The Windline September 2014



Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

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ORGAN STOD DIZZA And The MIGHTY WURLITZER

Monday, September 8th at 7:00 pm Capitol Theatre, York, PA



Featuring Charlie Balogh, Lew Williams, and a wide variety of behind-the-scenes video, this first-ofits-kind Organ Stop Pizza documentary DVD is a must-see for any fan of theatre organs in general, or Organ Stop in particular!

Informative and entertaining at the same time, this documentary will take you to places few have seen – behind the scenes and deep into the Organ Stop Wurlitzer.

The 54-minute DVD has sections on general organ history, Organ Stop Pizza history, commentary, and music by both Charlie and Lew, commentary by co-owner Jack Barz, and an extensive behind-the scenes section. You'll see and hear Organ Stop Pizza like never before!

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 Summer Youth Adventure was again held in Portland, OR, this year during the first week of August, and we were very pleased to sponsor Connor Ream and Dan Umholtz. See Connor's report on page three. Thanks again to all who have contributed to this very worthwhile program. Now we need to start building up the Scholarship Fund for 2015. Remember your donations may be tax deductible because we are a 501(c)(3) organization.

Connes The Summer is rapidly coming to an end, but we have one more program before the new season starts in September. Our last program for this season is at the Allen Theatre in Annville, PA, on Sunday August 31st from 1:30-3:30PM. It's "Theatre Organ Day at the Allen" Theatre" and will feature six of our members playing the 3-manual Hauptwerk organ followed by Don Kinnier accompanying the silent movie comedy "Be My Wife" starring Max Linder. The program is FREE to all SVTOS members and the general public, so invite your friends. This is our chance to promote the theatre organ and SVTOS. The theatre owner, Skip Hicks, told us that many of his patrons have asked to hear more of the organ. After the program, food, beverages, and desserts will be available for purchase at MI's Coffeehouse, which is adjacent to the theatre.

Our first program for the 2014-2015 season will be on Monday September 8th at the Capitol Theatre in York and will feature a video "Organ Stop Pizza and the Mighty Wurlitzer". The video is informative and entertaining and goes into the history of Organ Stop Pizza and the Wurlitzer organ. Commentary and music are provided by both Lew Williams and Charlie Balogh. The Wurlitzer is the second largest playing theatre organ at 78 ranks and over 6,000 pipes. A visit to Organ Stop Pizza is an experience for the whole family. Following the video we will have open console on the Capitol Wurlitzer.

Our first showcase will be on Monday October 6th (please note that this meeting will be held one week earlier than our normal schedule) and will feature guest organist John Lauter from Michigan. Aside from being an accomplished theatre organist, John is also interested in antique cars, especially Packards. He attends the AACA Car Show in Hershey every year and we are fortunate to have him back again this year. John last played for SVTOS back in October 2010. More of John's bio in the next "Windline."

I am pleased to announce that SVTOS will be playing the organ for all of the First Friday movies at the Capitol starting in October. We have scheduled organists for all 8 movies. The movies start at 9:00 pm this year (moved up from 10:00 pm last year) and the organ will be played from 8:30-9:00 pm. This provides our members with another opportunity to play the Wurlitzer and the movie audiences an opportunity to hear the organ. See page 5 for the schedule.

One last reminder – Dues are due September 1st to Roy Wainwright, and new members are always welcome!

See you at the Allen Theatre on August 31st.

Barry Howard

ATOS Summer Youth Adventure; Portland, Oregon 2014 - by Connor Ream

A most sincere and heartfelt "Thank You!" goes out to all the SVTOS members who have made the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure (SYA) possible for both Dan Umholtz and me. Our trip began on Sunday morning, around 6:00 AM, departing for BWI airport. We had a direct flight on Southwest Airlines from BWI to Portland (HOORAY!), and after landing, found our hotel. The SYA hotel was the Marriott Residence Inn at Cascade Station, Portland. After settling in to our hotel room, we took off for Jonas Nordwall's church for a pizza party and jam session, on the 4/111 "thing" that takes residence in Jonas' church. The thing, while sporting a tracker touch, also contains ~20 ranks of theatre ranks, trems and all, so it can purr with the best of 'em. Monday and Tuesday were spent in lectures and master classes at Cleveland High School (3/24 Kimburlitzer) and the Scottish Rite Auditorium (2 & 3 / 16). The lectures and master classes included everything from one-on-one with Jelani Eddington and Chris Elliot all the way to group critiques with Martin Ellis and Donna Parker. Silent Film accompaniment was a featured lecture this year, and was very insightful, especially with my background studying with Don Kinnier. Dan benefitted from getting to bounce some more classical music off of Jelani & Martin to make changes that alter the phrasing and registration of the pieces.

Wednesday was a very big treat- we made a road trip from Portland into Washington state. While on "tour" in our vans, we stopped at a residence installation containing an Allen Digital TO-5 (5 Manual) organ, another residence containing a 3/24 Hybrid (Marr & Colton, Moller, Wurlitzer, Kimball, Hauptwerk) that was freshly rebuilt, and a "residence" installation (3/35 for now, but quickly growing) in a barn with REAL 32' diaphones! Most of the organ was on 25+ inches of wind- it was REALLY easy to hear that one!

