

# The Windline

May 2020



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre*

*Organ Society*

[www.svtos.org](http://www.svtos.org)

**THE SVTOS MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR  
MONDAY, MAY 11TH  
AND  
MONDAY, JUNE 15TH  
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED**

**In accordance with federal, state, and local government mandates, we must cancel all SVTOS functions until the restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic have been lifted.**



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.

As the coronavirus situation continues to shut down our state and local communities, we have no choice but to cancel our May and June programs for the rest of this season. The Appell Center is closed during this time and may not reopen until September 1st. They have advised us not to schedule anything in the theatre until after September 1st.

The May 11th Annual Business Meeting and election of officers will have to be postponed until the next meeting after September 1st. An exact date will have to be determined as we get closer to September and the theatre reopens.

The June 15th program with guest organist Dan Minervini is cancelled and we will try to reschedule him at a later date.


As of now we are still hoping to have the August 1st picnic at the home of Richard Neidich and Ed Horvath in Lewisberry, PA, but again we will have to monitor the situation as we get closer to the date and should have more information in the June *Windline*. See page 4 of this newsletter as well as the March newsletter for information about the venue and Walker digital theatre organ.

**Because our 2019-2020 season has been cut short, we are extending the membership of all our current members through the 2020-2021 season (ending August 31, 2021). If you are a current SVTOS member you will not have to pay dues for next season.**

We have also cancelled our Masonic Village programs for June 9th and August 11th. We will evaluate the October 13th date as we get closer to that date. All residents in nursing facilities are in the "high risk" category and we want to be sure they and our members remain safe.

If you are experiencing withdrawal from theatre organ music, some organists are posting mini-programs on Facebook and YouTube, including our own Don Kinnier and Dan Umholtz. Mark Herman is also doing live piano programs from his home on Tuesday evenings at 8 PM EDT and organ programs on the Wurlitzer at the Nathan Barr studio on Saturday evenings at 8 PM EDT. There are also other organ programs on Facebook and YouTube by several theatre organists. If you have internet access, see page 3 of this newsletter for internet links to many of the programs.

Hopefully this coronavirus situation will subside in the very near future and we can all get back together again and enjoy some live performances. In the meantime, please stay safe, stay home, and stay healthy.





## SVTOS 2019-2020 SEASON

Monday, May 11 7:00 PM	<b>MEETING CANCELLED</b>
<del>Monday, June 15*</del> <del>7:00 PM</del>	<b>MEETING CANCELLED</b>
<b>Saturday afternoon August 1*</b>	SVTOS Picnic at the home of Richard Neidich and Ed Horvath, Lewisberry, PA, featuring an out-of-town guest organist at the 3/51 Walker Digital Theatre Organ
<i>* Indicates meetings <u>NOT</u> held on the usual second Monday of the month <u>and/or</u> at a different time or location</i>	

### “SVTOS Plays For The Movies”

**ALL MOVIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

### “SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village,” Elizabethtown, PA

Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM - CANCELLED

Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM - CANCELLED

**\*Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM - OPEN**

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

**\*Please contact Ken Kline at 717-564-7513 or [krkline38@gmail.com](mailto:krkline38@gmail.com) to volunteer to play in October**

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday, May 3 2:00 PM	<b>POSTPONED</b> Justin Nimmo, <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Sunday, June 7 2:00 PM	<b>Don Kinnier</b> , Silent Movie - <i>Ella Cinders</i> - <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, June 13 7:00 PM	Peter Richard Conte, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
July 6 through 11	<b>POSTPONED UNTIL 2021</b> <a href="#">ATOS 2020 Annual Convention</a> , Indianapolis, Indiana

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

Are you experiencing withdrawal from Theatre Organ music? If you have internet service, you can follow one of these links for a quick “fix.” Sit back, relax, kick off your shoes, have a “quaran-tini” (NOT Lysol), and enjoy some theatre organ music!

[Don Kinnier’s Daily YouTube Posts](#)

[Dan Umholtz and Gabrielle Quandel \(the soon-to-be Mrs. Umholtz\)](#)

[Dickinson Theatre Organ Society YouTube Page](#) (several programs available)

[Zach Frame – Covid-19 Quarantine Concert](#)

[Justin Stahl Live on Facebook](#)

Mark Herman <https://www.facebook.com/artsadvocate> or <https://www.facebook.com/markhermanproductions>

[Dave Moreno](#) accompanies “Hot Water” featuring [Harold Lloyd](#)

[Nigel Ogden](#) plays the Blackpool Tower Wurlitzer

[Ryan Hardy](#) on the Fargo Theatre Wurlitzer

## Something To Look Forward To (we hope)

Planning continues for the SVTOS Summer Picnic on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Richard Neidich and Edward Horvath. In addition to the Walker theatre organ and Steinway Duo-art piano in their great room, the room opens onto a 3,000 square foot deck, pictured here. The deck includes an outdoor kitchen where we can enjoy snacks and a summer meal after a musical program about 2 PM.



For those liking to be outdoors, the deck overlooks a wooded area and trout stream, so those with fishing licenses may want to give it a try. The wooded area includes over 2 miles of walking trails as well. Hopefully our Governor will make our small gathering a possibility. Details for reserving your spot will be in next month's SVTOS *Windline*.

*Richard Neidich and Ed Horvath*

## Remembering Bella

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of Don and Judy's dog Bella, a long-time "honorary member" of SVTOS and our unofficial mascot. Don posted the following tribute on Facebook:



*We meet today at the crossroads of gratitude and grief. Gratitude for a life that touched Judy's and mine so profoundly, and grief at her loss. Grief always comes to those who love. Grief is, after all, is love with no place to go. So, the deeper our love the deeper our grief. This is how we were formed as human beings. Built to love.*

*The loss of our Dog-child, Bella, our four-legged daughter, comes at a time when the world is grieving. Whether we are grieving the loss of a loved one to COVID-19 or the loss of our way of life, the grief is just as real. The responses to loss are many and varied from denial and anger to tears and acceptance. We see this playing out across our planet, from angry protest and denial of the reality we face to tears from our losses and the acceptance of our new restrictions for the safety of others.*

*But, always, out of grief comes a new way forward. We must remember that we were built to love, not to hate. Else, how are we ever to be reborn from the ashes of tragedy? She was placed in our path as a constant reminder of who we might be.*

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