

# The Windline

Susquehanna Valley Chapter - ATOS

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September 2008

## **Organists Really Needed!**

*(how often do you hear that these days?)*

We need folks to fill the following pre-movie slots:

<b>Date &amp; time</b>	<b>Movie</b>
Sat, Oct. 18, 7:30PM	Vertigo
Sun, Nov. 16, 3PM and 7:30PM	My Big Fat Greek Wedding
Friday, Dec. 12, 7:30PM	White Christmas
Saturday Dec. 13, 2-3PM Special Show	Sing Along + White Christmas
Saturday Dec. 13, 7:30PM	White Christmas
Sunday Dec. 14, 7:30PM	White Christmas
Sunday Jan. 4, 2009, 3PM and 7:30PM	Viva Las Vegas
Sunday April 19, 2009, 3PM and 7:30PM	Dirty Dancing
Saturday May 16, 2009, 7:30PM	West Side Story
Sunday May 17, 2009, 3PM	West Side Story
Sunday Jun 7, 2009, 3PM and 7:30PM	"Grease" Sing Along

If you haven't tried this before, it's your chance to debut on the Mighty Wurlitzer! Almost any typical Theatre Organ Music selections will be fine. Twenty minutes to 1/2 hour. Any of us will be happy to help and coach you along! -Ed.

**Call Sam (717-534-2470) or email [Pres@svtos.org](mailto:Pres@svtos.org) to sign up!**

## **September 8 Meeting—7:30PM Capitol, York** **Wayne Zimmerman** **Showcase Program**

Wayne will present a program of music on the Capitol's Mighty Wurlitzer ranging from the 1900s to the 1980s including ballads, "standards", Broadway shows, operettas, marches and more!

Playing the organ since his youth, he has performed at a many of the regional Theatre Organ Societies including the Delaware Valley and Garden state chapters. Several years ago he was thrilled to play two noon-time programs on the John Wannamaker Organ in Philadelphia.

## **2008-2009 Organ Showcase Programs**

**September 8, Wayne Zimmerman**  
**November 10, Phyllis Sands**  
**March 9, 2009 Mike Britt**  
**May 11, 2009 Tim Schramm**

Mark your calendars now, and renew/upgrade your membership to hear these great performers!

Remember, these Showcase Programs are open to Regular Members Only!

## **Thanks to all:**

Performers at the Masonic Village August 13th were Glenn Hough, Gary Coller, Don Kinnier and Judy Townsend. "Bella", their great little dog that is in training to be a "therapy" dog, also performed, to the delight of the audience. The organ performances all were excellent, and well received by the appreciative audience.

The annual Susquehanna Valley Chapter Picnic was held at the home of Larry Fenner and Barry Howard in Lebanon, PA. They are currently rebuilding and installing WurliTzer Opus 501 in their home. Their home was specially prepared with 23' ceiling pipe chambers in the basement and 14' ceiling in the music room. The full story and photos of their efforts and the picnic are available at [www.opus501.com](http://www.opus501.com). The 3-manual, 16-rank style 260 organ was first installed in the Lafayette Theatre in Buffalo, New York.

Although the WurliTzer installation is a year or more from completion, entertainment was furnished on their 3-manual Rodgers organ. Members and guests shared a sumptuous picnic banquet and many desserts!

SVTOS Member Bob Hauf took many photos. See them at [www.opus501.com](http://www.opus501.com). and below:



### **International Year of the Organ:**

The American Guild of Organists has proclaimed the program year, 2008-09, to be the International Celebration of the Organ. This year of celebration of the King of Instruments will focus upon the unique value of the organ and its literature as well as the contribution of its art to the culture at large. This celebration of the organ is designed to increase appreciation for the enduring majesty of the instrument and its music in people of all ages and backgrounds.

On **Sunday, October 19, 2008**, the American Guild of Organists (AGO) in cooperation with various other organ organizations, including the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) and **the American Theater Organ Society (ATOS)** will present more than 2,000 performers in more than 225 concert venues throughout North America and abroad--the Organ Spectacular celebration.

