

September 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

September 9, 7:00PM

Capitol Theatre, York



Plus Open Console!

HOWIE'S CORNER: In July, seven of our members attended the 58th annual convention of The American Theatre Organ Society in Atlanta, GA. Representing SVTOS were Don and Nancy Schoeps, John and Arlene Volk, Terry Nace, Larry Fenner, and Barry Howard. As usual the convention featured world class organists and world class theatre pipe organs. We heard four outstanding concerts on the Atlanta Fox Theatre's 4/42 Moller by Richard Hills, Clark Wilson, Jelani Eddington, and Tony Fenelon. We also heard two great concerts on the Alabama Theatre's 4/32 Wurlitzer in Birmingham, AL by David Gray and Mark Herman. Another highlight was the Young Organists Competition on the four manual Allen GW4 at the Strand Theatre in Marietta, GA by three very talented young organists, Justin LaVoie, Dan Minervini, and Danny McCollum. The winner was Justin LaVoie who we were privileged to have at our June chapter meeting. I am pleased to announce that Dan Minervini will be our guest organist for our March meeting next year. Overall it was a great convention with great artists, great organs and a chance to renew friendships with other theatre organ enthusiasts.

The Summer Youth Adventure was held in Portland OR this year and we were very pleased that SVTOS was able to sponsor Connor Ream and Dan Umholtz to attend the SYA again this year. Thanks to the very generous donations from our members, most of their expenses were covered by our donations. Both Connor and Dan said that their experience at the SYA was great and thank everyone who contributed to the Scholarship Fund. Since we have depleted the Scholarship Fund for 2013 we now need to start building up the fund again for 2014. One of our goals for 2014 is to continue with the Scholarship Fund. Remember your donations may be tax deductible because we are a 501(c)(3) organization.

Our SVTOS picnic was held on Saturday August 10th at the First United Methodist Church in Ephrata, PA. We had about 40 members and guests attending along with several members of the church. It was a great time of fun, food, fellowship, and music and everyone enjoyed it. The church has a two manual eleven rank Moller with expanded digital voices which several of our members enjoyed playing. After our meal, Don Kinnier presented a short silent movie comedy starring Charlie Chase accompanied on his portable digital organ. There was an abundance of good food and we thank the church for agreeing to host our picnic and their help in preparing the food. A very special thank you goes to Don Kinnier and Judy Townsend for all their work in putting together the picnic and coordinating with the church.

Our first meeting for next season will be on September 9th at the Capitol Theatre and will feature a video about the Capri organ in Australia entitled "A Pipe Dream Come True". This is a very interesting video which documents the history and installation of the organ in the Capri Theatre and the necessary renovations to the theatre in order to install the organ. The Capri Theatre and its organ are wholly owned and operated by the Theatre Organ Society of Australia Incorporated. Music is provided by David Johnston with solos by young organist Chris McPhee. There will also be an open console after the video at the September meeting.

Our October 14th meeting will be a joint meeting with the York Chapter of AGO. Our guest organist will be Michael Britt from Baltimore, MD. Michael is an accomplished organist in both classical and theatre organ music. He is currently serving as Minister of Music and organist at Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, MD and is also on the faculty at the Community College of Baltimore County.

We will have a special program in November at the Allen Theatre in Annville, PA which will feature a silent movie comedy accompanied by Don Kinnier at the organ. The meeting will be on Sunday November 10th at 1:30PM and will also be open to the public. SVTOS members will get in free with their membership badge. (The movie will be advised later). Come early and have lunch at MJ's coffeehouse adjacent to the theatre.

We have another GREAT season for 2013-2014, so please renew your membership now and don't miss any of these programs! Send your renewal to Roy Wainwright or pay him at the September meeting.

