

The Windline

Susquehanna Valley Chapter - ATOS

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April 2010

APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting will feature a short business meeting, a silent movie accompanied by Don Kinnier at the mighty Wurlitzer and Open Console.

We expect to have a number of guests, participants in the York AGO Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event which encourages young keyboard students to take an interest in the pipe organ.

The business meeting will include a vote on the By-Laws update (see the item on page 3) and presentation of the slate of officers for next season. (If the By-Laws are approved, the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held in May.) If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please call Sam Groh, 717-534-2470, or email him at TallPipes@msn.com.

It was the silent movie for which the theatre organ was invented. Invite a guest or two and come and enjoy this recreation of a wonderful piece of art and history.

In order to give people more time during Open Console we are going to a slightly different approach: All those interested in playing will choose a number from the "hat" as before, but this time only three or four will be chosen to play using random drawing. This way we hope there will be more playing time and less time "moving in" and setting registrations.

Don Kinnier - Steamboat Bill, Jr.

**Capitol
Theatre
7:00PM
Monday
April 12**



This film is a real masterpiece of Keaton's brand of deadpan comedy. The bread is a 'special' recipe that he baked up for his father (played by Ernest Torrence) who is temporarily incarcerated for a minor misdemeanor. Keaton really brings his 'great stone face' to its pinnacle in this flick. Watch carefully for the secret 'ingredient' in this iron-rich loaf.

This event is open to ALL SVTOS Regular and Associate Members!

From a 'Dusty corner' ---- Scholarship Fund Initiated

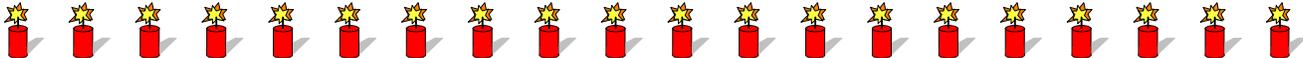
Rarely are young people of today interested in the theatre pipe organ. But when one comes along, I believe it is up to us to support them in any way we can. For example, we can invite them to meetings. We can encourage them to come out for Open Console. And we can give them an opportunity to play a short "showcase."



One very unique opportunity is the Youth Summer Camp run by our parent organization, ATOS. This week-long program features nationally recognized organists and technicians as instructors, coaches and mentors along with opportunities to learn about and play some of the largest and finest instruments in the country. Tuition for the ATOS Youth Summer Camp is only \$295. Total cost including air fare and hotel for someone from this area will be about \$1,500.

Through one of our former members, we have discovered a young man from Lancaster County who has extraordinary talent on the keyboard and whom we have encouraged to explore the theatre organ. Some of you heard him at our March meeting. His name is Conner Ream and he has applied for a scholarship to the ATOS Summer Camp.

To fund a scholarship for Conner and any others who qualify, we have set up a Scholarship Fund within our treasury. 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, Emmitte Miller, 4017 Woodspring Lane, York, PA 17402-7527. If you would like more information about this scholarship fund, please call me, 717-795-2775 or email Pres@SVTOS.org. See you at the Capitol! All the best ... Dusty



Non-Profit Status Granted!

SVTOS has reached a major milestone in the history of the club: Non-profit status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. And a huge THANK YOU to Larry Fenner who headed up the long and involved process and to Barry Howard and others who helped along the way.

What did it take to get here? Well, start with filing a fictitious name with the State of Pennsylvania. Then revising our By-Laws and drafting Articles of Incorporation and filing them with the state so we could become incorporated. Then completing and filing the application with the IRS and responding to their requests changes. It was a really big job.

What does it mean? A lot!! We can now solicit sponsors for public concerts and they will be able to deduct their contributions. Members and other individuals can make tax-deductible contributions to the club and/or to our scholarship program. Members who serve as officers and other volunteers can deduct some of their expenses. And non-profit status improves our standing with the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center.

Now it's up to you. Consider how you might support SVTOS through your tax-deductible contribution, by soliciting sponsors or by including SVTOS in your will. Funds raised will help the club in its mission to "preserve and present" the theatre pipe organ not just to our own members but to all in our area.



Upcoming events

Sunday, April 11 - "King of Kings" Cecil B. DeMille's Patriots Theatre at the War Memorial
3:00 PM silent film, live organ score by Memorial Drive, Trenton, NJ \$10
 Bernie Anderson, Jr on the
 3/16 Moller Theatre Pipe Organ

Sunday, April 11 Bob Lachin at Free State Theatre <http://theatreorgans.com/freestate>
3:00 PM Organ Society (Baltimore)



WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!

We'll be lining up our programs for the 2010-2011 season soon.

If you have any suggestions for a showcase or information topic, please pass it along to Gary Springmontpipes@webtv.net or Dusty DustyandBarbara@Verizon.net.

Free State Theatre Organ Schedule

Sunday, April 11, 3:00 p.m.
 Bob Lachin
 Saturday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.
 Dick Smith
 Sunday, June 13, 3:00 p.m.
 Don Kinnier and Judy Townsend
 Sunday, Sept 12, 3:00 p.m.
 John Terwilliger
 Sunday, Nov 7, 3:00 p.m.
 Frank Vanaman
 Sunday, Dec 5, 3:00 p.m.
 Christmas Program

More Open Console !!

Through the generous cooperation of the management of the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center, the instrument at the Capitol Theatre will be available for practice and Open Console all day Monday, April 12 and Monday, May 10 (our regular meeting days). Host for April will be Dusty Miller and for May will be Don Schoeps.

Playing members: If you would like 30- to 60-minutes on the Wurlitzer in April, please call Dusty at 717-795-2775. For May, call Don, 717-254-6097.

Listening members: You are cordially invited to come in to hear the organ. Just call the host to let him know when you plan to arrive so he can have the side door open for you.

Attention Voting Members

Two events have made it necessary to make some technical changes to our By-Laws. First is our incorporation in Pennsylvania and our application for non-profit status. In addition, we changed from a calendar year to a program year (September to August).

The following two changes are submitted to you for your consideration. They will be formally presented voted upon at our April meeting.

Section 2. Organization

S.V.T.O.S. is registered as a Nonprofit Corporation under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988 in the state of Pennsylvania, and has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

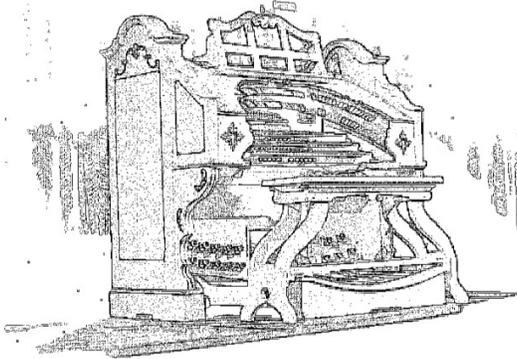
Section 1. Annual Meetings

The first Annual Meeting of the S.V.T.O.S. shall be held in October 1993 at a time and place to be set by the Officers. The preferred calendar date of ensuing S.V.T.O.S. Annual Meetings shall be in May of each year, or whenever scheduling can be arranged. The day, time and place will be determined by the Officers.

Thanks to Larry Fenner for his faithful attention to these details.

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Important Upcoming Events

>Monday April 12, 2010

**Silent movie with
Don Kinnier
Capitol Theatre 7:00 to 9:00**

>Monday May 10, 2010

**Don Kinnier
Accompaniment Workshop
Capitol Theatre 7:00 to 9:00**