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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

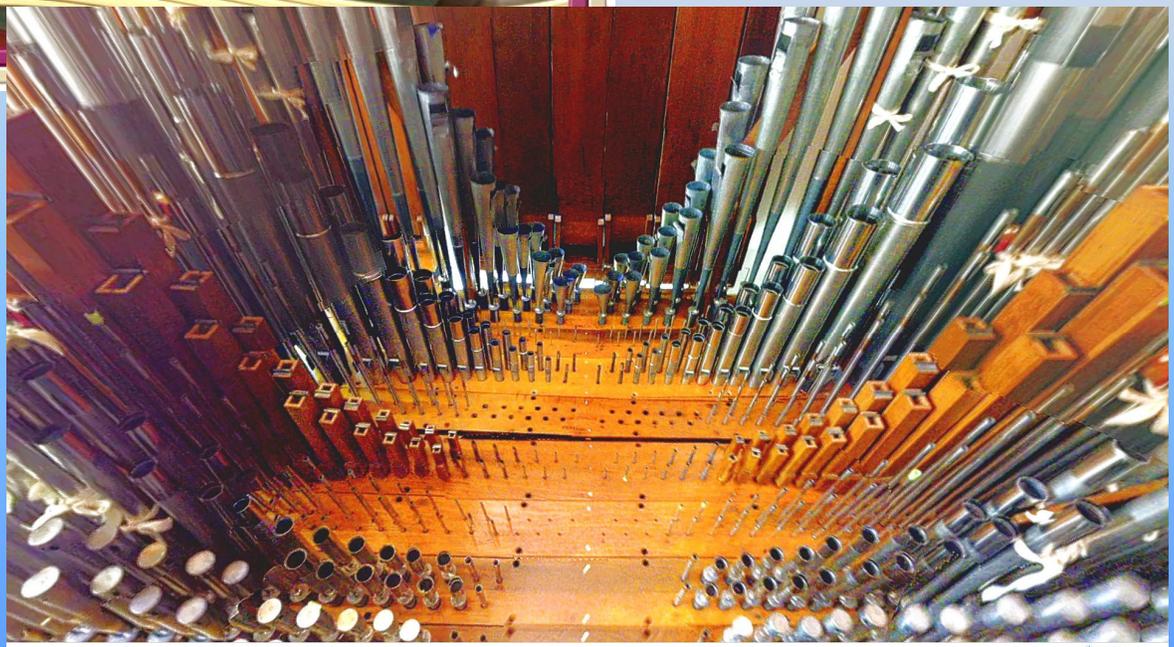
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Sunday Social

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Opus 501
Lebanon, PA**

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Tours,
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and open console.**

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HOWIE'S CORNER:

Our March 10th showcase featured guest organist Dan Minervini from Long Island, New York at the Capitol Theatre Wurlitzer. Dan delighted us with his arrangements of Somewhere, Send in the Clowns, The William Tell Overture, Dizzy Fingers, and many more. We all enjoyed his program and were glad his parents and girlfriend were able to join us.

April 13th will be our Sunday Social at the home of Larry Fenner, Barry Howard, and opus 501 in Lebanon, PA from 2:00PM to 5:00PM. This will be your opportunity to see and hear the Wurlitzer that has been under restoration for over 7 years. Even though the organ is not 100% complete, nine ranks of pipes are playing along with seven digital Artisan ranks until the rest of the pipes are playing. There is also a 3 manual Rodgers and a Yamaha Disklavier piano. There will be chamber tours, demonstrations, and open console so bring your music. Light refreshments and drinks will be served. Come out and enjoy the fun. (See directions in this newsletter).

May 12th is our annual membership meeting at the Capitol Theatre which will include election of officers, arrangers challenge and open console. (See the arrangers challenge music in this newsletter). Nominations are now open for all officers, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. According to our by-laws each term consists of 2 years with a 2 term limit on all officers, except the Treasurer. Don Schoeps has agreed to be the Nominations Chairman and if you are interested in serving in any of these positions, contact Don at dschoeps@aol.com or call 717-254-6097. If unable to reach Don you may contact Bob Carbaugh at Carbaugh6383@comcast.net or call 717-367-7102. This is your opportunity to serve SVTOS with your time and talents.

Our final showcase for this season will be on Monday June 9th with Bob Eyer as our guest organist. We are very pleased that Bob has accepted our invitation to play for SVTOS. Bob is an accomplished organist in both classical and theatre organ music. We have been trying to get Bob to play for SVTOS for several years, but due to his very busy teaching schedule he was not able to fit it into his schedule. Bob recently retired from Chambersburg High School as Director of Choral Music where he taught Music Theory, History, Ear Training and directed the 175 voice Glee Club. He continues as Director of Music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Chambersburg where he is organist and senior choir director. Bob is also the in-house organist at the Capitol Theatre in Chambersburg, PA.

