

The Windline August–September 2026



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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IAN FRASER SHOWCASE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 7:00 PM
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA

SVTOS SHOWCASE AT THE CAPITOL THEATRE IN YORK, PA

BUSTER KEATON'S
THE THREE AGES (1923)
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE FOLLOWED BY THE FILM

LOVE THROUGH THE MILLENNIA: BUSTER KEATON SURVIVES CAVEMEN, CHARIOTS, & EVEN MODERN MARRIAGE!

SVTOS MEMBERS, GUESTS OF MEMBERS, AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE ALL WELCOME

Featuring IAN FRASER, THEATRE ORGANIST

The Featured Organist: Ian Fraser is an award-winning, self-taught theatre organist who serves as a house organist and silent film accompanist across NJ, NY, and PA. He performs for large audiences, curates silent film series, brings his custom touring organ to unique venues like drive-in theaters, and actively works in pipe organ restoration and curation. Learn more and find events at IanFraserOrganist.com

SEPTEMBER 21st 7- 9PM

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?
COME JOIN THE SVTOS TODAY!
No experience needed. All you need is an interest in music, film, technology, or history

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My Last Rant

Richard's
Radar

It was great to have seen several SVTOS members at the 2026 ATOS Convention in Rochester, NY. I was very busy; I hope everyone who attended had an enjoyable visit. The Convention Committee was disappointed that the new "Hollywood" Barton installation at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) was not completed in time for the week's events; however, next May 16th will see its premiere and I will keep the SVTOS informed of its progress. (A "Rochester Weekend" may happen in 2028.)

SVTOS is transitioning to a new set of officers, the first change in four years. An afternoon planning meeting was held on July 25th where the year's event schedule was reviewed. The plan developed uses the past few year's concept of two "home" programs, January and February "open console" events and no August event. The meeting focused on the first six months into the new calendar year, with the plan of having four invited guest organists at the Capitol in the next year. With the Appell Center starting their 2026 Holiday programing on Thanksgiving weekend, the Leadership meeting decided to do a Holiday (social) Party instead of a formal program. Several invitations have already been forwarded to potential artists.

Already in this issue of the *Windline* Andrew Moore, our new President, has scheduled Ian Fraser for our September program and is working on several more. Bryan Parnell is taking the lead for scheduling of movie pre-show players and is working to increase our social media presence.

This being my last "Rant" it's been a lot of fun to keep everyone involved with my favorite hobby. Ed Horvath and I will continue to be active participants in SVTOS activities and our home and music studio will continue to be available to SVTOS for the annual picnic and other occasions.

Richard Neidich
Immediate Past President SVTOS

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in the Capitol Theatre in York, PA.**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Hello everyone!

I'm pleased to have been chosen to serve a term as President of SVTOS.

My interest in organs dates back to all the times when my aunt let me sit on the bench when she'd play the postlude at church. When I was about ten I discovered the theatre organ, and like many other people my age, a steady stream of YouTube videos of theatre organs fanned the flames. While I'm from a musical family, at some point I shifted my focus from wanting to be able to play the organ to wanting to be able to work on them.



I have been working on pipe organs as a career since 2016, and while I mainly work in South Central PA, I have done work from North Carolina to Maine. I love finding creative solutions to unique problems and being able to revive instruments that have either begun to fail or have become musically problematic. Outside of work I have a strong interest in local history, outdoor activities, enjoy working with vintage electronics and making and transferring recordings, among other things. I've been helping to care for the organ at The Capitol Theatre in Chambersburg since 2017, and I've been active in SVTOS since 2021. In addition to SVTOS, I am a member of the Cumberland Valley Theatre Organ Society (Chambersburg), the Rochester Theatre Organ Society, and the Pine Tree Chapter Theatre Organ Society (Maine).

I look forward to serving the chapter with a focus on keeping up the active seasons we've become known for, while also making a push for more local outreach and visibility.

-Andrew Moore, President SVTOS

IAN FRASER developed a passion for organs and mechanical music at the age of two after hearing a band organ on a carousel. His journey into theatre organ performance began at 16 after seeing a silent film accompanied by theatre organist Bernie Anderson. Leveraging his ability to play by ear, Ian taught himself in just a few short years to play the instrument.

