

From a 'Dusty corner'

As we approach a new year, it gives me a chance to say Thank You to all the folks who have contributed so much to SVTOS this year. I especially want to thank all the organists who play for the movies and other special occasions.

Until we can afford to do a public concert, playing for the movies and special events is the best way we have to "present" our wonderful instrument and art form. And our audiences (and the management) love it!! For example, the people at Masonic Village liked the four shows we did this year so much they want us to do six next year.



Sometimes we really strike gold. Here is part of an email from Bob Jones, Executive Assistant at the theatre, after a special meeting of the York Dental Society.

Dusty: The Dentist's meeting last night was a total success. You won't believe the coincidence that took place? The head of the association, Dr. V. Cullen, grew up in Tonawanda New York!! As a boy he worked for his dad in their hardware store. He personally delivered supplies to the Wurlitzer Factory in their town. He became friends with Mr. Wurlitzer and grew up with a love of Theatre Organs! At the beginning of the meeting he told his entire story to the group, thanked Glenn and told of SVTOS and it's mission. [Glenn Hough played walk-in music for them.] It was wonderful. You can't imagine the high profile interest that this garnered. Everyone loved the music at the beginning. Thank you for helping to make this rental event special. Bob

SVTOS doesn't meet in December, January and February but look for an outstanding series of meetings beginning with Spirit of the Airwaves Players in March. Until then, very best wishes to you for the Holidays and the New Year.

All the best ... Dusty

Review: Rich Lewis Showcase By Dusty Miller

The idea behind "showcase sessions" is to demonstrate the wide variety of musical styles and sounds that can be played on the theatre pipe organ. From that standpoint, this was an ideal example.

Rich offered a nice variety in his musical selections. The range went from a rousing *Give Me the Simple Life* and *Grenada* to a bright novelty tune, *Serenade to a Wealthy Widow*. And from a dynamic medley from *Victory at Sea* to a lighter medley from *Annie Get Your Gun*.

He also made excellent use of the resources of the instrument. For example, in *I Cover the Waterfront* he had a good interplay between the vox humana and solo reeds. Haunting tibias were featured in *Brother Can You Spare a Dime*. He used both Tibia Clausas for a Jesse Crawford

You Spare a Dime. He used both Tibia Clausas for a Jesse Crawford arrangement of The Broken Rosary. As with many of the best theatre organists, Rich was not afraid to turn off the trems for some nice effects.

His closing medley was from Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera*. While he played it well, it seems like we've heard the music from this show a lot lately. All in all, however, Rich Lewis gave us a delightful 'showcase' of the music and the instrument we all love so much.



Upcoming events

Don Kinnier at Longwood Gardens	Various Times (see below)	
January 18	All Daytime OPEN CONSOLE Call Don Schoeps 717-254-6097	Capitol Theatre, York
February 15	All Daytime <u>OPEN CONSOLE</u> Call Don Schoeps 717-254-6097	Capitol Theatre, York

Don Kinnier at Longwood Gardens (Included in Admission to Gardens)

Route 1 http://www.longwoodgardens.org/Tickets_1_2_1.html

Kennett Square, PA

Christmas holiday pipe organ Sing-Alongs Tue. Dec. 1 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM Thu. Dec. 3 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM Sun. Dec. 6 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM Sat. Dec. 12 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM Tue. Dec. 15 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM Tue. Dec 22 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM

Thu. Dec. 24 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00 PM Tue. Dec, 29 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00 PM

Thu. Dec. 31 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 PM

Sun. Jan. 3 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM Sing Along

Sun. Jan. 3 2009 7:00, 8:00PM Organ 'Waltzes'

Concert Program

All performances on Longwood's 4 manual

146 rank Aeolian Orchestral Organ

Upcoming Programs:

Monday January 18
All Day Open Console

Monday February 15
All Day Open Console

Monday March 8

S.O.A.P. radio show with SVTOS organists providing radio themes Capitol Theatre 7:00 to 9:00 (Staff and Volunteers of SCPAC will be our guests)

Monday April 12

Silent Film with Don Kinnier AGO students invited for open console after film. Capitol Theatre 7:00 to 9:00pm

DISCOUNT ON CAPITOL MOVIES

You can attend the films for \$5. The normal fee is \$8 unless you have an annual membership (\$30). You only have to show your SVTOS membership badge.

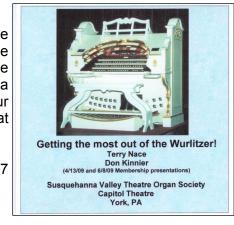
York Parking Meters

Meters end the day at 6:30 PM, so you can park free along the street for our Capitol Events. Depending on what else is going on downtown, you may have to pay at the parking garage.

You Asked For It:

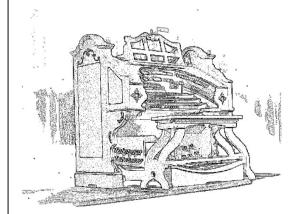
Now <u>YOU</u> can get the most out of the Capitol Wurlitzer. Terry Nace and Don Kinnier collaborated on two meetings last year. These explained all of the features and good sounds of the organ. In case you missed those programs and/or want to refresh your memory, a DVD is available containing both meetings' programs. As with our other educational resources, these are available for \$5.00 at meetings, \$8:00 by mail.

(you can order through Newsletter@svtos.org or regular mail to 2897 Olde Field Dr, York 17408)



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Important Upcoming Events

Tuesday December 15, 2009
 Christmas Program
 Masonic Village, Elizabethtown
 7:00 to 8:30pm

Monday January 18, 2010
 All Day Open Console
 Monday February 15, 2010
 All Day Open Console