Barry

Plan Ahead: ATOS CONVENTION

DTOS is planning a bus trip to the 2014 ATOS convention in Indianapolis, IN. The bus will be leaving Dickinson High School on July 2 and arriving in Indianapolis that evening. The bus will also be used for sightseeing in Indianapolis and convention transportation. The bus will return to Dickinson High School on the evening of July 10. The cost of the bus trip is \$300.00. For more detailed information you may contact Dorothy Wilson at 856-627-4741 or email: dorothywilson@comcast.net.

Something for a cold winters' night....

Click on this: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyponXtQ3XE>
and then follow it and the sidebars to all sorts of interesting videos.
(thanks, Don K.)

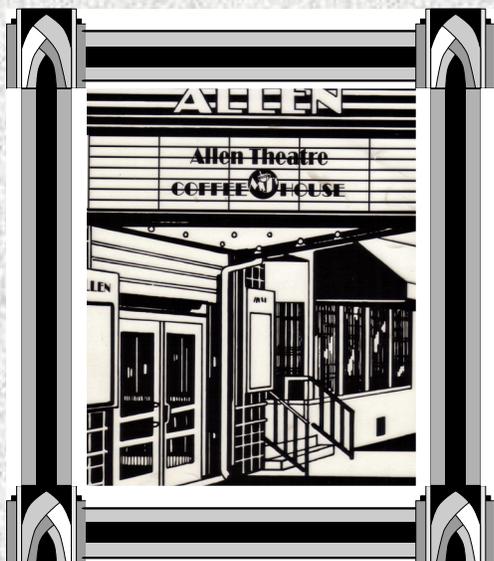
Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Program For 2012 - 13 Season

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

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 April 6 3:00PM	Mark Herman at Loew's Jersey Wonder Morton accompanying a silent film - Garden State Theatre Organ Society
Sat., April 26 7:00PM	Jerry Nagano at Dickinson High School, Wilmington, DE
Sat., April 26 7:30PM	Don Kinnier at Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1533 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA accompanying silent movie "The General" starring Buster Keaton
Sat. June 14, 7:00PM	Jonathan Ortloff at Dickinson High School, Wilmington, DE
July 4-8	ATOS National Convention—Indianapolis, IN (see page 6)



Hear the organ 30 minutes prior to the 7:30 PM Movies on selected weekends.
Anncville, PA



Allen Theatre's 3 manual Digital Hauptwerk organ.

**SVTOS April Meeting – Sunday, April 13th from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm
Home of Barry Howard, Larry Fenner, and WurliTzer Opus 501**

Directions to 33 Wheatland Circle, Lebanon, PA 17042-9418

Plenty of parking is available in front of the house.

Call 717-274-2254 if you get lost.

From West - Harrisburg/Hershey

- From Route 322 East turn LEFT onto Route 241 North (Colebrook Road at stoplight past Mark Hershey Farm)
- Go 2.4 miles to entrance to Shadow Creek development on LEFT (past Frey's Market)
- At stop sign at end of Shadow Creek Drive, turn RIGHT onto Wheatland Circle.
33 Wheatland Circle is about ½ mile from stop sign on the RIGHT. House number is on mailbox post.

From South - Turnpike/York/Lancaster/Ephrata

- Take Route 72 North and at the 72/322 split follow Route 322 West toward Hershey
- At first stop light, take RIGHT onto Route 241 North (Colebrook Road)
- Go 2.4 miles to entrance to Shadow Creek development on LEFT (past Frey's Market)
- At stop sign at end of Shadow Creek Drive, turn RIGHT onto Wheatland Circle.
33 Wheatland Circle is about ½ mile from stop sign on the RIGHT. House number is on mailbox post.

From East or North – Reading or points North

- In Lebanon take Route 72 South (10th Street)
- Turn RIGHT onto Route 241 South (Colebrook Road) at first stop light after Days Inn
- Go 1.4 miles to entrance to Shadow Creek development on RIGHT (past entrance to Creekside development – don't go into the wrong "creek"!)
- At stop sign at end of Shadow Creek Drive, turn RIGHT onto Wheatland Circle.
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A Brief History of Wurlitzer Opus 501

Wurlitzer Opus 501 is a style 260 special 3 manual 15 rank organ built in 1921 and originally installed in the Lafayette Square Theatre in Buffalo, NY in 1922. It was the third style 260 built by Wurlitzer and is the oldest style 260 known to exist as a relatively complete instrument.

The Lafayette Square Theatre was the largest movie palace in Buffalo at that time with a seating capacity of 4200 people. Due to declining movie attendance in the late 50's and early 60's and an abundance of movie theatres in Buffalo at that time the Lafayette was sold and demolished in 1962 and the space turned into a parking lot. It still remains a parking lot today. Before the theatre was demolished, the organ was removed and installed in a private residence in Mentor, Ohio. In 1975 the organ was sold again to Ernie Boda and moved to Stratford, Connecticut. Mr. Boda passed away in 1995 and his widow Beth put the organ up for sale in 2005. Larry Fenner and Barry Howard purchased the organ in 2005 but only moved the organ to Lebanon, PA after the new house was built in 2006. The house was designed and built with two pipe chambers to house a pipe organ.

