

From a 'Dusty Corner'

My Challenge to You

You've seen the flyer. You know that in October we are sponsoring an open-to-the-public concert called "Music of the Big Band Era." All the arrangements are made. The tickets are printed. Our biggest task now is to get people to attend! And we're counting on you to help.

Pick up copies of the flyer at our September meeting or call or email Larry and Barry for some (LryFnr@Comcast.net or 717-274-2254). Give

them to your friends at church or at the club. Invite your neighbors (as Don and Nancy Schoeps have done). Or, like Herb Inge, invite all the members of a group to which you belong.

Now here's the challenge. I'm going to buy 5 tickets at the member price (\$12) and either give them or sell them to friends and neighbors. I'm looking for nine other members who will join me. Are there nine other members of SVTOS who care enough about our organization and about the theatre pipe organ to put up \$60 for tickets to our only show this fall? Some people have expressed doubt. It's up to you to prove them wrong.

You can buy your tickets at the September meeting or by mail from Larry Fenner and Barry Howard, 33 Wheatland Circle, Lebanon, PA 17042-9418. Make your check out to SVTOS. Put Big Band Show Tickets on the memo line. Let's get people out to hear our Mighty Wurlitzer!!

-Dusty

THE PUBLIC SHOWS – What we're all up to together

The SVTOS Leadership Team has set us on a course to produce a series of Public Shows featuring world-class artists playing the Mighty Wurlitzer in the Capitol Theatre in York. The first will be October 9, 2011 with Ken Double; the second will be April 15, 2012 with Jonathan Ortloff! Our goal is to **build an audience** for Theatre Organ so that it will not be lost to the dustbin of history. But each of us will have to help.

There are lots of reasons why people might like to come out to hear the Theatre Organ. People might find they love the real thing, just as we do! There's just nothing like the Diaphone shaking the building, or the snarl of the Post Horn, or the voice of the Solo Tibia! Maybe they are interested in history—the introduction of Theatre Organ was a major advance in the history of music and of technology. Perhaps they are patriotic. The Theatre Organ is quintessentially (as well as historically) an *American* invention. Or maybe they want to get out from behind their computers and socialize.

But the only way people are going to know about our wonderful Theatre Organ is if we tell 'em!! Set aside the dates. Start now to fill at least a car full. Invite your coworkers—or the choir from church—or the book club—or kids from the band at High School—or that family down the block. They'll be great shows—we'll all have a grand time!

PEACE!

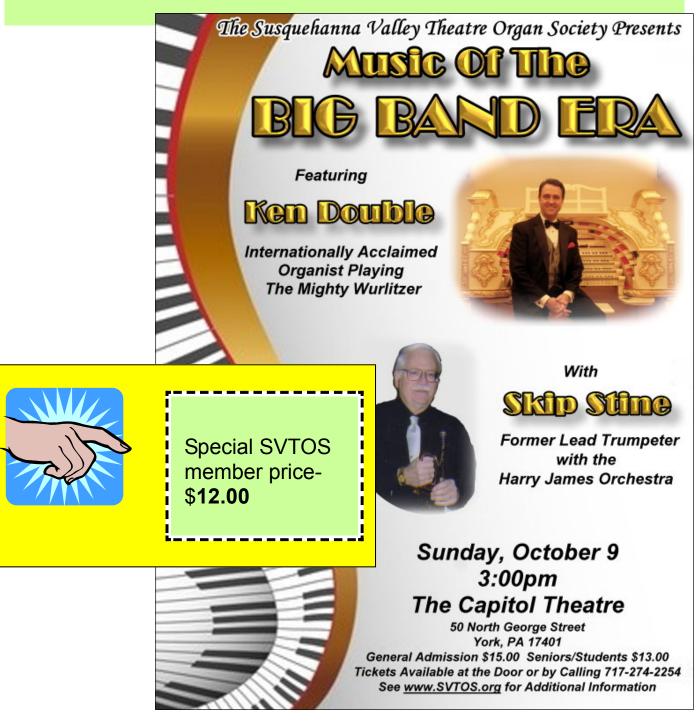
Don and Nancy Schoeps, Chairs, April 15, 2012 Show



WANTED: Members to make just ten phone calls to follow up our mailing. To volunteer, email Larry Fenner at <u>LryFnr@Comcast.net</u>

Here's the story. Early this summer we mailed information about the Music of the Big Band Era show to about 150 activity directors of retirement living communities around central Pennsylvania. We asked them to spread the word to their residents and even organize a bus trip.

