

March 2012

# The Windline

Susquehanna Valley Chapter - ATOS

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A 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the preservation and presentation of Theatre Organs. Proudly supporting the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ at the Capitol Theatre in York, PA

## Dan Umholtz Showcase Capitol Theatre March 12 7:00PM



Dan Umholtz, age 20, began his musical training studying piano at the age of 5 at the Braun School of Music in Pottsville, PA. These lessons continued until roughly 2005. While having a strong interest in performing on the organ as well as the “behind the scenes” workings of the organ for nearly all of his life, Dan started organ lessons with his father, Jack (a well-known local musician), at the age of 10. Those lessons have since continued and he has studied organ performance with Aram Basmadjian, an in-house concert organist and Special Projects Manager of the Allen Organ Company located in Macungie, PA. Dan currently resides in Valley View, PA and serves as a staff organist for two churches located in the Hegin valley. In addition, Dan became the new house organist at the Hershey Theatre in the fall of 2009; regularly performing concerts and giving demonstrations on the historic 4 manual 69 rank Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ. Aside from church work and events at the Hershey Theatre, Dan performs organ concerts here and there throughout the central PA region and on occasion will appear as a guest organist at various churches.

## From a 'Dusty Corner'

### A Celebration of Youth

Your leadership both at the local and at the national level have often discussed the "graying" of our activity. We're all getting older and there seem to be few young people interested in the theatre pipe organ. Well, that doesn't seem to be true here in Central PA.

As you know, we're very proud of the one of the youngest members of our chapter, Connor Ream. Connor played a brief cameo at our "Music of the Big Band Era" show in the fall and again at our recent showcase meeting. He has a charming style and a command of the console worthy of someone well beyond his years.

I've just come from the theatre where Dan Umholtz was preparing for our March Showcase meeting. I had not heard him before and I was very impressed. He plays a wide variety of music including some challenging orchestral transcriptions. He makes good use of all the resources of the organ—especially a full, rich ensemble. This is one Showcase meeting you won't want to miss. Invite a guest. It will be a terrific program!

And, on Sunday, April 15, another outstanding young organist, Jonathan Ortloff, will take the bench for our next open-to-the-public program called "Ring in Spring." At just 27 years of age, Jonathan has already earned acclaim across the theatre organ world. He is the winner of the 2008 ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition and featured performer at both national and regional events. Jonathan will share the afternoon with "Celebration!" -- the exciting showchoir from York High. Tickets are just \$12 for members. You may buy them online at our web site or call 717-254-6097. I'm going to buy several and invite people to come with me. I encourage you to do the same.

So, if these young people are any indication, perhaps there is hope that interest in the theatre organ is not fading away. Come out and hear them. You will be delighted!! *-Dusty*



### Attention ATOS Members:

Congratulations to Larry Fenner for volunteering to be on the ATOS Board of Directors Ballot!

**The deadline to return your ballot is April 15. Do it today!**

And check us out on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/svtos>

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Go to [www.ATOS.org](http://www.ATOS.org) and click on ATOS Radio under "Quick Links" in the lower-right corner of the home page.

**I am!**

## Exciting Season!

**All Events start at 7:00PM at Capitol Theatre, York unless noted**

March 12, 2012	Showcase—Dan Umholtz
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
August 2012 (date TBA)	Annual Picnic

### Building an Audience - Step 3

Our chapter is working to build an audience for Theatre Organ here. We see the path to success like this:

Step 1 - Have a **Great Concert** (done!)

Step 2 - **TELL Everyone** what fun you had there. (done!)

Step 3 - **Become an Ambassador** for the next show.

- Speak up at your bowling league, golf team, choir, card club
- Distribute a handful of fliers advertising the next Show

the Next Show:

the Sunday After Easter (April 15)  
Pipes and Voices RING IN SPRING  
Jonathan Ortloff! and  
Celebration! Showchoir

The Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Presents  
**Pipes and Voices**  
**Ring in Spring!**  
Magical Songs of All Ages

Featuring  
**Jonathan Ortloff**  
At The Mighty Wurlitzer  
- WINNER 2008 ATOS International Young Theatre Organist Competition  
- Graduate of Eastman School of Music AND University of Rochester  
- In demand as Artist across USA recently at Radio City in NY