He is the house silent film organist at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, NJ, the Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook, NJ, The Grand Theater in East Greenville, PA, and the duCret Center of Art in Plainfield, NJ. Additionally, Ian is the house organist at the St. George Theatre in Staten Island, NY, performing pre-show concerts for their classic movie series and “Arts-In-Education” series where he regularly plays for audiences of over 1,500 K-12 students introducing the theatre organ to the next generation.

Ian is the first-place winner of the American Theatre Organ Society’s 2023 Young Theatre Organist Competition.

In June 2025, Ian performed the world’s first-ever silent film with live organ accompaniment at a drive-in movie theater with the 100th Anniversary of “The Phantom of the Opera” at The Mahoning Drive-In Theater in Lehigh, PA. This was made possible with Ian’s touring organ which enables him to bring his concerts and films to venues without organs.

Ian is the curator of the new “Classic Movies at the Brook” series of classic and silent films at the Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook, NJ.

He is also actively involved in restoring pipe organs and mechanical musical instruments. Ian is the Crew Chief of the Brook Arts Center Wurlitzer theatre organ for GSTOS (Garden State Theatre Organ Society). He is also a member of ATOS, NYTOS, COAA, NCA and AMICA’s Lady Liberty chapter.

To read more about Ian, hear him perform and check out his upcoming shows, visit:

<https://ianfraserorganist.com> .



SVTOS 2025-2026 SEASON

*Monday September 21 7:00 PM	Ian Fraser Showcase, featuring Buster Keaton's silent film <i>The Three Ages</i>. Capitol Theatre, York PA.
Monday, October 12 7:00 PM	To Be Determined
Monday, November 9 7:00 PM	To Be Determined
*December (Date/Time TBD)	*Holiday (social) Party, Neidich-Horvath Residence, Lewisberry, PA
*Monday, January 18 10:00 AM-5:00 PM	*Open Console (MLK Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
*Monday, February 15 10:00 AM-5:00 PM	*Open Console (Presidents' Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, March 8 7:00 PM	SVTOS Members' Showcase
*April, Date/Time TBD	*Possible silent film at Capitol Theatre, Chambersburg, PA
*May, Date/Time TBD	*Pierre Fracalanza, Opus 501, Howard, Fenner Residence, Lebanon, PA
Monday, June 14 7:00 PM	To Be Determined
*July Date/Time TBD	*Annual SVTOS Picnic, Neidich-Horvath Residence, Lewisberry, PA

*** 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 the details and admission prices.

- Friday, September 11, 7:00 PM, *Your Name* (Anime Night, 10th Anniversary) – ROY WAINWRIGHT
- Saturday, September 12, 7:00 PM, *Stand By Me* (40th Anniversary) – DON SCHOEPS
- Friday, September 18, 7:00 PM, *The Silence of the Lambs* (35th Anniversary) – LARRY FENNER
- Sunday, September 20, 3:00 PM, *Mulholland Drive* (25th Anniversary) — JERR KEIM
- Sunday, September 27, 3:00 PM, *A Clockwork Orange* (55th Anniversary) – ROY WAINWRIGHT

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Friday, September 25 7:00 PM	Don Kinnier accompanies Charlie Chaplin's <i>The Circus</i> . Capitol Theatre, York, PA. <u>General admission tickets are \$8.00.</u>
Saturday, September 26 2:00 PM	Walt Strony, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE.
Sunday, September 27 2:00-4:00 PM	Richie Gregory Theatre Organ Concert, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville, PA</u>
Sunday, October 25 2:00-4:00 PM	1922 Silent Film: A Symphony of Horror "Nosferatu," accompanied by Dennis James, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville, PA</u>
Saturday, November 14 2:00 PM	Hector Olivera, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE.

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

**It's That Time Again
Your SVTOS Membership is Due
2026-2027 Season**

September 1, 2026 - August 31, 2027

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* (**Scroll Down in the email**).

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. THANK YOU!)

