

The Windline

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*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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DOUBLE FEATURE **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME** **2022 - 2023 SEASON** **SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 - AUGUST 31, 2023** **SEPTEMBER MEETING PREVIEW** **(SEE PAGE 3)**



YES - It's once again time to renew your SVTOS Membership. You'll find a personalized renewal form on the second page of the email that delivered this "Windline." Please print that form, review the information, make any necessary changes, and mail it along with your check made payable to "SVTOS" to Roy Wainwright at the address at the bottom of the form. You can also bring it to the next SVTOS meeting that you attend. Thank you for your continuing support!

(Note: If you didn't receive a personalized renewal form, your dues are already paid for next season. Congratulations!)

SVTOS is a 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the preservation and presentation of Theatre Pipe Organs. Proudly supporting the Mighty WurliTzer Theatre Pipe Organ in the Capitol Theatre in York, PA.

Here is hoping everyone has had an enjoyable summer. As I write this, Ed Horvath and I are preparing for a 17-day trip to England to tour and attend the Cinema Organ Society (COS) Northern District Convention. This comes after a wonderful trip to our West Coast to attend the ATOS Convention in San Diego, California. After the Convention we travelled north to the San Francisco Bay Area.



In spite of COVID concerns and Donnie Rankin testing positive, we had a really nice SVTOS Picnic event with Ken Double as the substitute organist. Ken was already planning a visit with Dick Kline and the OPUS 501 folks, so he graciously became our artist for this year's event. (Note: We are making plans for another visit to OPUS 501 in May of 2023.)



On August 9th, Ed and I visited Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. About 45 percent of the instrument is now playing with plans to return a major division to service in October this fall. I want to work on a possible future event there focused on the Kimball in the Ballroom. It has seen major restoration efforts since the 2015 ATOS Convention visit.

To begin our fall event schedule, our September program at the Capitol Theatre at York's Appell Center has moved to the evening of the third Monday (September 19th) for a performance of Mel Brooks' "Silent Movie", accompanied by organist David Peckham. David developed the score several years ago, and recently performed it for the Eastern Massachusetts ATOS Chapter and he's agreed to do it for SVTOS. If you're not familiar with the film, Mel Brooks created it in 1976 and its cast has many film comedy giants including Mel Brooks, Marty Feldman, Marcel Marceau, and many, many others. The film has many classic sight jokes from past silent films.

In October 17th (NOTE: the THIRD Monday of the month) we are planning a slide show of this year's travels, including many site visits in the USA and in England. The November meeting is still in the planning stages. As for December, we are checking if the Masonic Home will be hosting this year.

Richard Neidich, President SVTOS

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SEPTEMBER MEETING PREVIEW

MEL BROOKS' "SILENT MOVIE"

ACCOMPANIED BY DAVID PECKHAM

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 7:00 PM

CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA

MEL BROOKS' "SILENT FILM" A film director and his strange friends struggle to produce the first major silent feature film in forty years. Aspiring filmmakers Mel Funn, Marty Eggs and Dom Bell go to a financially troubled studio with an idea for a silent movie. In an effort to make the movie more marketable, they attempt to recruit a number of big name stars to appear, while the studio's creditors attempt to thwart them. The film contains only one word of dialogue, spoken by an unlikely source.



DAVID PECKHAM A gentleman of multiple musical talents, David Peckham has been touring nationally and internationally as a theatre organist since 1980 and has performed at many of the finest theatre organs worldwide. In 2016, he was honored by the American Theatre Organ Society as their "Organist of the Year." David has four theatre organ recordings to his credit. His most recent recording – *No Remaining Seats* – played on Rochester's RKO Palace Wurlitzer, was released in the summer of 2005. His recording *Live from Berkley* has received stellar reviews since its release in 1997. His first recording, *Electro-Pneumatic Action*, features the Clemens Center's Marr & Colton Theatre Organ. Excerpts from this recordings have been featured many times on *Pipedreams*, NPR's showcase of organs and organists from around the world.

Peckham's classical training at the Eastman School of Music has allowed him to pursue more traditional organ venues as well. He is the organist at the Horseheads First United Methodist Church, his role since 1985, and has accompanied numerous choral and instrumental groups throughout the Southern Tier. He also performs as a classical recitalist. Resident organist at the Clemens Center since 1977, he presents solo programs, silent film accompaniment and participates in other local community attractions.



