



Susquehanna Valley Theatre

Organ Society

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

VIDEO: ORGAN SUPPLY INDUSTRIES

OPEN CONSOLE

MONDAY, MAY 8TH AT 7:00 PM



ny, sprang from two Felgemaker employees in 1906.

A. B. Felgemaker sent Anton Gottfried and his colleague Henry Kugel from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Erie, where they set up shop in the Felgemaker plant. The A. Gottfried Organ Company relocated to its own Erie facilities in 1905. Gottfried and Kugel had previously worked for the Haskell Company, a prominent organ manufacturer in Philadelphia. Fred Durst, of Hinners Organ Company of Pekin, Illinois, joined as superintendent of A. Gottfried Organ Company in 1917. Harry Auch and John Hallas, of the Haskell Company, came to Erie in 1920 to join Gottfried, Kugel, and Kugel's son Harry Kugel in the formation of a metal organ pipe manufacturer called National Organ Supply. Durst and Henry Kugel's sons Harry and Ruben Kugel formed Organ Supply Corporation in 1924. The pipe manufacturing company was purchased by Organ Supply Corporation in 1958. Fred Gluck purchased the Organ Supply Corporation in the early 1970s and merged it with Durst and Company to form Durst Organ Supply Company, Incorporated. The name was changed to Organ Supply Industries, Incorporated in 1978.

Organ Supply Industries has its origins in two organ builders whom Erie investors encouraged to move their operations to Erie in the late 19th century. They include the Burdett Reed Organ Company, of Chicago, a reed organ manufacturer whose operation was destroyed in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871; and the A. B. Felgemaker Organ Company, originally of Buffalo, New York. The Tellers-Kent Organ Company,



*Cody McSherry at the
Capitol Wurlitzer*

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.

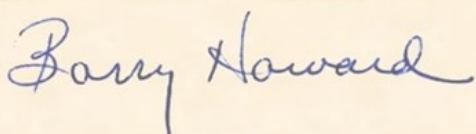
SVTOS member, Frank Vanaman, was our featured organist for our April 10th showcase meeting at the Capitol Theatre. This was Frank's second time playing for SVTOS and he again gave an outstanding performance with his easy-going, somewhat jazzy style. Frank played music covering five decades - from the 1920's to the 1960's. His arrangements included medleys from Richard Whiting and Rodgers and Hart which displayed his complete grasp of the organ and its tonal capabilities. The songs were from the Great American Songbook which were familiar to everyone in attendance. It was like listening to the organ in your living room and everyone enjoyed his program. His arrangements and registrations were spot on and I hope we will hear him again in the future. We also had an excellent attendance for his program and I would like to see that kind of turnout for all of our SVTOS programs.

On Saturday May 6th the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center will be changing its name to the Appell Center for the Performing Arts in honor of the late Louis J. Appell who was a major supporter of the center and arts in general. There will be a Community Day Celebration starting at 10:00 AM with FREE activities throughout the day. At 11:00 AM in the Capitol, Don Kinnier will demonstrate the Wurlitzer Organ and accompany a short silent film. Check out all the FREE activities on the Strand-Capitol website: www.mystrandcapitol.org.

May 10th will be our annual business meeting with a Treasurer's Report and Membership Report. There will be no election of officers this year. Following the short business meeting we will have a video tour of Organ Supply Industries (OSI), located in Erie, PA, which is the largest supplier of pipe organ parts in the United States. After a brief intermission we will have an open console which will include several selections from our youngest member, 13 year-old Cody McSherry. Cody amazed us last May with his talent at such a young age and we are anxious to hear him again. In addition to playing the organ, Cody plays several other musical instruments and last year he was the winner of Lancaster's Got Talent Contest, playing several numbers on the accordion.

Our final showcase for this season is on June 12th and will feature guest organist Gary Phillips from Attleboro, MA. This will be Gary's first time playing for SVTOS and we look forward to hearing him. Gary is primarily know as a pipe organ technician/builder but is also an accomplished organist. He started playing the organ at age 5 or 6 and was fortunate to have studied with Lee Irwin and Ashley Miller. More about Gary in our next Newsletter.

Finally the 2017 ATOS Convention will be held in Tampa, FL, this year from July 3rd through the 8th. For more information about the organs, venues, and artists please check the "Theatre Organ Journal" or the ATOS website: www.atos.org.



SVTOS 2016-2017 SEASON

Monday, May 8 7:00 PM	SVTOS Annual Meeting followed by a video tour of Organ Supply Industries, Inc., Erie, PA., and selections by Cody McSherry followed by Open Console. Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, June 12 7:00 PM	Showcase: Gary Phillips, Attleboro, MA Capitol Theatre, York, PA

“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 2017:

June 13th	Don Schoeps
August 8th	Gary Coller
October 10th	Ken Kline
December 12th	Annual Christmas Spectacular featuring any and all SVTOS Members!

“SVTOS Plays For The Movies”

Hear these SVTOS members play the Wurlitzer 30 minutes before movies at the Capitol Theatre.

All Shows \$7.00 unless otherwise noted.

- Friday May 5th @7:00 PM — “Sing” — Don Schoeps (free)
- Saturday May 6th @ 11:00 AM — Silent Film & Mighty Wurlitzer Organ Demonstration — Don Kinnier (free)
- Saturday May 6th @ 7:00 PM — “The Sound Of Music” — Barry Howard
- Saturday May 13th @ 7:00 PM — “Citizen Kane” — Gary Coller



“Welcome to our newest member!”

David G. Gardner, York, PA

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, April 29 7:00 PM	David Gray, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, May 7 2:00 PM	Ken Double and Skip Stine, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley
Sunday, May 7 3:00 PM	DON KINNIER , Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.
Saturday, May 13 2:00 PM	DON KINNIER , Silent movie to be announced. Masonic Village, Roosevelt Assembly Room, 1 Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Friday, May 19 8:00 PM	DON KINNIER , accompanies "The Great K&A Train Robbery," Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Souderton, PA, \$5.00, www.emmanuelutheranchurch.net
Friday, May 19 7:30 PM	Jonas Nordwall, Octave Hall, Allen Organ Co. , Macungie, PA
Sunday, June 4 3:00 PM	Michael Xavier Lundy, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.
Saturday, June 10 7:00 PM	Mark Herman, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, June 11 2:00 PM	DON KINNIER , Silent Movie Harold Lloyd in "Speedy" Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley
July 3-8	2017 ATOS Annual Convention , Tampa, FL
Saturday, Sept. 2 7:30 PM	Clark Wilson, Silent Movie Harold Lloyd in "Girl Shy" Gretna Music, Mt. Gretna, PA. Tickets \$5.00 each http://gretnamusic.org/event/girl-shy-with-clark-wilson
Sunday, Sept. 10 2:00 PM	Lew Williams, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley
Sunday, Oct. 22 2:00 PM	GLENN HOUGH , Halloween Silent Movie, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley
Sunday, Nov. 19 2:00 PM	Pierre Fracalanza, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley
Sunday, Sept. 10 2:00 PM	Annual Holiday Concert, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley

