

June 2013

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

JUNE DOUBLE FEATURE!!

MARK HERMAN CONCERT

June 2, 3:00PM

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The Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Presents

Music From The Movies

Featuring

Mark Herman

At the Mighty Wurlitzer
American Theatre Organ Society's
2012 Theatre Organist of the Year



A Salute to the Golden Age
of Movie Musicals

From Busby Berkeley to
Lerner & Loewe

Sunday, June 2nd

3:00 pm

The Capitol Theatre

50 North George Street, York, PA 17401

General Admission \$14.00

Tickets Available at Strand-Capitol Box Office,
on line at www.mystrandcapitol.org, or
by phone at 717-846-1111

For more information see www.SVTOS.org

JUSTIN LAVOIE SHOWCASE

June 10, 7:00PM

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HOWIE'S CORNER:

Our May meeting was held at the Allen Theatre in Annville, PA where Don Kinnier showcased the newly installed digital organ that he designed and built. Don presented a mini concert to show the capabilities of the organ and then accompanied the short silent movie comedy "From Hand to Mouth" starring Harold Lloyd. Thank you Don for an excellent program. Because it was on Mother's Day, our attendance was very low and we should have picked another day for the program, but everyone there thoroughly enjoyed the program. We plan to have more events at the Allen Theatre in the future. I also want to thank Skip Hicks for allowing us to use the theatre and supporting SVTOS. Before the program we had a very brief annual meeting to present the treasurer's report and membership report. See copies of these reports in this newsletter. There were no amendments to the by-laws or elections at this year's meeting.

We are closing out our 2012-2013 season with a "BIG BANG" double feature for June with two very talented young organists. On Sunday June 2nd, Mark Herman will be presenting our third public concert at the Capitol Theatre. Mark is truly one of the most talented and versatile young theatre organists on the scene today. He has performed many concerts across the country and overseas and received the 2012 Theatre Organist of the Year Award from the American Theatre Organ Society. I have heard him many times and he always delivers a top notch performance. Tickets can be purchased through the Strand-Capitol box office and will be available at the door on the day of the concert. Do not miss this concert!

Then on June 10th our last meeting for this season will feature Justin LaVoie from Canton, MI. Justin is only 18 years old and his musical talents will amaze you at such a young age. Justin is a student of Jelani Eddington and has been attending the Summer Youth Adventures since 2008. He was one of three finalists at last year's ATOS convention. I have heard Justin at last year's convention and the Summer Youth Adventure and also on Don Kinnier's organ before it went to the Allen Theatre. I know you will enjoy hearing him. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our friends and guests from DTOS who are invited to attend this meeting.

Finally our picnic this year will be held on Saturday August 10th at the First United Methodist Church in Ephrata, PA where Don Kinnier is currently serving as the organist.

The pipe organ is a 1923 eleven rank Moller. In addition Don will bring along another organ with Hauptwerk. There will be open console time for anyone wanting to try out the organs and Don will also be showing a short silent movie comedy downstairs. Times are 1:00-6:00PM and more details to follow in the next newsletter.

We are also working on our programs for next season and we should be able to announce them in the August newsletter.

See you all on June 2nd and June 10th.
Barry

Membership Report

Current Members good through September 2013 *Units, not individuals.

Regular	22
ATOS	29
Associate	1
Comp	3

Members who have not renewed from September 2011

Regular members 6, Associate members 2

Members who have not renewed from September 2012

Associate members 2, ATOS members 2

Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Program For 2012 - 13 Season

All meetings are at the Capitol Theatre, York 7:00PM unless stated otherwise

June 2, 2013 3:00PM	PUBLIC CONCERT—MARK HERMAN—Capitol Theatre, York See pages 4 and 5!
June 10, 2013	Show Case - Justin LaVoie
August 10, 2013 1:00PM-6:00PM	Annual Picnic, First United Methodist Church in Ephrata, PA More details next newsletter

