

The Windline

May 2024



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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BEN FORSTHOFFER SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH AT 2:30 PM

WURLITZER OPUS 501, HOWARD/FENNER RESIDENCE, LEBANON, PA

LIMITED SEATING, RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW

CALL (717) 274-2254 OR EMAIL SVTOS@COMCAST.NET



BEN FORSTHOFFER'S passion of the Theatre Organ started at the age of 5 when he first heard the Wurlitzer Pipe Organ at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Years later, he heard the Organ again at a family gathering and then began to learn to play the Theatre Organ. Today, he is making a name for himself at a very young age and studying with world renowned theatre organist Jelani Eddington. Ben has performed for numerous venues including the Colonial Theatre in Phoenixville Pennsylvania, The Auditorium Theatre in Rochester New York, Loew's Jersey Theatre in Jersey City New Jersey, Dickinson High School in Wilmington Delaware,

Babson College in Wellesley Massachusetts and many more.

His focus and determination to be part of the stage is driven by his pure enjoyment and dedication to the instrument. Ben resides in Bucks County Pennsylvania with his parents, Brian and Donna Forsthoffer. He is in his Junior year in High School and is looking forward to his years in college.

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.

With Spring in full bloom, we have our annual yard chores, plant shopping and summer vacation planning. Without an ATOS Convention this year, its time for some type of road trip, at least a day trip to the shore or a mountain picnic.

As a suggestion, Wednesdays are when the Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall organ tours and noontime program are available. (The free noontime program is every day during the summer. If making the trip, look for alternate routing due to heavy construction on I-76 through downtown Philadelphia.) Major expansion nears completion at Longwood Gardens is another possibility. (Their new restaurant opens October 11th, but there is new lawn seating and several fountain and fireworks programs throughout the summer.) If you are looking for some local event, consider a trip to the Capitol Theatre in York, PA, for a movie, naturally with organ music before the program provided by one of our playing members.

Before all of that, review Larry Fenner's calendar in this issue and consider organ program opportunities. Simon Gledhill's program at Dickinson on May 4th would be well worth the trip. Note that information regarding the SVTOS May 18th program by Ben Forsthoffer at OPUS 501 is on the cover of this newsletter, along with driving directions and how to reserve your seats on Page 3 (seating is limited). Also included is information about our June program with Bernie Anderson at the Capitol and the SVTOS Picnic on July 13th when Donnie Rankin will again visit. (Picnic details will be in the next SVTOS *Windline*.)

Richard Neidich
President, SVTOS



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Larry Fenner – “Windline” Editor & Membership
Ed Horvath - Hospitality
Bill Autry, Gary Coller, Don Kinnier, Ken Kline, Terry Nace, Don Schoeps, and Judy Townsend

SVTOS May Meeting – Saturday May 18th at 2:30 pm
Home of Barry Howard, Larry Fenner, and WurliTzer Opus 501

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Directions to 33 Wheatland Circle, Lebanon, PA 17042-9418

Plenty of parking is available on both sides of the street in front of the house.

Call 717-274-2254 if you get lost, but please don't call after the concert starts at 2:30 PM .

From West - Harrisburg/Hershey

- From Route 322 East turn LEFT onto Route 241 North (Colebrook Road at stoplight past Mark Hershey Farm)
- Take 2nd RIGHT exit at the traffic circle to remain on Colebrook Road
- Go to entrance to Shadow Creek development on LEFT (past Frey's Market)
- At stop sign at end of Shadow Creek Drive, turn LEFT or RIGHT onto Wheatland Circle.
- 33 Wheatland Circle is about ½ mile from stop sign. House number is on mailbox post.

From South - Turnpike/York/Lancaster/Ephrata

- Take Route 72 North and at the 72/322 split follow Route 322 West toward Hershey
- At first stop light, take RIGHT onto Route 241 North (Colebrook Road)
- Take 2nd RIGHT exit at the traffic circle to remain on Colebrook Road
- Go to entrance to Shadow Creek development on LEFT (past Frey's Market)
- At stop sign at end of Shadow Creek Drive, turn LEFT or RIGHT onto Wheatland Circle.
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From East or North – Reading or points North

- In Lebanon take Route 72 South (10th Street)
- Turn RIGHT onto Route 241 South (Colebrook Road) at first stop light after Days Inn
- Go 1.4 miles to entrance to Shadow Creek development on RIGHT (past entrance to Creekside development – don't go into the wrong "creek"!)
- At stop sign at end of Shadow Creek Drive, turn LEFT or RIGHT onto Wheatland Circle.
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"SVTOS Plays For The Movies"

Hear these SVTOS members play the WurliTzer 30 minutes before listed times at the Capitol Theatre.

Consult the Capitol Theatre Website ([Click here](#)) for the details and admission prices.

- Friday, May 3rd @ 6:30 PM, *The Princess and the Frog* (First Friday Free Family Film Series) - Don Schoeps
- Saturday, May 4th @ 7:00 PM, *Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back* (Celebrating "May the 4th") – Bill Autry
- Sunday, May 5th @ 3:00 PM, *In the Mood for Love* (requires series subscription) – Roy Wainwright
- Sunday, May 19th @ 3:00 PM, *The Matrix* (25th Anniversary screening). – Barry Howard
- Friday, June 7th @ 6:30 PM, *Toy Story 2* (First Friday Free Family Film Series). – Gary Coller
- Sunday, June 9th @ 3:00 PM, *Bicycle Thieves* (requires series subscription) – Roy Wainwright
- Sunday, June 16th @ 3:00 PM, *Do the Right Thing* (35th Anniversary screening). – Glenn Hough
- Sunday, June 23rd @ 3:00 PM, *The Passion of Joan of Arc* (requires series subscription) – Larry Fenner
- Sunday, June 30th @ 1:00 PM, *Glory* (Part of RiverFest) – Bill Autry

Minutes of Annual SVTOS Membership Meeting April 8, 2024 Capitol Theatre, York, PA

Called to order 7PM by President Richard Neidich

Treasurer's Report – Balance \$25,594.23

Membership Report – 42 paid & comp members (families)

Election of Officers – By Acclamation

President: Richard Neidich

Vice-President: Barry Howard

Secretary/Treasurer: Roy Wainwright

President Neidich Outlined plans and organization going forward:

1. We will form an Executive Committee of President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and Membership Chairman (Larry Fenner by appointment) to “run” the chapter.
2. Richard will NOT be chairing and running all meetings for the next two years. Especially during the second year of the term and the winter months including January, February and March. (We wish to stay in Florida into more of March).
3. The late summer of 2025 Richard and Ed are considering a trip to Europe and France and that would impact potentially September/October.
4. The Executive Committee will meet by Zoom (two or three times a year) and select program items and identify the “presenter” or lead for that month’s program. The selectee will potentially have to help Larry with the Windline for that month.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Wainwright, Secretary

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SVTOS 2023-2024 SEASON

Saturday May 18* 2:30 PM*	*Ben Forsthoffer Showcase on Opus 501, Howard-Fenner residence, Lebanon, PA
Monday June 17* 7:00 PM (NOTE DATE CHANGE)	*Bernie Anderson accompanies the Harold Lloyd Silent Film <i>Speedy</i> , Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Saturday, July 13* (NOTE DATE CHANGE)	* Annual SVTOS Picnic, Neidich-Horvath Residence, Lewisberry, PA (Details later)

* Indicates meetings NOT held on the usual second Monday of the month and/or at a different time or location

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, May 4th 7:00 PM	Simon Gledhill, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
Sunday, June 23 2:00 PM	Ian Fraser, “The First Fifty Years of Film Music”, 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.