

SVTOS Reminder

SVTOS SUMMER PICNIC SEAMUS GETHICKER SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH 2:00 - 4:00 PM
NEIDICH-HORVATH RESIDENCE
110 WHEATLAND ROAD, LEWISBERRY, PA

SVTOS Picnic Invitation

Its SVTOS Picnic time again. This year's picnic will be on Saturday afternoon, July 18, 2026. You are welcome to **arrive any time after 1 PM** and stay with us through to the evening.

For the afternoon's entertainment, we have invited Seamus Gethicker (Direct from Organ Stop Pizza) to provide organ music. **Program is from 2 to 4 PM**, the designated period for Seamus to entertain us (See Seamus' bio on Page 1 of this issue). We will be hearing a mix of tradition theatre organ tunes and arrangements from his pizza efforts. There will be an intermission on the deck with refreshments and a full picnic meal after the program.

Location - As many of you know, Ed Horvath and I have a wonderful home in upper York County, on the Yellow Breeches River. We have installed a custom 3/51 Walker Digital Theater Organ in our music room/studio. The instrument was regulated and balanced to the room acoustics by Bob Walker, founder of Walker Technical Services and Dan Umholtz over a two-year period. We're very proud to be able to share the sounds of this very special instrument in a magnificent room with SVTOS members and guests. The organ's 17 audio channels and 2 banks of speakers present great fidelity and spatial acoustics to enhance the first-hand audience experience in the performance space.

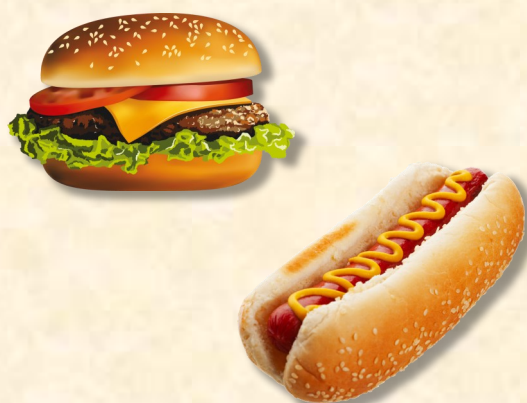
Picnic - For those who attend we will be presenting a traditional shared dish picnic food service. We will provide the basics including hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst with other traditional picnic foods like coleslaw. **If you wish to bring any food to share, side dishes, treats, snacks or other beverages will be welcome. If you can, please let us know what would like to bring to help us plan and coordinate food and beverages for our guests. Please let us know if you make a last-minute change in plans, either way.**

RSVP Please - So that we have sufficient seating and to allow for food and beverage planning, please provide an e-mail RSVP by July 14th with names of those planning on attending to rgneidich@aol.com (or Ed Horvath at (202) 302-0231). An acknowledgement message with map and location will be provided by e-mail by July 16th.

While we are hoping the weather cooperates, this will be a rain-or-shine event. If we are unable to picnic outside, we have an indoor space that can be used for dining. There is one step at the front entrance and 3 steps or use of a ramp from the main level to the deck. There is plenty of parking available on our street and our driveway areas. Our waterfront on the Yellow Breeches is at the far end of our property, 700 feet behind our house. Access to the river is via a paved path and mowed walking trails, walking shoes are recommended.



Music Room with 3/51 Walker



Outdoor Deck and Kitchen

SEAMUS GETHICKER is a young theatre organist from Bath, Maine. He is the 2016 winner of the American Theatre Organ Society's "Young Theatre Organist Competition" and has since had the privilege of performing at venues across the country. Having a broad taste in music, Seamus' programs contain a wide variety of music that are sure to have something for everyone.

Seamus' interest in pipe organs began at age 8, when he attended a Christmas concert at Merrill Auditorium in Portland, Maine, and first witnessed the mighty Kotzschmar Organ played by Ray Cornils, with whom he later studied classical organ throughout middle school and high school. Soon after discovering the pipe organ, he quickly found out about theatre organs and was instantly hooked. Since then, Seamus has enjoyed being involved with theatre organ in any way he can.

Seamus has previously appeared for SVTOS at the first "picnic" on the 3/51 Walker in July of 2020 as well as at the Capitol Theatre in April of 2022. In the fall of 2022 Seamus became a staff organist at Organ Stop Pizza, serving as a substitute for Brett Valliant and Glenn Tallar. Recently, Seamus has taken on leadership of the Pine Tree Chapter of ATOS, Old Orchard Beach, ME, and he is maintenance lead for their 3/13 Wurlitzer, Opus #1634. The instrument is on its original cabling and relay in a middle school, thus needing much "care and feeding".