—— Barry

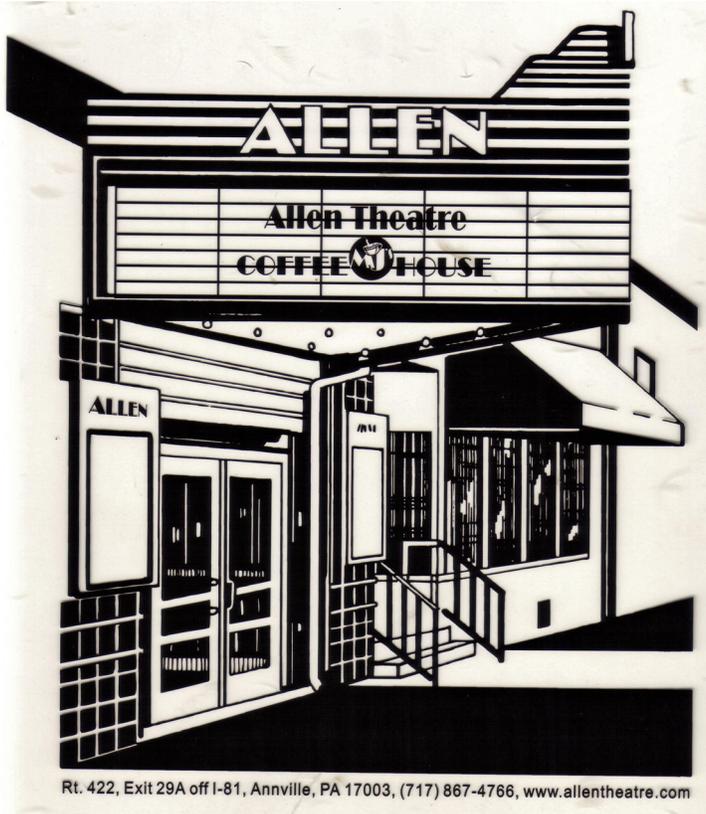
Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Program For 2012 - 13 Season

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

Monday, Sept. 9 7:00PM	Video "A Pipe Dream Come True" + Open Console
Monday Oct. 14 7:00PM	Guest Organist Michael Britt—Joint meeting with York Chapter, AGO
Sunday Nov. 10 1:30PM	Allen Theatre, Annville, PA—Don Kinnier, Silent Movie
Tuesday Dec. 10 7:00PM	Christmas Program, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown
Monday Jan. 20 All Day	All Day Open Console
Monday Feb. 17 All Day	All Day Open Console
Monday March 10 7:00PM	Guest Organist Dan Minervini
Sunday Apr. 13 2:00-5:00 PM	Sunday Social—Barry, Larry and Opus 501 Home, Lebanon, PA The WurliTzer is finally playing! Tours, demonstrations, and open console.
Monday May 12 7:00PM	Annual Membership meeting, Arranger's Challenge & Open Console
Monday June 9 7:00PM	Guest Organist Bob Eyer

Events Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 8 3:00PM	Glenn Hough at Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD Free State Theatre Organ Society
Sunday Sept. 22 3:00PM	Chris Elliott at Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA "The Mark of Zorro" - Delaware Valley Theatre Organ Society
Sunday Sept. 29 3:00PM	John Baratta—Silent Film Series—"The Shiek" Grand Lake Theatre, East Greenville, PA
Saturday Oct. 5 7:00PM	Dave Wickerham—John Dickinson High School, Wilmington, DE
Sunday Oct. 27 3:00PM	Wayne Zimmerman—Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA "The Phantom of the Opera" - Delaware Theatre Organ Society
Sunday Oct. 27 3:00PM	John Baratta—"The Phantom of the Opera" Grand Lake Theatre, East Greenville, PA



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
1:30 PM**

**Don Kinnier
at the organ**

Silent Movie (TBD)

Hear the organ 30 minutes prior to the 7:30 show on selective weekends.

October 14 Meeting

Michael Britt

Joint meeting with York Chapter, American Guild of Organists

MICHAEL T. BRITT, a Baltimore native, began piano studies with Gwendolyn Logston. At age 12, Michael entered the Peabody Preparatory School where he studied piano with Joyze Sutherland, James Warthen and organ with Gretchen Benchoff. In 1979 Michael entered the Peabody Conservatory of Music where he studied organ with Dr. Paul L. Davis and Improvisation/Sacred Music with Arthur Rhea. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Organ Performance having been the recipient of the Richard L. Phelps Award and a three-time recipient of the Richard Ross Award for organ. In 1980, Michael became the Associate Organist at the Shrine of the



Little Flower and in 1981, was appointed Minister of Music where he served for nearly 26 years. In 1984 Michael was a finalist in the Arthur Poister competition in Syracuse, New York. Further studies have been with Thomas Spacht, Donald Sutherland, John Rose and John Walker.

