

October 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

October 14 7:00 PM
Michael Britt



7:00 PM Capitol Theatre, York

Classical and Theatre organist Michael Britt will entertain at the Capitol Wurlitzer.

Joint meeting with York American Guild of Organists and Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

(see page 5 for more details)

HOWIE'S CORNER:

DUES ARE DUE NOW – If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please send your check to Roy Wainwright before October 14th or bring your check to the October meeting. We count on your dues to pay our guest organists and to continue providing our monthly programs and newsletters. There are still some people who have not renewed their membership and our first showcase is on October 14th. Don't miss any of this season's programs.

The 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 at Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, MD and is also on the faculty at the Community College of Baltimore County.

Our November program will be at the Allen Theatre in Annville, PA and will feature Don Kinnier accompanying a Silent movie — "College" starring Buster Keaton. This program will be on Sunday afternoon November 10th at 1:30PM and will also be open to the general public. SVTOS members will get in FREE with their membership badge. Come early and enjoy lunch at MJ'S Coffeehouse which is adjacent to the theatre.

We have two more showcases in the coming months with two great organists. In March, young organist, Dan Minervini, from New York will be our guest organist. Dan was named ATOS Theatre Organ Student of the Year for 2013. Dan is a student of Jelani Eddington and was a finalist at the 2013 ATOS Young Organist Competition in Atlanta, GA. He is also serving as the Youth Representative to the ATOS Board of Directors.

In June, we were finally able to get Bob Eyer from Chambersburg as our guest organist. Bob recently retired from Chambersburg High School where he was a music teacher and choral director. He continues as Director of Music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Chambersburg where he is organist and senior choir director. Bob is equally talented in both classical and theatre organ music and is the house organist for the Capitol Theatre in Chambersburg.

We are unfortunately losing two of our members due to a move out of state. Dusty and Barbara Miller will be moving to Edmond, Oklahoma sometime in October. We are sad to be losing them since they have been good friends and active members in SVTOS for many years. Dusty has served two terms as President and kept SVTOS moving forward in his four years as President. We thank both Dusty and Barbara for their contributions and service to SVTOS and wish them much happiness in their new home in Oklahoma.

— Barry

Subject: Hot Pipes Podcasts are now free

I've just uploaded show 111, along with show 55 from 2012: these are now free to download and/or listen to. Full details of how to access these podcasts are given on www.hotpipes.eu/listen.html and the playlists can be found at www.hotpipes.eu/playlists-current.html

I do hope that you will 'tune in' - I feature tracks that are currently available, along with classic material from the past. I also accept requests and dedications: there will be a request show in the near future when I have received enough for a full programme.

Steve Ashley Producer and Host of Hot Pipes! - weekly shows of theatre organ entertainment from around the globe. Show website www.hotpipes.eu and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HotPipesRadio

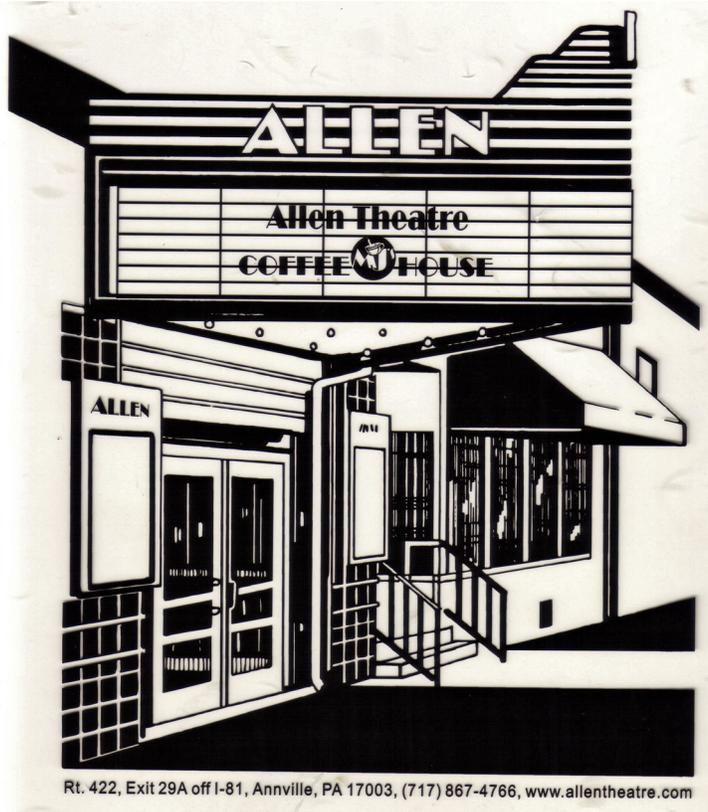
Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Program For 2012 - 13 Season