Events Calendar

June 8 7:00PM	Tony Fenelon at Dickinson High School, Wilmington, DE
June 9 3:00PM	Bob Lachin at Rice Auditorium, Free State Theatre Organ Society, Baltimore
June 9 7:30PM	Bob Eyer at Allison United Methodist church, Carlisle, PA (see page 8)
June 16 3:00PM	Concert & silent movie, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA Delaware Valley Theatre Organ Society (details in next newsletter)
July 1– July 6	ATOS Annual Convention, Atlanta GA (see pages 6 & 7)

Treasurer's Report 9/1/12 through 5/10/13

Balances	
Checking Account	7774.48
Scholarship Fund	2645.00
Special Piano Rebuild Fund	150.00
Total	10569.48

Income		Expenses	
CD sales	52.47	Honorariums	900.00
Dues-ATOS Members	940.00	Insurance	284.00
Dues-Non-ATOS Members	720.00	June 2013 Show	544.60
June Show Donations	750.00	Newsletter	244.83
Masonic Homes Honorariums	120.00	Refreshments	-36.12
Other Income	206.39	Total Expenses	1937.31
Total Income	2788.86	Net Income	851.55

Mark Herman Bio

Mark Herman was born in August of 1987 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has been studying the piano since he was seven years old and began classical organ lessons at the age of twelve. His first introduction to the theatre organ was when he was in fourth grade and was at the Embassy Theatre in downtown Fort Wayne. This was made possible by the late Robert Goldstine and the local American Guild of Organists chapter's "Room on the Organ Bench" program. In 2001, he began theatre organ studies with John Ferguson of Indianapolis, who is recognized worldwide for his skills as a teacher.



In the summer of 2003, Mark was given the opportunity to play a cameo performance at the American Theatre Organ Society's (ATOS) annual convention in Oakland, California. The following year, he won the ATOS Young Theatre Organist Competition in Milwaukee at the Riverside Theatre. That enabled him to perform a critically acclaimed concert for the ATOS 50th Anniversary Convention in Pasadena, which took place the following July. During the summer of 2006, he toured for six weeks in Australia and New Zealand, setting records in CD sales at many of the venues in which he appeared. In 2009, he returned for a second 7-week tour of those countries. Over the past few years, he has played dozens of solo concerts in theatres and venues from coast to coast. He is a graduate of The Theatre School, DePaul University in Chicago where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Arts with a focus in Theatre Management. In addition to playing the organ, Mark has also been known to perform on the piano, as well as introduce several original compositions. Mark is a proud "Hammond Artist" for Hammond Suzuki USA. Mark currently resides in Indianapolis, Indiana where he is a website designer and digital marketing specialist. He is affiliated with the Allen Organ Company as a tonal consultant and voicing specialist, as well as an Allen Representative for Meridian Music serving most of Indiana.

He was recently named the American Theatre Organist of the Year for 2012 and is the youngest person ever to receive the prestigious honor.

For more information, please visit www.MarkHermanProductions.com

**We need your support
to make this another
successful concert!**

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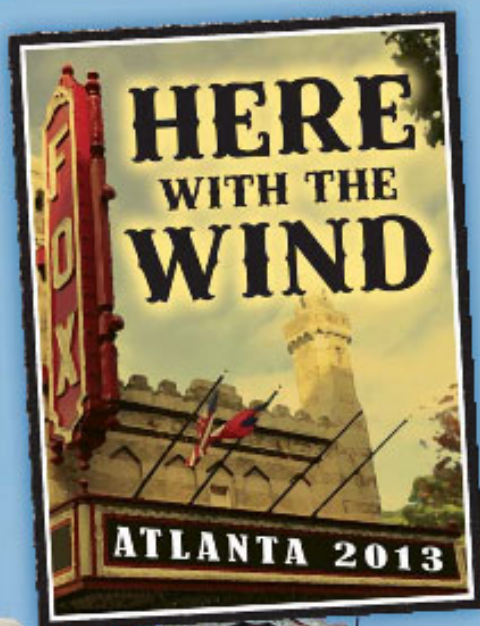
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ATOS ANNUAL CONVENTION 2013



Atlanta, Georgia July 1-July 6, 2013

JW Marriott Hotel at Lenox Square

Monday, July 1, 2013, Overture

Morning—Registration
 Depart for Chattanooga, Tennessee
 Afternoon—Jonas Nordwall, Tivoli Theatre, 3/13 Wurflitzer
 Dinner at Rock City
 Evening—Walt Strony, Memorial Auditorium, 4/81 Austin