With York's Own  
**"Celebration!"**  
- Central York High School Showchoir  
- Delighted crowds here in York AND as far away as California and Florida

**Sunday, April 15**  
**3:00pm**  
**The Capitol Theatre**  
50 North George Street, York PA 17401  
General Admission \$15.00 Seniors/Students \$13.00  
Tickets at Door (cash/check only) or by Calling 717-254-6097  
For more information see [www.SVTOS.org](http://www.SVTOS.org), email [tickets@SVTOS.org](mailto:tickets@SVTOS.org), or [facebook.com/SVTOS](https://www.facebook.com/SVTOS)

Fliers available at the next Meeting or call Don and Nancy Schoeps at 717-254-6097

**Follow-up to note in prior Windline re LeRoy Wagner's WurliTzer in Baltimore**

"Yes, it is true that our Style E, as we removed it from the State Theatre here in Baltimore, is going into the Ballroom of the Engineer's Club which is very close to the Washington Monument downtown.

The best part is they are very excited about it and want to keep it original too. I just finished complete dis-assembly of the switch stack for re-leathering. Believe it or not there were still some pneumatics still going strong on 1926 zephyr skin leather. When I restored the chestwork in 1969-1971 I used zephyr skin then.

We held a "Grande Finale" concert with four great organists (including Don Kinnier) who played for four hours. The final piece which I played "I'll See You In My Dreams" was the piece I played on it before cutting the cable in 1969. After the last note the organ was silenced to be played again in the Engineer's Club Ballroom. (There were a lot of tearing eyes at this point!)

We have had the pleasure of it for 42 years (The same number of years it was in the State Theatre.) We have had many, many come to enjoy it. Each year we always had one or two concerts or picnics with a concert, or antique cars with a concert or pros and just folks who wanted to play it.

Since you asked about it's originality, are you aware of the newspaper article in which Jeff Weil was quoted about the only remaining, original WurliTzers?

There are lots and lots of stories associated with the organ and many good memories.

Thanks for asking". LeRoy Wagner ( [roy.pipeorg@verizon.net](mailto:roy.pipeorg@verizon.net) )

**Capitol Theatre Pre-Movie Organ Volunteers**

Dec 18	Glenn Hough	951-3315	All movies start at 3:00, and organists start at 2:30, every Sunday.
Jan. 8, 2012	Don Schoeps	254-6097	
Jan. 22	Don Kinnier	627-5055	When calling the theatre, ask for Carol. 825-2231 or 846-1155.
Feb. 5	Don Kinnier	627-5055	
Feb. 19	Herb Inge	410-692-6722	If you need any assistance PLEASE do not hesitate to call me:
March 4	Gary Coller	610-678-5690	
March 18	Robert Pierce	410-329-8064	Ken Kline (717) 564-7513
April 22	Connor Ream	917-9320	Thank You all for volunteering your time and talent for this community service.
May 6	Roy Wainwright	792-3408	
May 20	Herb Inge	410-692-6722	

# Glenn Hough - by Request

at the Colonial Theatre



By popular request, Glenn Hough returns to the 3/24 Wurlitzer at the Colonial Theatre, with his very special brand of musical interpretations and humor. This will be an all music program.

**The Colonial Theatre**  
227 Bridge St.  
Phoenixville, PA  
610-917-1228



**Sunday 3/25/2012**  
**Time: 3:00 PM**

Tickets

**\$10.00 at the door**  
**\$5.00 12 and under**  
(The Colonial now assesses an additional \$1.50 per ticket)

Join us for an afternoon of music and merriment, celebrating the new moon, St. Patrick's Day, and other events associated with Spring, presented in Glenn's unique style.

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Here's a photo of the Lowrey at Bob Carbaugh's place. It is in pretty good shape. Plays well and sounds OK. It could use a little "Old English Furniture Polish" other than that the case is in pretty good shape.



Interested in this free organ?  
Bob Carbaugh  
Carbaugh Engineering Services  
6383 Schoolhouse Road  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9102  
Cell 717-201-9657  
Home 717-367-7102

## Octave Hall Concerts

**Simon Gledhill** will be at the AOC Octave Hall in Macungie, PA on Friday March 9 at 7:30 pm for one performance only.

On April 20, **Peter Richard Conte** of Wanamakers will be at Octave Hall for one performance at 7:30 pm. Tickets for each of these events are for \$12 per person and are available at <http://www.allenorgan.com/store/concertseries.html>

The third concert of the series is a hymn festival with **Barry Holben, Aram Basmadjian, and friends** on Friday evening, May 11, at 7:30 pm in Octave Hall. Tickets for all three events are at a reduced price of \$30 per person.