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

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, “College” starring Buster Keaton
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

Saturday Oct. 5 7:00PM	Hector Olivera—Keystone Oaks High School, Dormont, PA (see page 7)
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 (see page 6)
Sunday, Nov. 3 3:00PM	Don Kinnier—feature length silent movie Rice Auditorium—Catonsville, MD
Sunday, Nov. 17 3:00PM	John Baratta — three short silent movies Grand Lake Theatre, East Greenville, PA (see page 6)
Friday, Nov. 22 7:00PM	Don Kinnier—Steamboat Bill, Jr.—Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 36 Church Street, Rothsville, PA (Lancaster County). (see page 4)
Saturday, Nov 23 7:00PM	Jelani Eddington—John Dickinson High School, Wilmington, DE



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

**Don Kinnier
at the organ**

**“College”
Starring Buster Keaton**

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

MASONIC VILLAGE SCHEDULE:

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

CAPITOL THEATRE SCHEDULE:

Sept. 29—Glenn Hough
Dec. 22—Don Schoeps
Feb 2nd, 2104—Roy Wainwright

On Friday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m., Organist **Don Kinnier** will accompany *Steamboat Bill, Jr.*, a 1928 comedy silent film featuring Buster Keaton, at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 36 Church Street, in Rothsville, PA (Lancaster County). Don is a regular performer at Longwood Gardens and has been called “the premier silent film accompanist in the northeastern United States.” He has appeared at The Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and numerous venues as far south as Argentina. The instrument is a combination Moeller/Walker (digitally sampled Aeolian-Skinner voices). A free-will offering will be received. The church is handicap accessible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call me (717-626-1527).
Roger Kurtz

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.

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

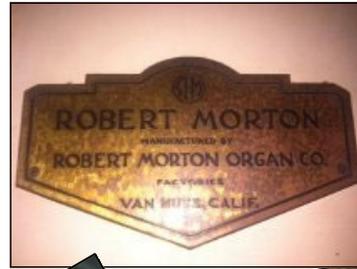
Organ (and house) for sale

FOR SALE: JEFF SEALE'S THEATER PIPE ORGAN

To be sold, dismantled, and moved asap U pack, U haul. Any reasonable offer considered. Formerly belonged to Jeff Seale of Laurel, Mississippi.

This organ needs a goodhome and TLC. The property where it is housed could be bought along with the organ. The apartment and a two apt house (including the organ) could be bought for \$195,000.00. The organ alone will go for \$9500.00or best offer. Make me an offer I can't refuse.

Contact Sheila Parrish 601.428.1550 shp41@hotmail.com



East Greenville PA – The Grand Theater, the Upper Perkiomen Valley 's fully restored 1924 landmark, presents another outstanding silent film lineup for the 2013 season. Come enjoy entertainment the way movies were first seen at the Grand - SILENT!

On Sunday, October 27th @ 3PM we present the horror masterpiece "The Phantom of the Opera" (1925) starring 'The man of 1000 faces', Mr. Lon Chaney.

We cap off our 2013 silent series on Sunday, November 17th @ 3PM with an afternoon of comedy featuring shorts from Laurel and Hardy and Harold Lloyd. "Do Detectives Think?" (1927); "Flying Elephants" (1928); and "Haunted Spooks" (1920).

Accompanying for all shows on our 1923 2 manual, 7 rank Marr & Colton Theater Organ will be Mr. John Baratta, with his own personal scores.

Ticket purchases are recommended in advance for these very special shows and are available during regular business hours or by mail with SASE to:

Grand Theater, PO Box 244, East Greenville PA 18041-0244 . Checks or money orders only please. \$10 per show .



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).

Or Mail to:

Treasurer, SVTOS c/o Roy Wainwright, 2897 Olde Field Dr. York, PA 17408

Hector Olivera
*in concert at the
three manual 19 rank*
**PATOS Wurlitzer
Unit Orchestra**
and his
Roland AT-90 travelling organ



**Keystone Oaks High School
1000 Kelton Avenue
Dormont, PA**

Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 2:00 pm
Admission \$20.00

presented by:
PATOS - the Pittsburgh Area Theatre Organ Society
www.theatreorgans.com/patos

It's a Møller DAGMAR!



Møller built more than pipe organs.

The Dagmar Automobile was named for Møller's daughter, Mary Dagmar Møller, who, in turn, was named for Queen Dagmar of Denmark.

The Møller family was from Denmark.

This is officially a Dagmar Petite. I wonder what the Dagmar Grande looked like?

(Thanks to Don Kinnier for this)

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/gramrfone/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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