. Call Connor ("the Conn-Man") Ream at 717-917-9320.



# COMING ATTRACTIONS

| Sunday, May 1<br>3:00 PM         | <b>DON KINNIER</b> , Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.   |
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| Sunday, May 1<br>2:00 PM         | Dave Wickerham at the Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. \$20.00/person.  Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley  |
| Friday, May 6<br>7:30 PM         | MONTE MAXWELL, Old Fashioned Hymn Sing, Naval Academy Chapel, Annapolis, MD. <a href="http://www.usna.edu/Music">http://www.usna.edu/Music</a> . Park in town and walk through Gate 1 or 3 with photo ID. No tickets required.   |
| Saturday, May 7<br>7:00 PM       | Organ Dedication Concert at Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley View, PA, 1220 West Maple Street, Valley View, PA 17983. Organists JACK and DAN UMHOLTZ will be performing on the new pipe/digital organ, with pipes by Reuter and digital voices by Walker. The expansion retained all of the original pipe work and the instrument now consists of a new 3 manual console and a total of 80 pipe/digital ranks. The program will include music to satisfy every taste (including theatre organ!)." |
| Saturday, May 21<br>7:00 PM      | <b>DON KINNIER</b> (accompanies Buster Keaton's Silent Film "The Goat") and Tedde Gibson, Special FREE concert to celebrate the reopening of the auditorium, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE   |
| Friday and Saturday June 3 and 4 | Wanamaker Organ Day, Macy's, Philadelphia, PA. Featuring Peter Richard Conte, <b>MONTE MAXWELL</b> , and Walt Strony. <a href="http://www.wanamakerorgan.com/events.php">http://www.wanamakerorgan.com/events.php</a>  |
| Sunday, June 5<br>3:00 PM        | Bob Gulledge, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD <u>Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.</u>   |
| Sunday, Sept. 11<br>2:00 PM      | Fall Concert Kickoff (artist to be announced) Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>  |
| Saturday, Sept. 24<br>7:00 PM    | Dave Wickerham, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE  |
| Sunday, Oct. 2                   | Event at Lowe's Jersey Wonder Morton (details to follow)  Garden State Theatre Organ Society   |
| Sunday, Oct. 30<br>2:00 PM       | Halloween Silent Movie, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>  |
| Sunday, Nov. 13<br>2:00 PM       | Artist to be announced, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>  |

#### **SVTOS OFFICERS**

Barry Howard - President
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#### LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Larry Fenner – "Windline" Editor Herb Inge - Membership Joyce and Sam Groh - Hospitality Gary Coller, Sam Groh, Don Kinnier, Emmitte Miller, Terry Nace, Connor Ream, Don Schoeps and Judy Townsend