

# The Windline

July-August 2018



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre  
Organ Society*

[www.svtos.org](http://www.svtos.org)

## TEDDE GIBSON SHOWCASE

**SATURDAY, JULY 28TH AT 3:00 PM**



*Tedde Gibson* is one of a few musicians able to play not only classical and theatre pipe organ, but also jazz and gospel on the Hammond and piano. He integrates all of these styles into his playing of the theatre and classical pipe organ which for him are the ultimate vehicles to showcase his talents.

A native of Tacoma, WA, *Tedde* began playing piano at age four, studying with Gail Brooks and the late Dorothy Bade. He later studied pipe organ with the late Dr. Edward Hansen, president of the American Guild of Organists and organ professor at the University of Puget Sound (UPS). He also studied piano with Dr. Stephen Moore and voice with Dr. Thomas Goleeke at UPS. He has studied classical improvisation with David Dahl, organist emeritus of Pacific Lutheran University and Christ Episcopal Church of Tacoma, WA, and Dr. J. Melvin Butler of the University of Washington (UW) and St. Marks Cathedral, Seattle, WA. While attending UW, he studied pipe organ with Dr. Carol Terry. *Tedde* has also coached with international theatre organist Jonas Nordwall of Portland, OR and the late Andy Crow of Olympia, WA. (Continued on page 6)

**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 at the Capitol Theatre in York, PA.**

Due to the cancellation of the June 6<sup>th</sup> Justin LaVoie Showcase, we are having a special replacement Showcase on Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Howard/Fenner residence featuring guest organist **Tedde Gibson**. Tedde has played for SVTOS previously and is an accomplished organist in both theatre and classical organ music. We were very sorry to hear of Justin's hearing problems and wish him a full recovery and hope to see him back again on the theatre organ circuit very soon. He is truly an extremely talented young organist.

**The Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> program will be at 3 pm and we again request that you RSVP if you are planning to attend to assure that we have enough seats.**

**Please RSVP BETWEEN July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**by email to [Pres@svtos.org](mailto:Pres@svtos.org) or by phone at 717-274-2254.**

After Tedde's program you may again look through all of the organ recordings that we have available from the estate of Ivan Spahr. We still have many recordings available at very reasonable prices (both theatre and classical). Because there are so many, we have not been able to listen to these recordings, so if any are defective we will refund your money. You can also see the organ chambers and the model train display in the basement after the program.

Our 2018-2019 season starts on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> with guest organist, Justin Nimmo from Indianapolis, IN, playing Opus 501 at the Howard/Fenner residence. More about Justin Nimmo in the next newsletter. The October meeting date and venue are still to be determined depending on when the renovations at the Capitol Theatre are completed.

With the start of the new season, dues will be payable starting in September. A membership renewal form will be included with the September newsletter for your convenience.

Unfortunately, I have to end this message on a very sad note. We just learned that our friend Emmitte Miller, a long-time member of SVTOS, passed away on June 18th. Emmitte was a true gentleman and often graced our open consoles with his extraordinary talent. He maintained his membership until this season when he moved to Autumn House East, at which time he was made an honorary member. His obituary can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Rest in peace "Mr. Smooth," you will be missed.





**Emmitte E. Miller**, 91, died at Autumn House East on June 18, 2018. Born August 26, 1926, he was the son of the late George H. and Edith C. ([Smith](#)) Miller.

He was a [U.S. Navy](#) veteran of [WWII](#), serving in the South Pacific. Emmitte was a self-employed musician and music teacher, teaching piano and organ in his home and at the Sam Keeney Piano and Organ Center. He performed with a group known as The Executives. Emmitte served as organist and choir director at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Paul's (Wolf's) United Church of Christ and, until his retirement in September 2016, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, served as an officer in both York and Lancaster Music Teachers Associations and was a volunteer at the Strand Capitol. Emmitte was also an active member in Music Teachers National Association, Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association, National Pastoral Musicians, American Guild of Organists, American Theatre Organ Society and Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society.