Tuesday, July 2, 2013, Opening Day

Morning—Registration
 Afternoon—Richard Hills, Fox Theatre, 4/42 Möller
 Evening—Silent Film, Clark Wilson, Fox Theatre

Wednesday, July 3, 2013, Day Two

Morning—Annual Meeting, Technical Seminar
 Afternoon—Jelani Eddington, Dave Wickerham, Fox Theatre
 Evening—Tony Fenelon, Fox Theatre

Thursday, July 4, 2013, Day Three

Morning—Members' Forum, Seminar
 Depart for Birmingham, Alabama
 Afternoon—David Gray, Alabama Theatre, 4/32 Wurflitzer
 Awards Banquet
 Evening—Mark Herman, Alabama Theatre

Friday, July 5, 2013, Day Four

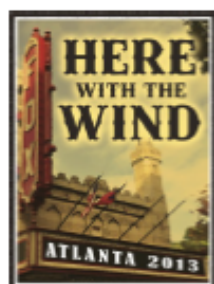
Morning—Young Organists Presentation, Strand Theatre, Marietta, Allen GW-IV
 Afternoon—Lance Luce, Strand Theatre
 Evening—Dwight Thomas, Stephenson High School, Stone Mountain, 4/16 Page

Saturday, July 6, 2013, Finale

Morning—Depart for South Georgia
 Afternoon—Nathan Avakian, Grand Theatre, Fitzgerald, 3/18 Barton
 Buffet Dinner
 Evening—Ron Rhode, Rylander Theatre, Americus, 3/11 Möller

Artists, venues, and schedule subject to change.

For more information, check out
atosatlanta2013.org



Registration Form for the 2013 ATOS National Convention

JW Marriott Hotel at Lenox Square, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, July 1 through Saturday July 6, 2013

Optional Overture Monday, July 1 and Finale Saturday, July 6

To register and book your hotel ONLINE:

Visit our website at www.atosatlanta.org/convention

ATOS Member Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

City _____

State _____

Zip/Postal _____

Email Address: _____

Convention registration includes transportation to all events. Special arrangements will be made for those requiring wheelchairs or electric carts on the days the MARTA public subway will be used for transportation to the Fox Theatre. If you use a wheelchair or electric cart, please indicate below:

Wheelchair _____ Electric Cart _____

I require Vegetarian meals _____

Names and chapter to appear on badges:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

To book your room at the special convention rate of just \$119.00 plus tax at the JW Marriott Buckhead:

Call 1 888 236 2427 and give code **atoatoa**
Booking deadline is 6pm EDT, June 7, 2013!

ITEM

OVERTURE JULY 1:

Includes round-trip bus travel to Chattanooga, TN and venues, concerts at Tivoli Theatre and Memorial Auditorium, and dinner at Rock City on Lookout Mountain.

MAIN CONVENTION REGISTRATION JULY 2-5

Includes MARTA transit pass, Bus transport to Birmingham, AL and banquet, Bus transport to suburban Atlanta venues and all scheduled main convention events.

FINALE JULY 6:

Includes round-trip bus travel to Americus and Fitzgerald GA, Concerts at Rylander and Grand Theatres, box lunch and buffet dinner

ATOS MEMBERSHIP: (\$40 regular/\$55 International, if not a member)

LATE REGISTRATION SUPPLEMENT (per person, AFTER MAY 15, 2013)

Please make checks payable to "ATOS Convention 2013" or pay by

Credit Card: VISA _____ Master Card _____ Discover _____ AMEX _____

Card Number: _____ EXP ____/____

Name on Card: _____ CVV Security Code _____

Mail completed form to: Signature: _____

Timothy C. Stephens, Treasurer (signature required for credit cards)
2883 Sumac Dr.
Atlanta, GA 30360

Note: Check payments accepted in USD funds drawn on US banks only.