# JATOE

## 2012 Pipe Organ Extravaganza

SATURDAY - APRIL 28, 2012

Rialto Square Theatre - Joliet, IL

Dave Wickerham Chris Elliott - Chris Gorsuch - Jelani Eddington

John Burnett Big Band

7PM

All Tickets - \$30

Call Jim Patak for Tickets/Maps/Info at 708-562-8538

Tickets may also be purchased from the Rialto Theatre

Box Office - 815-726-6600

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SUNDAY - APRIL 29, 2012

Dave Wickerham/Chris Elliott

At

The Sanfilippo Mansion

Doors-12:30--Concert 1pm

Concert and Dessert Buffet - \$60

If you buy your tickets for the Mansion before March 1, you  
can save \$5 - Cash or Check Only

### 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](mailto:Pres@SVTOS.org). **These contributions are now tax-deductible!**

**You can also contribute via PayPal on our web site [www.svtos.org](http://www.svtos.org)**

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](mailto:lich@verizon.net)) 717-730-9329

### Arrangers' Challenge

This year the Arrangers Challenge is one of the simplest and loveliest pieces of music ever composed. It is a Lullaby by the American composer Edward McDowell. The tune is *To A Wild Rose* from McDowell's *Woodland Sketches*. This should be a great piece for interpretation on theater organ. (This is a fine target for some serious reharmonization).

If you want to hear the piece there are literally hundreds of versions on both iTunes and YouTube (Some very fine and some absolutely abysmal.)

We'll perform our various arrangements at the May Meeting. Have fun! DK

## WOODLAND SKETCHES

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### I. TO A WILD ROSE

Edward MacDowell

Moderato

Chord progression for the first line: G D7(Bass G) Em A7 D9 Bm D9 G

Chord progression for the second line: G D7(Bass G) Em A7 G Bm D9 G

Chord progression for the third line: D7 C Cdim G Gma7 Gdim Gma7 Gdim

Chord progression for the fourth line: D7 Am6 G D7(Bass G) G A7 D9

Chord progression for the fifth line: Bm D9 G (Bass G till\*) D7 C Cdim G Gdim C

Chord progression for the sixth line: Cdim G Cdim G \* Em6 D7 G

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YORK CHAPTER, AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

*presents*

**1925 SILENT MOVIE CLASSIC**



*Featuring live organ accompaniment with*

***Organist, James Harp***

**Saturday, March 17**

**7:30 PM**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

**129 Charles St.**

**Hanover, PA**

**SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00**



Connor Ream will be demonstrating the Capitol Theatre Organ

## **PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA**

***Introducing Young People to the Organ***

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**

**9am until 1pm in downtown York**

**Find out more about the instrument Mozart called "The King of Instruments"**

**Why is there more than one keyboard?**

**How do you play the foot pedals?**

**What happens if you "pull out all the stops"?**

**Can I play my piano music on it?**

**Come find out!**

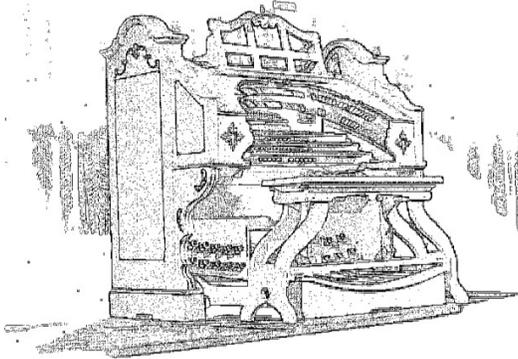
See, hear and play organs in downtown York including the one at the Capitol Theatre and discover for yourself the sounds they can make. See pipes up close, maybe even touch one! This event is for piano students and their parents ages 7 and up. The morning will end with a pizza lunch and a special prize to take with you. Registration cost is \$12.00 per person and includes lunch.

***Registration form available at [www.yorkago.org](http://www.yorkago.org)***

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## **Important Upcoming Events Capitol Theatre, York**

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