But there is nothing like some personal contact. So we need your help to follow up with a phone call. It should only take a few minutes per call. We'll give you all the information you need—even a script to follow. Email today.





The Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Inc. presents a pipe organ afternoon on Sunday, September 11, 2011, 3PM, at the Colonial Theatre in Phoenixville, PA. The program will include a silent movie with organ accompaniment, music and a sing-along celebrating the season: end of Summer/beginning of Fall, Labor Day, the start of school, and a tribute to America that will include remembrance of the 9/11/01 attack on our Country and will feature Wayne Zimmerman at the 3/24 Wurlitzer organ. Tickets will be available at the door: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Hope to see you there!

This concert benefits the TOSDV Theatre Pipe Organ Restoration Fund.

For more information, visit TOSDV.org, email tosdvpr@mindspring.com, or call 215-780-0831.

GRAND THEATER – Sunday, August 28, 2011, 3 PM An Afternoon with Laurel and Hardy featuring three classic Laurel and Hardy shorts: "Habeas Corpus" (1928); "Duck Soup" (1927); and "Leave 'Em Laughing" (1928) (total running time 90 minutes) John Baratta at the console. 2/7 Marr and Colton, Grand Theater, East Greenville, PA Admission \$10, or \$25 for the Aug, Sept, Oct. silent series. Info: www.TheGrandTheater.org

Review of our CD "A Capitol Idea"

The May/June "Theatre Organ" arrived today with Dennis Hedberg's review of "A Capitol Idea." Mr. Hedberg gave the CD 3¹/₂ stars out of 5, which isn't too shabby compared to some of his past reviews. YEA! -Larry Fenner

Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship Fund has been set up to provide money for talented young organists to attend the ATOS Youth Summer Camp. 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 and/or possible candidates, please call Dusty, 717-795-2775, or email Pres@SVTOS.org. These contributions are now tax-deductible! You can also contribute via PayPal on our web site www.svtos.org

FOR SALE DEPT

The estate of Bobby Raye Lilarose is offering the four volume "Encyclopedia of the American Theatre Organ" plus Ben Hall's "Best Reaining Seats" for five hundred dollars. Bobby was a collector of many things musical. Most has been sold or donated. These theatre organ tomes are treasured by enthusiasts worldwide. Don't let this opportunity to obtain the complete set from Bobby's library pass you by. Delivery within the United States (except Alaska and Hawaii) is included. Shipment elsewhere will be at actual postal charges from Reading PA 19609. Contact Gary Coller at 610 678 5690 or springmontpipes@webtv.net

VISIT TO JIM & LORRAINE STETT'S HOME AND ORGAN(S)



the Stetts WurliTzer



The two Dons (Schoeps and Kinnier) entertain the crowd with piano and WurliTzer duets



Barry Howard at the WurliTzer

It was July 23, 2011 on our way to Jim & Lorraine Stett's home with a very scenic view traveling north on route 15. When we arrived at 1732 Clarion Drive, Jim and Lorraine met us at the door with open arms and a wonderful array of delicious hors d'oeuvres. Then we all gathered around the organs, yes I said organs! They have two Hammonds a C3 and Rt3. Just for good measure a three manual, 14 ranks, Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe organ. Talk about Heaven!!! Evervone took a turn at one of the organs. Oh did I mention a piano! About 5:30 we sat down to a catered dinner of Southern fried chicken with all the trimmings! Everyone brought a dessert to share. Then more music making. At about 7:30 we

started to leave. And it was wonderful and a great time of music, food and fellowship.

Thanks Jim and Lorraine for a wonderful shared time together!

