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Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

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SILENT FILM: "THE CAMERAMAN" STARRING BUSTER KEATON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH AT 7:00 PM CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA



Brett Miller lives in Bedminster, Pennsylvania. He has attended and performed organ concerts and silent films for the past five years. He is sixteen years old and completing the tenth grade. Brett's interest in the theater organ has continued to evolve. Each summer he attends the American Theatre Organ Society's "Summer Youth Adventure" featuring instruction from Jelani Eddington, Jonas Nordwall, Martin Ellis, Chris Elliot and Donna Parker. Along with his brother he founded "musicalpromise.org" a musical initiative to help fund the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He was featured in the local news at age 10 regarding this initiative and they continue to strive to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes through musical and biking initiatives.

Brett and his brother received the White House Student Film Festival honorable mention for a film featuring their community service work. Brett was also the recipient of the Kohl's Care, Prudential Spirit of Community Awards as well as the spirit award for his high school marching band. He is a member of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Organization, his high school marching band, jazz ensemble and ATOS. This past year he was featured from his high school with his piano playing at the Pennsylvania District Orchestra ensemble. He studies with Jelani Eddington and has played as a featured organist at his church, Rahway, The Colonial, Union County Performing Arts, Lowe's Jersey Theater in Jersey City, and the Brooks Performing Arts Center. Brett is thrilled to be playing for SVTOS.

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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The Capitol Theatre renovations are now complete and the grand reopening was the last weekend of October with a special all-day FREE Halloween film festival on Saturday October 27th which featured Don Kinnier playing the 1924 silent film "Waxworks." Five other Halloween-themed films were shown with SVTOS members providing 30 minutes of organ music before the films. The Appell Center did a spectacular job with the renovations and upgrades to the Capitol Theatre with all new seating, new wall coverings, new carpet, a new refreshment stand, a new handicap restroom, complete upgrades to the existing restrooms, a new projector, new sound and lighting systems, and much more. It is truly a showplace for downtown York.

With the Capitol Theatre's reopening we will resume our monthly meetings at the theatre on Monday November 12th at 7:00 PM with guest organist, Brett Miller, who will accompany the silent film "The Cameraman" starring Buster Keaton. Brett is 16 years old and lives in Bedminster, PA, and has been attending the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure for the last several years. He studies with Jelani Eddington and has performed at many local venues including the Theater Organ Society of Delaware Valley and The Garden State Theatre Organ Society. Brett was a finalist in this year's Young Organist Competition at the ATOS Convention in Pasadena, CA. This is Brett's first time playing for SVTOS and we look forward to hearing him.

Our December program will be our annual Christmas program at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA, on Tuesday December 11th at 7:00 PM when SVTOS members will perform their favorite Christmas selections. All SVTOS members are welcome to play and/or attend. Monday January 21st and Monday February 18th will be open console days at the Capitol where members can reserve time to play the Wurlitzer. More details in the next newsletter.

THREE PUBLIC CONCERTS NEXT YEAR - SAVE THE DATES

Sunday March 3rd 2019 – Ken Double Sunday April 7th 2019 – Pierre Fracalanza Sunday June 9th 2019 – Donnie Rankin

When you renew your dues for this season you will be eligible to receive 2 free tickets to each of the above concerts. The admission charge for non-members will be \$15.00 per person. About half of our members have still not renewed for this season. **DON'T DELAY – RENEW TODAY!** You will receive a membership renewal form with this newsletter if you have not already sent in your dues. SVTOS, like many organizations today, is having trouble maintaining our membership. In order to survive we need to attract new members as well as keep our existing members. So please invite a friend or neighbor to one of our programs to acquaint them with the theatre organ and it's music and hopefully they'll also join.