QTY	USD PRICE	TOTAL USD
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TOTAL		\$ _____
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All events subject to change without notice

Cancellation Policy:

Cancel by June 15: Full refund

Cancel by June 30: \$75 Cancellation fee

No refunds after June 30

FREE EVENT

Date:
June 9, 2013

Time:
7:30 P.M.

Location:
*Allison United
Methodist Church
99 Mooreland Ave.
On the Dickinson
College Campus*



Allison United Methodist Church presents

Silent movie night



The past will come alive at Allison UMC when the 1916 silent movie, "Behind the Screen" starring Charlie Chaplin will be shown in the sanctuary. The twenty-three minute short film was written, directed and starred Charlie Chaplin. As was the case in the days before the "talkies" (movies with soundtracks), the film will be accompanied by the organ. Bob Eyer, the organist at the Capital Theatre in Chambersburg, will make a return visit for the event. In addition he will be playing some of the old-time favorites on the recently upgraded Allison organ. There will also be a sing-along segment to round out the fun-filled evening. Free popcorn will be available. This free program is open to the public.

Highlights

- Silent Movie starring Charlie Chaplin; accompanied on organ by Bob Eyer
- Old-time favorites performed by Bob Eyer
- Sing-along segment
- Free popcorn

York Dispatch article May 23, 2013

One instrument delivers an orchestra of sound

By MEL BARBER

854-1575, x458 / @yorkweekend

In the century since its introduction, the theatre organ has seen dizzying success as a partner to silent movies and devastating loss as its guts were ripped out and its homes demolished across the country.

At the Capitol Theatre in York, however, the tradition sings in the pipes of a restored Mighty Wurlitzer. On Sunday, June 2, the Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society will present its annual concert.

This year's event, titled "Music From the Movies: A Salute to the Golden Age of Movie Musicals," will feature organist Mark Herman, the 2012 Theatre Organist of the Year of the American Theatre Organ Society.

"Mark is a young organist and very, very talented," says Barry Howard of Lebanon, president of the Susquehanna Valley chapter. "It'll be the first time he'll be in York. We're excited to have him."

The sound: Howard's love of theatre organ music goes back to his boyhood in the 1950s. Attending movies at the Hershey Community Theatre, he'd listen to the music of the concert organ — an instrument between the church organ and the theatre organ — after the show.

"I would always stay for the extra half-hour to hear that organ," he says. "You actually felt it because the bass pipes were so big. It vibrated. Something about it just gave me chills."

As an enterprising teen, he bought a used church

organ for \$100 and convinced his parents to let him set it up in the house.

"While I was going to college, I was putting this thing together and had maybe 300 or 400 pipes in our basement," he says.

A theatre organ like the one at the Capitol is much more complex, as it's designed to replace an entire orchestra and special effects sounds for movies besides.

"The theatre organ is so much more versatile than a church organ," Howard says. "This organ was designed to accompany a movie back in the silent days, so in addition to pipes, it had instruments like drums, cymbals, horns, train whistles, bird whistles, horses' hooves" and other sounds.

The concert: For the June 2 concert, Herman will perform pieces from famous musicians including the team of Alan Lerner and Frederick Loewe, the men behind "My Fair Lady" and "Brigadoon" among others.

"He plays a lot of music that people will recognize from the movies and Broadway," Howard says. "This is a chance for people who appreciate good music to come and hear good music by good composers that was part of movies and musicals back in the Golden Age."

The concert might awaken nostalgia for older listeners, but Howard hopes it attracts a younger crowd as well. In the society's mission to preserve the theatre organ, every new set of ears belongs to a potential enthusiast.

"Once they hear it for the first time, they may get inspired like I did when I was 17," Howard says. "It's an overwhelming sound."

Reach Mel Barber at mbarber@yorkdispatch.com.



"Music From the Movies: A Salute to the Golden Age of Movie Musicals" starts at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at the Capitol Theatre, 50 N. George St., York.

Organist Mark Herman will perform on the Mighty Wurlitzer.

Tickets are \$14. The Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society meets regularly at the Capitol, and new members are welcome.

For more information, call 846-1111 or visit www.mystrandcapitol.org or www.svtos.org.