We are coordinating with the York Chapter of AGO with a special show at the Capitol on December 13--The Christmas sing-along with brass, etc. and the April 18 Pedals, Pipes & Pizza event for young organists. Stay tuned for more!

**INDIANAPOLIS 2008 – by Dusty Miller**

Eleven artists. Seven different venues. Five action-packed days. That and more highlighted the 2008 American Theatre Organ Society National Convention in Indianapolis this past July 4-8.

Artists included Simon Gledhill, Scott Foppiano, Richard Hills, Ken Double, Mark Herman, Clark Wilson, The Trio Con Brio (Jonas Nordwall, Donna Parker and Martin Ellis), Jim Riggs and Walt Strony. Also on the schedule were meetings and seminars; a performance by last year's Young Artist competition winner, Donnie Rankin; this year's Young Artist competition and a closing banquet. An optional "After Glow" featured a performance by Jelani Eddington on an instrument installed in a home in Cincinnati and a cruise on the Ohio River.



Jim Riggs at the 3/18 Barton at the Warren Performing Arts Center, Indianapolis

Busses took attendees to hear instruments such as a 3/26 Wurlitzer at Manual High School and a 3/18 Barton at the Warren Performing Arts Center—both in Indianapolis, a 3/12 Page at the Paramount Theatre in Anderson and a 4/16 Page at the Embassy Theatre in Fort Wayne.

Also at the 2008 Convention the Allen Organ Company introduced the new "Walt Strony Special" 4-manual digital electronic organ (on which Walt played an entire program) and Jim Riggs (at the Warren PAC) surprised the audience by playing duets with digital transcriptions of 1920s piano rolls. He called them "phantom duets."

Spotted among the over 500 attendees from around the world were six members of the Susquehanna Valley Chapter—Sam and Joyce Groh, Dusty and Barbara Miller, Larry Fenner and Barry Howard. Larry and Barry renewed many contacts and made new ones as they continue to restore and install a theatre pipe organ in their home. A highlight for Dusty was an hour of coaching by Jelani Eddington—part of the ATOS Mentor Program.



Susquehanna Valley folks in the lobby of the Warren Performing Arts Center, Indianapolis

**Two More organs for sale:**

ORGAN FOR SALE (NO DETAILS)

Linda Rishel 764-3841

ELECTRIC ORGAN (NO DETAILS)

Sue Krimmel (Pastoral Care Wellspan 717-854-2305)

A man called Trinity UCC in York looking to donate an Electone HC-4W organ. He says it is worth about \$2500. It was left from the previous tenant who bought it for his mother and she passed away. He lives between York & Dover. Contact Dale Kornbau 717-292-4271

**FOR SALE:** My wife and I are relocating to Manhattan and taking our large Allen home organ with us will not be possible. I wish to make it available to a small church or home. It is a wonderful instrument voiced by Larry Phelps and Tom Hazleton. Allen ADC5600 (1986) Three-manual, Allen digital, in perfect and pristine condition, artist bench, eight finished speaker cabinets, full library of cards for the card reader, large specification, matching wood console dolly, full compliment of pistons and 2 memories. Asking \$35K. Interested people should call 610-533-8623 Allen Organ Company will move and install the organ which is currently located in our home in Emmaus, PA—George Boyer

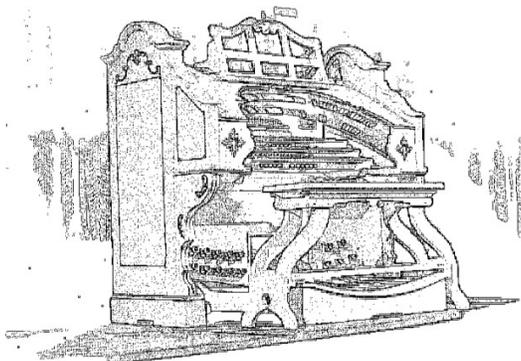
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## **Important Upcoming Events**

**>September 8, 2008**

**7:30 PM**

**Wayne Zimmerman**

(Regular Members only)

**>October 13, 2008**

**7:30 PM**

**Open Console +**

(All Members)