On Thursday, we were back at Cleveland High School to have our last big lectures, and to get prepared for Friday night's "mini-concert" (each student performs one piece for the attendees of the local chapter). After we joined Mr. & Mrs. Nordwall for supper, (along with their dog Gidget, and a clapped out Rodgers Trio) we departed for the Oaks Park Roller Skating Rink! The rink is always the highlight of the trip for me. I always look forward to skating underneath the organ, and the music is always terrific. There is no rush quite like donning some skates and clunking along to "Shine On, Harvest Moon" knowing it's the only place in the world that retains its Wurlitzer installed in 1955!! The 4/18 Wurlitzer is absolutely terrific in its own unique way, and retains a sound unlike any other organ to date. Thursday night we skated, and Friday morning, we played it!! (Yes, they are smart enough to not let us play for open skatesit's too easy to drop the rhythm). After we wrapped up on Friday at the Oaks, we went back to the hotel for a little R&R, and donned our most un-wrinkled clothes for the evening's concert. We dined with the local chapter members, and gave them an amazing demonstration of just what the Cleveland High School organ is capable of performing.

There were 17 "Adventurers" this year, with 5 being new members to the gang. It was exciting to see faces from past years, greet new ones, and to excite and rejoice in the mastery of the previous year's critiques while pondering the new advice for the next year. I'm excited to see what next year will hold both in improvements, and new areas for growth.

Thank you, Thank you, THANK YOU!

Masonic Village Schedule

October 15, 7:00 PM Ken Kline December 9, 7:00 PM Annual Christmas Program featuring many SVTOS members

Scholarship 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 www.svtos.org. 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 Pres@SVTOS.org. These contributions are now tax-deductible!

THANK YOU to all the SVTOS members who have contributed to the Scholarship Fund. Because of your very generous donations we were again be able to send Connor Ream and Dan Umholtz to the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure in Portland, Oregon last month. This is a very important program that assures the future of the theatre organ and its music.

"A Capitol Idea!"

SVTOS' CDs featuring Ken Double and the Bob Clay Orchestra are still available for sale by Sam Groh at every meeting.



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SVTOS 2014-2015 SEASON

Monday. Sept. 8 7:00 PM	Video: "Organ Stop Pizza and the Mighty Wurlitzer" Followed by Open Console
Monday, Oct. 6* 7:00 PM	Showcase: Organist JOHN LAUTER, Farmington Hills, MI
Sunday, Nov. 9* 1:30 – 3:30 PM	DON KINNIER accompanies the Silent Film "The Kid" starring Charlie Chaplin Allen Theatre, Annville, PA (open to the public)
Tuesday, Dec. 9* 7:00 PM	SVTOS Annual Christmas Program Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA
Monday, Jan. 19*	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre WurliTzer Martin Luther King Day
Monday, Feb. 16*	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre WurliTzer President's Day
Monday, March 9 7:00 PM	Video: "Mark Anderson Live at the Capitol Theatre, York, PA" featuring a cameo appearance by TERRY NACE. Followed by Open Console
Monday, April 6* 7:00 PM	Showcase: Featuring SVTOS' own CONNOR REAM and DAN UMHOLTZ
Monday, May 11th 7:00 PM	Annual SVTOS Membership Meeting and Arrangers' Challenge Followed by Open Console
Monday, June 8 7:00 PM	Showcase: Organist JUSTIN NIMMO, Indianapolis, IN

SVTOS Plays For The Capitol Theatre Movies

Hear these SVTOS Members play the WurliTzer from 2:30 to 3:00pm before select Sunday matinees:

September 28, 2014: Gary Coller "Manhattan Shorts" December 21, 2014: Glenn Hough "White Christmas"

May 3, 2015: Organist TBA "Route 30"

"First Friday Movies" – Organist plays at 8:30 pm and movie starts at 9:00 pm

October 3, 2014 Robert Pierce "The Evil Dead" November 7, 2014 Don Schoeps "The Goonies" December 5, 2014 Gary Coller "Ghostbusters"

January 2, 2015 Roy Wainwright "M. P. Life of Brian"

February 6, 2015 Robert Carbaugh "Spaceballs" March 6, 2015 Gary Coller "Pulp Fiction"

April 3, 2015 Robert Peirce "A Clockwork Orange"

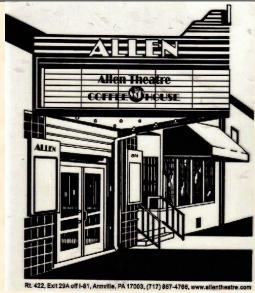
May 1, 2015 Robert Pierce "Fight Club"

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 14 3:00 PM	GLENN HOUGH, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD <u>Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.</u>
Sunday, Sept. 21 2:00 PM	Clark Wilson accompanies Harold Lloyd's "Shy Girl" Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley
Sunday, Sept. 28 3:00 PM	John Baratta, Silent Film Series, "Metropolis" <u>Grand Theatre</u> , East Greenville, PA
Sunday, Oct. 5 3:00 PM	Public Concert, Lowe's Jersey Theatre, Jersey City, NJ (artist and movie TBD) Garden State Theatre Organ Society
Saturday, Oct. 11 7:00 PM	Richard Hills, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, Oct. 19 3:00 PM	John Baratta, Silent Film Series, "Faust" Grand Theatre, East Greenville, PA
Sunday, Oct. 26 2:00 PM	Halloween Silent Movie, "Phantom of the Opera" Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley
Saturday, Nov. 1 7:00 PM	DON KINNIER, Silent Film Series, "The Cat and the Canary" <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, Nov. 2 3:00 PM	George Batman, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.
Saturday, Nov. 22 7:00 PM	David Gray, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, Nov. 23 3:00 PM	John Baratta and Carl Black (piano/organ duet), Silent Film Series, "Safety Last" <u>Grand Theatre</u> , East Greenville, PA
Sunday, Nov. 29 2:00 PM	Annual Holiday Concert, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>
Sunday, Dec. 7 3:00 PM	Mark Hurley, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.

Allen Theatre and MJ's Coffeehouse





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Allen Theatre

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