As well as being a frequent recitalist of classical organ literature, Michael is a performer of theatre organ music and is in demand throughout the country as a silent film accompanist, performing for chapters of the American Theatre Organ Society and most recently, for the Region III-American Guild of Organists Convention in Baltimore. He has been featured on Maryland Public Television and other televised presentations on the theatre pipe organ and Maryland's Free State Theatre Organ Society. In 1998, Michael was invited to perform at Baltimore's Senator Theatre where he accompanied five silent films for the National Film Registry Tour, which was sponsored in part by the Library of Congress. Mr. Britt has also performed at the Palace Theatre in Cleveland, Ohio; The Paramount Theatre in Anderson, Indiana; The Byrd Theatre in Richmond, Virginia as well as yearly performances at the Capitol Theatre in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. In 2002, Michael was invited to perform a series of concerts on the recently restored Aeolian pipe organ installed at the Mexican Cultural Institute in Washington, D.C. In 2005, Michael was invited to Princeton University to accompany the silent film classic, "Phantom of the Opera" at the University Chapel where recently, he completed his sixth performance of this annual event.

In May of 2009, Michael gave a recital on the great Cavaille-Coll organ at the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris and studied organ at the Conservatory with Marie-Louise Langlais.

In his career as a sacred musician, Michael has been active in commissioning new music for organ, choir and congregation. He was one of the founders of the Baltimore Archdiocesan Choir and served as Co-Director for four years.

In June of 2012, Michael was appointed Minister of Music and organist at Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland. He is also on the faculty at the Community College of Baltimore County and serves as Assistant Organist at Beth-El Congregation.

From: Edward Hillis [centralnjorganpipes@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 12:53 PM
To: pres@svtos.org
Subject: Wurlitzer shades & action available.

Attachments: Shades and actions.JPG; Actions detail.JPG

Hello:

We have a set of Wurlitzer shades, with actions, available. Photos are attached.
We are asking \$500 OBO. Buyer to remove.

Cordially

Edward Hillis
Richard Sawicki
Robert Hillis

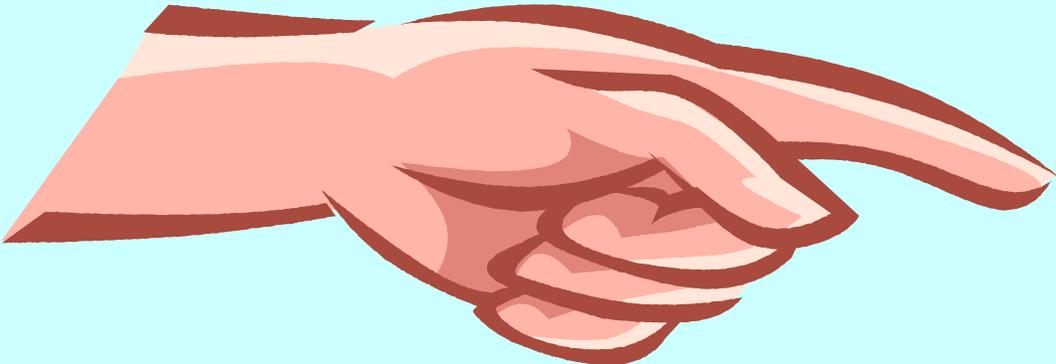


SVTOS Picnic August 10

Thanks to Don, Judy, Lorraine and the ladies of the church!



Photo Credits: Dusty Miller



Renew Your Membership

NOW!



DUES

Dues are due September 10. Please save a stamp and pay Roy at the next meeting. Dues are same as last year, \$40 for non-ATOS members and \$30 for ATOS members (per household).

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

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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