

The Windline

September 2023



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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CHAPTER MEETING ATOS CONVENTION SLIDE SHOW OPEN CONSOLE

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 7:00 PM
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**

It's That Time Again

Your SVTOS Membership Is Due

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL
TIME**

It's once again time to renew your SVTOS Membership for the 2023-2024 Season that runs from September 2023 through August 2024. If you haven't already paid, your personalized 2023-2024 SVTOS Membership Renewal Form is attached to the email that delivered this newsletter. Please print that form, review the information, make any necessary changes, and mail it along with your check made payable to "SVTOS" to Roy Wainwright at the address at the bottom of the form. You can also bring it to the next SVTOS meeting and give it to Roy.

Thank you for your continuing support!

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.

Here is hoping everyone is having a wonderful end of summer. The SVTOS Picnic appears to have been a success based on others' comments. I made a one-half hour video of several selections and posted it on YouTube for those who missed the picnic or



Brett Miller at the 3/51 Walker theatre organ

wish to hear Brett Miller's orchestral tunes again (it's also linked on the SVTOS Facebook page). <https://youtu.be/wSKDKvHzmHU>

I've been working with the Appell Center's President and CEO, Todd Fogdall, on several efforts this summer. The Center's renovations have been completed, including new HVAC controls for the Capitol Theatre. More news on efforts at the September 11th SVTOS Chapter meeting, including future improvements to the organ.

The September meeting will be in two parts, the first part will be a review of summer organ efforts, including our trip to the ATOS Convention and summer travels. The second part will be an "Open Console" opportunity for those wishing to play a real theatre pipe organ after the summer break.

As indicated in the Windline schedule of events (see Page 3), we have full details for our fall programs. Don Kinnier will be playing the silent film "Be My Wife" for our October program and Ian Fraser, winner of the 2023 ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition, will perform for us in November. Of note is the holiday program. We will not know of Masonic Home plans until well into the fall, but the SVTOS effort at the Capitol will be a public program with Nathan Avakian and his sister Claire on December 3rd. The program will include a mix of traditional and contemporary tunes with Nathan at the console and Claire providing vocals. Tickets will be free to SVTOS members. Also note that there will be programs at Dickinson and the Colonial Theatre worth travel this fall (see Page 4).

I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone in a couple of weeks, and Ed Horvath will have munchies in the lobby as usual.

Richard Neidich, President SVTOS

SVTOS 2023-2024 SEASON

Monday, September 11th 7:00 PM	Chapter Meeting, ATOS Convention Slide Show, Open Console. Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, October 9th 7:00 PM	Silent Film <i>Be My Wife</i> accompanied by Don Kinnier, Capitol Theatre, York PA
November 13th 7:00 PM	Ian Fraser Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
December 3rd 3:00 PM*	Christmas Concert featuring Nathan and Clair Avakian, Public Concert, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
January 15, 2024 9 AM - 5 PM*	Open Console (MLK Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
February 19, 2024 9 AM - 5 PM*	Open Console (Presidents' Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
March 11, 2024 7:00 PM	Program To Be Determined
April 8, 2024 7:00 PM	Program To Be Determined
May 2024 Date & Time TBD*	Ben Forsthoffer Showcase on Opus 501, Howard-Fenner residence, Lebanon, PA
June 10, 2024 7:00 PM	Program 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.

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

- Friday, September 1 @ 6:30 PM - *Spirit Untamed* - Glenn Hough (FREE)
- Saturday, September 23 @ 7:00 PM - *Carlos* - Don Schoeps
- Sunday, September 24 @ 3:00 PM - *Carlos* - Roy Wainwright
- Saturday, September 30 @ 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM- *Manhattan Short Festival* - Larry Fenner
- **Sunday, October 1 @ 3:00 PM - *Manhattan Short Festival* - AVAILABLE***
- **Friday, October 6 @ 6:30 PM - *Puss in Boots* - (FREE) AVAILABLE***

* If you would like to volunteer to play before the AVAILABLE movies, please contact Barry Howard at bhowie428@comcast.net or 717-274-2254.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, September 16th 1:00 PM	Open House featuring mini concert by Ian Fraser and open console, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
Sunday, September 17th 2:00-4:00 pm	Emerging Artist Ben Forsthoffer , Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA (See Below)
Saturday, September 30th 7:00 pm	“Safety Last” starring Harold Lloyd with organ accompaniment by Brett Miller, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, October 14th 7:00 PM	Dave Wickerham, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
Sunday, October 29th 2:00-4:00 pm	Silent Film “Dr Jekyll & Mr. Hyde” accompanied by Bernie Anderson. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, November 23rd 3:00 PM	Justin LaVoie, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, January 27th 3:00 PM	Carol Williams, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, March 16th 3:00 PM	Jerry Nagano, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, May 4th 7:00 PM	Simon Gledhill, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.

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

“A Few Comments about Ben Forsthoffer’s concert at the Colonial Theatre on September 17th” - *DON’T MISS IT!!!*

16-year old **Ben Forsthoffer** is the youngest and one of the newest members of SVTOS, and he is definitely an up-and-coming star of the Theatre Organ world. The following are some comments about Ben from Gary Coller, with which your *Windline* Editor totally agrees:

“This past Monday Jack Serdy and I had Ben in the theatre for piston settings, practice and the recording of some promo video. This young man, coached by Jelani and bolstered through the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure program, has a presence at the console that I have not experienced in years. I was impressed over a year ago when he played walk-in music for the annual screening of “Casablanca.” Monday he surpassed that by leaps and bounds. If any attendee at the concert is not satisfied.....I will personally refund that attendee’s ticket purchase. I’ll be in the lobby post concert with an empty wallet. That’s how confident I am that Ben Forsthoffer will please and amaze.”