Opus 501 remains completely original except for the 2 original brass ranks (trumpet and saxophone which were mysteriously missing from the theatre when the organ was removed). Wurlitzer replacements were located on ebay and will be put back on their original wind chests. The only non-Wurlitzer rank is the post horn which was made by Austin to Wurlitzer specifications. The post horn was added by Mr. Boda and adds a great deal to the organ. The old air relay and combination action were replaced with new solid state Artisan units. The old DC motor was also replaced with a new 10 HP 3 phase AC motor and a variable speed drive. When completed the organ will be 16 ranks (possibly 17 if there is enough room for a second Wurlitzer vox humana).

The organ is being completely restored with every piece of leather and felt being replaced. The wood work has been refinished to look like new. The painted console has been stripped and brought back to its original mahogany finish. The original stop list has been expanded to bring it up to today's organist's standards (a total of 71 stops were added). More information, pictures, and complete specifications can be found on the website: www.opus501.com.

Hi Theatre Organ Nuts!

See this amazing link! It peeks at ANOTHER super-nova moment in the evolution of music! ... I think THIS is what it was like when people first heard Theatre Organ! - a whole new world of music opening like a blooming flower!

<http://www.wimp.com/choirvoices>

PEACE!

Don

Arranger's Challenge

Use 1, 2 or all of the 4 melodies below and on the next page as an accompaniment for an imaginary 5 minute silent film.

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NARCISSUS

Andante

Ethelbert Nevin

Musical score for "Narcissus" by Ethelbert Nevin. The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves. The first staff is the melody. The second and fifth staves are accompaniment. The third staff is marked "tacet". The fourth and sixth staves are accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the notes: G, D7, G, D7, C7, C, E7, Am, D7, G7, C, E7, Am, D7, G. The piece ends with "FINE".

FUNERAL MARCH OF THE MARIONETTE

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Allegretto

Charles Gounod

Musical score for "Funeral March of the Marionette" by Charles Gounod. The score is in D minor and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first staff is the melody. The second, third, fourth, and fifth staves are accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the notes: Dm, A7, Dm, A7, Dm, C7, F, S7, A7, Dm, A7, Dm, C7, F, Eb, Dm, A7, Dm.

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THE DYING POET

Louis Gottschalk

Andante 



D.C.al Fine

(DINNER MUSIC)

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VOLGA BOAT SONG

Traditional

Slow 

tacet



(RUSSIAN FOLK SONG)

NOTICE of ELECTIONS

It's election time again in May and all of the officers are up for election. If you would like to be nominated for any of these position, contact Nominations Chairman, Don Schoeps at dschoeps@aol.com or call 717-254-6097. If unable to reach Don, contact Bob Carbaugh at Carbaugh6383@comcast.net or cal 717-367-7102. All regular members are eligible to serve as officers. Voting will be at our May 12th Annual Meeting

Masonic Village Schedule:

April 8	Glenn Hough
June 10	Don Schoeps
August 12	Gary Coller
October 15	Ken Kline
December 9	Annual Christmas Program

FREE TO A GOOD HOME:

"Allen two manual theatre organ in good condition. For more information contact Jenny Colm at 717-451-4795 in Hanover, PA"

River City Theatre Organ Society has posted three new Zach Frame videos on YouTube Enjoy!

A Beatles Medley

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFdNlqv9VSk>

Can You Feel The Love Tonight

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3_dCi5Bqm0

A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAY4rnOBX9w>

River City Theatre Organ Society Jerry Pawlak – Secretary/Treasurer
jpawlak@neb.rr.com 402.421.1356

Opportunity - Newsletter Editor

I plan to resign this post as of June 2014 (after 7 years), and would like to coach a new person in this work. It takes about 4-5 hours per month and email services. No "writing" is required as almost everything is emailed in by contributors.

I have been using Microsoft Publisher, but any good text/photo editing program will do. Please contact Roy (newsletter@svtos.org) or 717-792-3408 for more information.

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

Two Amazing Videos from Don Kinnier for your Holiday Pleasure.

This came to us from our friend John Steuernagle out in sunny San Diego, California
http://www.youtube.com/embed/QdoTdG_VNV4?rel=0&iv_load_policy=3%3cbr%20%3e&autoplay=0&wmode=transparent

This little dandy came from friends Jim and Lorraine Stetts up in not so sunny (right now) Williamsport, PA

<http://digg.com/video/this-piano-automatically-reacts-to-what-you-play-on-it>



“Capitol Idea”

CDs are still available for sale.

Sam Groh has them available at every meeting.

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