Kenneth R. Kline Vice President



Jim Stetts and Terry Nace survey the chamber



Ken Kline tries his hand at the Hammond



Don Schoeps at the WurliTzer

Photo credits: Larry Fenner

Exciting Season! All Events start at 7:00PM at Capitol Theatre, York unless noted

| Sunday, Aug. 28, 3:00 PM | An Afternoon with Laurel and Hardy, John Baratta at the console. 2/7 Marr and Colton, |
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| | Grand Theater, East Greenville, PA (See pg 4) |
| Sunday Sept. 11 3:00PM | Pipe organ afternoon at the Colonial Theatre in Phoenixville, PA. Featuring silent movie with organ accompaniment, music and a sing- along celebrating the season (See page 4) |
| September 12 | Theatre Organ Accompaniment Workshop (see front page) |
| Saturday, Sept. 17 6:30PM | WILSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONCERT including Stephanie Trick New Wilson West Middle School, Sinking Spring (Reading), PA (see page 7) |
| Sunday October 9, 2011 3:00PM | Music of the Big Band Era Ken Double, Skip Stine (OUR FIRST PUBLIC CONCERT) See page 3 |
| Monday October 10, 2011 | Movie—"My Wife Said That's Enough!" |
| Monday November 14 | Showcase—Glenn Hough |
| December 2011 (date TBA) | Christmas Program, Masonic Home, Elizabethtown |
| January 9, 2012 | All Day Open Console |
| February 13, 2012 | Showcase—SVTOS Members |
| March 12, 2012 | Showcase—John Terwilliger |
| April 9, 2012 | Workshop—Don Kinnier, Connor Ream - "How to think like an orchestra" |
| Sunday, April 15, 2012 3:00PM | Jonathan Ortloff (OUR SECOND PUBLIC CONCERT) |
| May 14, 2012 | Annual Meeting & Arrangers Challenge |
| June 11, 2012 | Showcase—Justin Nimmo |
| July 9, 2012 | All Day Open Console |
| August 2012 (date TBA) | Annual Picnic |

I've attached the Wilson Scholarship Fund concert Press Release for Saturday, September 17. Since a number of our SVTOS members have favorably reviewed Stephanie Trick's material on her site and youtube, I thought we might invite all the members should they desire to drive to Sinking Spring, just six miles west of Reading about four blocks north of US route 422 (William Penn Highway.) Should you require more information, please ask. —Gary Coller

PRESS RELEASE - WILSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONCERT

Post high school education is so very important in today's knowledge-reliant and technology-based economy. The Wilson Scholarship Fund has assisted graduating seniors to achieve their goals for more than fifteen years. Annual solicitations plus endowment earnings have supported four awards totaling thirteen thousand dollars each June. But the fund is not growing to meet tomorrow's needs.

Experience a unique concert and have your ticket purchase become a donation to the scholarship endowment. Through several generous donations a first-class evening of entertainment has been arranged for Saturday, September 17th in the new Wilson West Middle School.

Pre-concert keyboard and vocal stylings are courtesy of Isabel Lacatus at 6:30pm. This energetic, dedicated twelve year-old home-schooled student has already made a name for herself in regional competitions. She has thrilled the community via appearances in 2010 and 2011 with tenor George Dwyer. www.isabellacatus.com

Wilson's JROTC drill squad will post the colors at 6:55pm to the accompaniment of the multi-talented John Rozum. www.johnrozumdrummer.com Search Google for 'Wilson High School JROTC'

The stirring piano concert at 7:00pm stars the vibrant, extremely talented and internationally acclaimed Stephanie Trick. Four Cds and a concert DVD attest to her artistry. Ms Trick's program may include selections from her repertoire of jazz, classical, standards, boogie-woogie and ragtime. She will play the new Boston grand and be accompanied on select numbers by John Rozum. Stephanie's specialty is the challenging "stride piano" style. Sample her website offerings and youtube.com links. Her lightning-fast fingers will be projected onto the wide screen for an enhanced visual experience. Hundreds of patrons in the audience will be calling, "Encore, encore!" at the conclusion of Stephanie's rousing concert.



Just 508 tickets are available at \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students through twelfth grade. Purchase tickets and make an additional scholarship donation, if desired, at: www.Wilsonsd.org see "NEWS" on the main page and use the ticket link. OR www.StephanieTrick.com see "SCHEDULE" and use the ticket link under the September 17 "fundraiser concert."

Perhaps you can assist me in locating someone that likes to build or repair pipe organs.

I have a home made player pipe organ that needs a good home. I would be pleased to donate it and a spare rank of metal pipes and parts to anyone with an interest. The organ has a 44 note keyboard and a bell set. I also have a large assortment of piano rolls.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter,

Bob Lichliter (lich@verizon.net) 717-730-9329

