

The Windline

September 2021



Susquehanna Valley Theatre

Organ Society

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CONNOR REAM SHOWCASE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 7:00 PM

CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA



Connor Ream was born when he was very young, and began pursuing piano studies at the age of 4. First with by ear training, then jointly with sheet music and technical studies, he put in 14 years of lessons before his ear drew him to the sounds we all love - the Theatre Organ.

Connor graduated from Lancaster Mennonite High School in 2012, and obtained 2 degrees from the Pennsylvania College of Technology in 2016, a Penn State school in Williamsport, PA. Connor is grateful for the opportunity to have studied theatre organ locally with Don Kinnier. Connor was a frequent participant at the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure, which gave him quality one-on-one time with top name organists such as Jelani Eddington, Jonas Nordwall, and Donna Parker. While music is not his full-time career, it is ever-present; not many auto garages have an electronic theatre organ in the showroom. Connor is excited to finally see all your smiling faces as we reconvene for the first time since the 'rona sent us into hiding.

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.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to a cooler and dryer season, fall is just around the corner. It's a good time to venture into our state's many facilities or just to your favorite restaurant. As for our theatre organ chapter, we are planning several events this fall.

Our playing members have been quite busy this summer and they are continuing their efforts this fall with pre-movie organ music at the Capitol Theatre. Their efforts provide a significant effort to familiarizing the general public with a theatre organ. A big **THANK YOU** to all the players.

Mark your calendar, on Monday evening September 20th, the Susquehanna Valley Theater Organ Society will have its first in-person meeting in over 18 months. The details are on Page #1 of this issue of the *Windline*. Our performer will be **Conner Ream**.

PLEASE BE ADVISED

As many of you are aware, the Appell Center is adopting a “proof of vaccination or recent COVID test” policy in a similar fashion to the city of New York for public venues. Thus, we will be required to have everyone attending our meeting have suitable documentation. Please click this link [Appell Center Covid Policies](#) to review the details of these revised policies.

On Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 2 PM, the SVTOS will present **Nathan Avakian** at the Appell Center's Capitol Theatre. Nathan will present a program of theatre organ music and several International Youth Silent Film Festival winning short silent films. The program will be free to the public in support of promoting the youth film festival. We are planning on a second silent film-oriented program next spring.

For the November 8th Monday evening meeting of SVTOS we will be presenting a video, “Pipe Dream”, the story of the restoration of the Kimball theatre organ in the Lerner Theatre, Elkhart, IN.

Our December plans are not yet finalized, so stay tuned.

As in the past, the SVTOS Leadership Committee will resume their meetings prior to our November chapter meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone on September 20th.

Richard Neidich, President SVTOS

SVTOS 2020-2021 SEASON

Monday, Sept. 20th*
7:00 PM

Connor Ream Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA

Sunday, Oct. 17th*
2:00 PM

Nathan Avakian Public Concert featuring theatre organ music and several [International Youth Silent Film Festival](#) winning short silent films. Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Free presentation open to the public sponsored by SVTOS and the Appell Center.

Monday, Nov. 8th
7:00 PM

Video: "Pipe Dream" Restoration of Kimball organ in Lerner Theatre, Elkhart, IN. Capitol Theatre, York, PA

REMAINING SEASON TO BE DETERMINED

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

"SVTOS Plays For The Movies"

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

For ticket information please refer to the Cap Film webpage at [The Appell Center for the Performing Arts](#).

Friday Sept. 3rd @ 6:30 PM - *The Croods - A New Age* - Gary Coller (FREE)

Thursday Sept. 9th @ 7:00 PM - *Rush: Cinema Strangiato* - Don Schoeps

Saturday Sept. 11th @ 7:00 PM - *Rush: Cinema Strangiato* - Don Schoeps

Sunday Sept. 12th @ 4:00 PM - *Great Art on Screen - Freda: Viva La Vida* - Don Schoeps