Trip To The Biggest!

Margaret and Roy Wainwright visited Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City to see/ hear the "World's Largest Pipe Organ". Brett Miller was the recitalist, followed by a short tour of the organ workshop and a chamber. Approximately 30% of the organ is playable these days. Brett's concert made use of the 100" pressure trumpet and the bottom note of the 64' Diaphone.

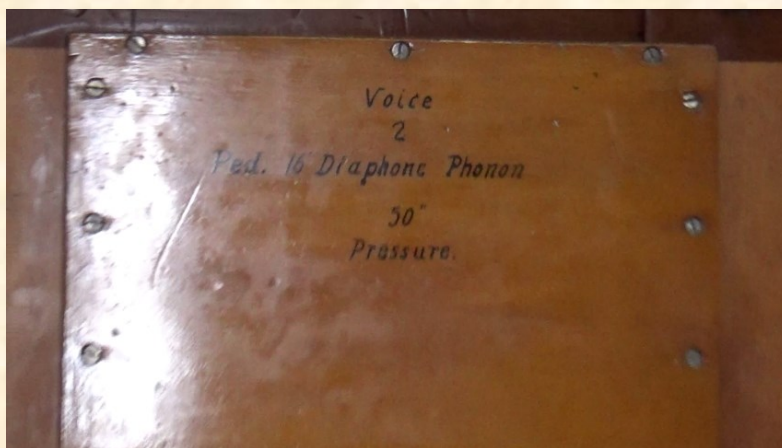


Although we were at the other end of the hall, it sounded like it was close in front of us!

Coincidentally, Richard Neidich and Ed Horvath were also there. Noontime concerts every day thru September, then Wednesdays only. A 2-hour chamber tour is on Wednesdays at 10AM.

[Pipe Organs | Boardwalk Hall](#)

~Roy



The 16' Pedal Diaphone Phonon on 50" Wind Pressure

JIM WHELAN
**BOARDWALK
HALL**

SVTOS 2021-2022 SEASON

Monday, Sept 19th* 7:00 PM	David Peckham accompanies Mel Brooks' "Silent Movie," Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, October 17th* 7:00 PM	Slide show of this year's organ related travels, including many site visits in the USA and in England, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
November	To Be Determined
December	Masonic Home Xmas Extravaganza ???

* Indicates meetings NOT held on the usual second Monday of the month and/or at a different time or location

"SVTOS Plays For The Movies"

Hear these SVTOS members play the Wurlitzer 30 minutes before listed times at the Capitol Theatre.

Consult the Capitol Theatre Website ([Click here](#)) for details and admission prices.

- Friday, Sept 2nd @ 6:30 PM – *Land Before Time* - Roy Wainwright (FREE)
- Saturday, Sept 17th @ 3:30 PM – *Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen* – Larry Fenner
- Saturday, Sept 17th @ 7 PM – *Cat Video Festival* – Larry Fenner
- Sunday, Sept 18th @ 3 PM – *Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen* – Roy Wainwright
- Saturday, Sept 24th @ 3:30 PM – *Manhattan Short Film Festival* – Bill Autry
- Saturday, Sept 24th @ 7 PM – *Manhattan Short Film Festival* – Bill Autry
- Sunday, Sept 25th @ 3 PM – *Manhattan Short Film Festival* – Roy Wainwright
- Wednesday, October 5th @ 7:00 PM – *Billy Joel Live at Yankee Stadium* – Barry Howard
- Friday, October 7th @ 6:30 PM – *Encanto* – Larry Fenner (FREE)
- Sunday, October 9th @ 7:00 PM – *Billy Joel Live at Yankee Stadium* – Barry Howard



"SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village," Elizabethtown, PA

ALL PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, September 17th 12:00 PM	Open House featuring Ben Forsthoffer and Juan Cardona, Jr. and open console, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
Sunday, September 18th 2:00 PM	Wurlitzer 100th Year featuring Mark Herman, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.
Saturday, October 8th 7:00 PM	Donnie Rankin, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
Sunday, October 30th 2:00 PM	Silent Film "Nosferatu," Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.
Saturday, November 19th 3:00 PM	Mark Herman, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, March 18, 2023 3:00 PM	Clark Wilson, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, May 6, 2023 7:00 PM	Brett Valliant, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.

Click on the underlined links to find additional information, including location and cost, for these events.