Barry Howard



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SVTOS 2018-2019 SEASON			
Monday, Nov. 12	Showcase: Brett Miller, Bedminster, PA - Silent Movie "The Cameraman" starring		
7:00 PM	Buster Keaton, Capitol Theatre, York, PA		
Tuesday, Dec. 11*	SVTOS Annual Christmas Spectacular		
7:00 PM	Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA		
Monday, Jan. 21*	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre WurliTzer, Martin Luther King Day		
	Capitol Theatre, York, PA		
Monday, Feb. 18*	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre WurliTzer, President's Day		
	Capitol Theatre, York, PA		
Sunday, March 3*	Public Concert: Ken Double, Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Two free tickets available for each SVTOS		
3:00 PM	membership		
Sunday, April 7*	Public Concert: Pierre Fracalanza, Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Two free tickets available for each SVTOS		
3:00 PM	membership		
Monday, May 13*	Annual SVTOS Business Meeting and Wanamaker Organ video.		
7:00 PM	Capitol Theatre, York, PA		
Sunday, June 9*	Public Concert: Donnie Rankin, Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Two free tickets available for each SVTOS		
3:00 PM	membership		
* Indicates meetings <u>NC</u>	OT held on the usual second Monday of the month <u>and/or</u> at a different time or location		

"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, November 2 at 6:30 pm - "How To Train Your Dragon" (FREE) - Roy Wainwright

Saturday, November 10 at 6:30 pm - "Ben Hur" - Larry Fenner

Saturday, November 17 at 7:00 pm - "Apollo 17" - Don Kinnier

Saturday, November 24 at 7:00 pm - "Home For The Holidays" - Robert Pierce

Saturday, December 1 at 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00 pm - "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" - Don Schoeps

Friday, December 7 at 6:30 pm - "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" - (FREE) - Gary Coller

"SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village," Elizabethtown, PA

Tuesday December 11 @ 7:00 PM — Annual SVTOS Christmas Spectacular—OPEN TO ALL! 2019 DATES

Tuesday February 12 @ 7:00 PM—Gary Coller

Tuesday April 9 @ 7:00 PM—OPEN

Tuesday June 11 @ 7:00 PM—OPEN

Tuesday August 13 @ 7:00 PM—OPEN

Tuesday October 8 @ 7:00 PM—OPEN

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

*Please contact Ken Kline at 717-564-7513 or <u>krkline38@gmail.com</u> to volunteer to play for any of these <u>movies.</u>

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COMING ATTRACTIONS			
Sunday, November 4 3:00 PM	Frank Vanaman, Rice Auditorium on the campus of Spring Grove Hospital Center, Catonsville, Maryland, Free State Theatre Organ Society		
Saturday, November 17 7:00 PM	Carol Williams, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE		
Sunday, November 18 2:00 PM	Dave Wickerham, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley		
Sunday, December 9 2:00 PM	Annual Holiday Concert, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley		
Saturday, January 26 7:00 PM	Nathan Avakian, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE		
Saturday, March 16 7:00 PM	Richard Hills, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE		
Sunday, March 24 3:00 PM	Don Kinnier , Rice Auditorium on the campus of Spring Grove Hospital Center, Catonsville, Maryland, <u>Free State Theatre Organ Society</u>		
Saturday, April 27 7:00 PM	Phil Kelsall, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE		
Saturday, June 15 7:00 PM	Ken Double, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE		

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

Don Kinnier's Longwood Gardens Christmas Schedule

Mon	11/26/2018	2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00 7:00, 8:00 pm
Fri	11/30/2018	2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00 7:00, 8:00 pm
Tue	12/4/2018	2:00, 3:00, 4:00 pm
Thu	12/13/2018	2:00, 3:00, 4:00 pm
Sun	12/16/2018	2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00 7:00, 8:00 pm
Thu	12/20/2018	2:00, 3:00, 4:00 pm
Sun	12/23/2018	2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00 7:00, 8:00 pm
Tue	1/1/2019	2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00 7:00, 8:00 pm
		Schedule is Subject to Change

Tour of historic homes in Marietta, PA, on Sunday, December 2nd

https://marietta-pa.com/events/marietta-candlelight-tour/

And as an extra amenity folks on the tour (and everyone else) are invited to stop in at St. John's Episcopal Church (**Bob Carbaugh** is one of the organists there) 239 E. Market Street, Marietta, PA, where we will be featuring holiday themed organ programs throughout the afternoon. Dr. Carl Moyer will be playing from 11ish until 2:00ish when **Don Kinnier** will approach the bench for the balance of the day. Don's programs will be 'Longwood Style' with lighter music and some holiday sing-alongs. Not a theatre organ by any stretch, but still a very pleasant diversion for a Sunday afternoon.

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