Wednesday Sept. 15th @ 7:00 PM - *David Byrne's American Utopia* - Gary Coller

Friday Sept. 24th @ 7:00 PM - *OASIS Knebworth 1966* - Gary Coller

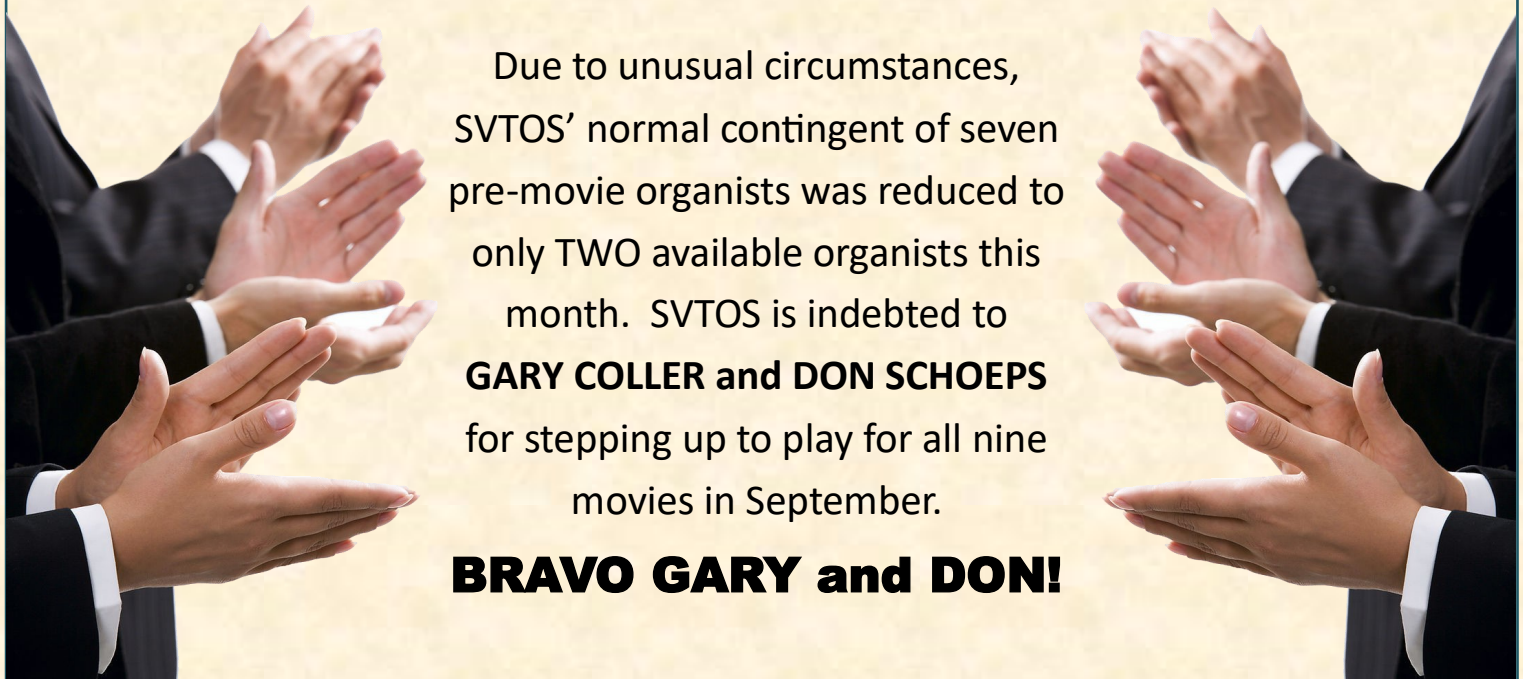
Saturday Sept. 25th @ 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM - *Manhattan Short Film Festival* - Don Schoeps

Sunday Sept. 26th @ 3:00 PM - *Manhattan Short Film Festival* - Gary Coller

SPECIAL THANKS TO GARY COLLER AND DON SCHOEPS FROM SVTOS

Due to unusual circumstances, SVTOS' normal contingent of seven pre-movie organists was reduced to only TWO available organists this month. SVTOS is indebted to **GARY COLLER and DON SCHOEPS** for stepping up to play for all nine movies in September.

BRAVO GARY and DON!



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 12 2:00 PM	Organ and Brass, featuring Rudy Lucente on organ and a brass group. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley . Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.
Saturday, Sept. 18 2:15 PM	Open House with Dick Smith, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, October 9 7:00 PM	Zach Frame, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, October 24 2:00 PM	Bernie Anderson accompanies <i>The Phantom of the Opera</i> , starring Lon Chaney. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley . Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.
Saturday, November 20 7:00 PM	Walt Strony, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, December 5 2:00 PM	Holiday Special (details to follow). Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley . Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.
Saturday, January 22 3:00 PM (time change)	Dave Wickerham, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, March 19 3:00 PM (time change)	Peter Richard Conte, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, April 30 7:00 PM	Phil Kelsall, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, June 11 7:00 PM	David Peckham with Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE

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

Don Kinnier accompanies “The Great K&A Train Robbery” - a virtual presentation

The Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley (TOSDV) presents a “virtual” silent film concert featuring *The Great K&A Train Robbery* starring Tony the Horse and Tom Mix on their website at www.TOSDV.com. A special feature shows the keyboard action of accompanist **Don Kinnier** on the 3/24 Wurlitzer side by side with the action of the movie. The concert is being sponsored by **Gary Collier**. Although it is available for no fee, TOSDV would very much appreciate donations to cover additional costs of providing this event. Please consider sending a donation separately to TOSDV, PO Box 2296, Sinking Spring, PA 19608.

“SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village,” Elizabethtown, PA

ALL PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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