Justin LaVoie Biography

Justin LaVoie is a passionate, 18-year old organist who possesses a steadfast dedication to the theatre organ art form. His fascination with the instrument began at the age of 7, after hearing his first theatre organ recording. This newfound interest compelled Justin to take electronic organ lessons at a local music store for the next six years. In 2008, he attended the ATOS Summer Youth Camp in Chicago, subsequently participating in the 2009, 2010, and 2012 camps. These thoroughly enjoyable and educational opportunities motivated Justin to improve his technique and performance skills, culminating in his reception of the 2010 ATOS Student of the Year Award.

Eager to build upon these musical foundations, he began studying with renowned theatre organist Jelani Eddington later that year. Justin soon began performing movie overtures and intermissions on the Barton organ at the Redford Theatre in Detroit, Michigan, a historic venue owned and operated by the Motor City Chapter of ATOS.

In 2012, he was declared a finalist in the ATOS Young Organist Competition, giving him the opportunity to perform a 20-minute program for the conventioners. Striving to showcase the unparalleled versatility of the theatre pipe organ, his current repertoire ranges from standards to orchestral to pop. I

In addition to his theatre organ pursuits, Justin studies classical organ with Rick Cucchi, and occasionally plays services at his home parish. Away from the console, he enjoys listening to a wide variety of music, cooking, spending time outdoors, and maintaining his extensive collection of early 20th century box cameras.

Justin Nimmo sent us this link to a very interesting YouTube video of Martin Ellis playing and giving a tour of the WurliTzer in the Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis. You may remember that Justin played for SVTOS in June 2012, and he works for Carlton Smith who restored and installed the instruments. This is one of the organs that will be featured during the 2014 ATOS Convention in Indianapolis. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNh7_8AWwoc&feature=em-share_video_user

Start Planning Now

The 2013 ATOS Convention will be held in Atlanta, GA, from Tuesday July 2nd through Friday, July 5th. The artists and venues are listed in the "Theatre Organ Journal" and on the internet at <http://atosatlanta2013.org>. It promises to be a great convention this year, with premier artists and organs. Check out the "Journal" or website for more details.

MASONIC VILLAGE SCHEDULE:

Feb. 12, 2013 - Roy Wainwright
 Apr. 9, 2013 - Herb Inge
 June 11, 2013 - Gary Coller
 Aug. 13, 2013 - Larry Fenner & Barry Howard
 Oct. 8, 2013 - Gary Coller & Don Schoeps

CAPITOL MOVIE SCHEDULE:

December 23rd	-Larry Fenner
January 6th	-Barry Howard
January 20th	-Don Schoeps
February 17th,	-Roy Wainwright - "Route 30 Too"
March 3rd	-Glenn Hough!
March 17th	-Bob Pierce
April 7th	-Herb Inge
April 21st	-Glenn Hough
May 5th	-Glenn Hough
May 19th	-Robert Carbaugh

All movies Sunday afternoon, 3PM, start playing 2:30PM
 Contact Ken Kline @ 717-564-7513
 or email kkline3217@comcast.net to sign up.

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, Roy Wainwright, 2897 Olde Field Dr., York, PA 17408-4256. If you would like more information about this scholarship fund and/or possible candidates, please call Barry, (717) 274-2254, or email Pres@SVTOS.org. **These contributions are now tax-deductible!**

You can also contribute via PayPal on our web site www.svtos.org

From: Don Kinnier [ktshows@ptd.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:52 PM
To: Don Kinnier
Subject: Organ Celebrities Better Link
 Hi All,

Bobb Partridge from *The Villages* in Florida sent me a couple of links to some interesting videos. I traced their origin back to a home channel on YouTube and thought you might like to take a look.

Some pretty well known Theatre Organists are included in his list (though by no means all). But this is a good start to a very interesting idea. You might want to start with George Wright and Leonard Leigh and go from there.

This is a better link than previously sent/

<http://www.youtube.com/user/gramfone/featured>
 Enjoy and be surprised. I sure was.

Peace,
 Don, Judy and Bella



“Capitol Idea”

CDs are still available for sale.
 Sam Groh has them available at every meeting.

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Important Upcoming Events Capitol Theatre, York

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