Emmitte is survived by his sister, Audrey Smith of York; and four nieces, Arla Neuberger of Spring, TX, Vicki McLane of Tarpon Springs, FL and Joan Weitzel and Julie Delle, both of York, PA.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2121 Roosevelt Ave., York. A visitation will be held at the church from 11 a.m. until the start of the memorial service. A private burial will be held in Greenmount Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2121 Roosevelt Ave., York, PA 17408 or to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 320 N. Queen Street, York, PA 17403 or to Caring Hospice Services, 101 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Arrangements by the Etzweiler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 1111 E. Market St. York. [www.etzweilerfuneralhome.com](http://www.etzweilerfuneralhome.com)  
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## SVTOS 2018-2019 SEASON

<b>Sunday, Sept 16*</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>	Showcase: Justin Nimmo, Indianapolis, IN <b>Howard/Fenner Residence, Lebanon, PA</b>
October - TBD	Meeting details pending completion of renovations at the Capitol Theatre
Monday, Nov. 12 7:00 PM	Showcase: Brett Miller, Ottsville, PA - Silent Movie "The Cameraman" starring Buster Keaton, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 11*</b> 7:00 PM	SVTOS Annual Christmas Spectacular <b>Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA</b>
<b>Monday, Jan. 21*</b>	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre WurliTzer, Martin Luther King Day Capitol Theatre, York, PA
<b>Monday, Feb. 18*</b>	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre WurliTzer, President's Day Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, March 11 7:00 PM	Video: "Korla" (documentary about organist Korla Pandit) - Capitol Theatre, York, PA
<b>Sunday, April 14*</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Public Concert: Ken Double, Capitol Theatre, York, PA. SVTOS members admitted free with SVTOS name badge</b>
Monday, May 13* 7:00 PM	Annual SVTOS Business Meeting and Wanamaker Organ video. Capitol Theatre, York, PA
<b>Sunday, June 9*</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Public Concert: Donnie Rankin, Capitol Theatre, York, PA. SVTOS members admitted free with SVTOS name badge</b>

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

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

<b>June 29—July 3</b>	<a href="#">ATOS 2018 Annual Convention, Pasadena, CA</a>
Sunday, August 26 3:00 PM	<b>Connor Ream</b> , Rice Auditorium on the campus of Spring Grove Hospital Center, Catonsville, Maryland, <a href="#">Free State Theatre Organ Society</a>
Sunday, September 16 2:00 PM	David Peckham, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a>
Saturday, September 22 7:00 PM	Alex Jones, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, September 23 3:00 PM	<b>Glenn Hough</b> , Rice Auditorium on the campus of Spring Grove Hospital Center, Catonsville, Maryland, <a href="#">Free State Theatre Organ Society</a>
Sunday, October 28 2:00 PM	Halloween Silent Movie - "The Golem" accompanied by Wayne Zimmerman, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a>
Saturday, November 17 7:00 PM	Carol Williams, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, November 18 2:00 PM	Dave Wickerham, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a>
Sunday, December 9 2:00 PM	Annual Holiday Concert, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a>
Saturday, January 26 7:00 PM	Nathan Avakian, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, February 24 3:00 PM	<b>Frank Vanaman</b> , Rice Auditorium on the campus of Spring Grove Hospital Center, Catonsville, Maryland, <a href="#">Free State Theatre Organ Society</a>
Saturday, March 16 7:00 PM	Richard Hills, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, March 24 3:00 PM	<b>Don Kinnier</b> , Rice Auditorium on the campus of Spring Grove Hospital Center, Catonsville, Maryland, <a href="#">Free State Theatre Organ Society</a>

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

### "SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village," Elizabethtown, PA

Tuesday August 14 @ 7:00 PM — Barry Howard

Tuesday October 9 @ 7:00 PM — Kenneth Kline

Tuesday December 11 @ 7:00 PM — Annual SVTOS Christmas Spectacular—**OPEN TO ALL!**

#### SVTOS OFFICERS

Barry Howard - President 717-274-2254  
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#### LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

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 Joyce and Sam Groh - Hospitality  
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**SVTOS July Meeting – Saturday, July 28th at 3:00 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 on both sides of the street 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 or LEFT onto Wheatland Circle.
- 33 Wheatland Circle is about ½ mile from stop sign. 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 or LEFT onto Wheatland Circle.
- 33 Wheatland Circle is about ½ mile from stop sign. House number is on mailbox post.

**From East or North – Reading or points North**

- In Lebanon take Route 72 South (10<sup>th</sup> 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 or LEFT onto Wheatland Circle.
- 33 Wheatland Circle is about ½ mile from stop sign. House number is on mailbox post.

**Please see Page 2 for instructions on how to reserve your seat for this meeting!**



## TEDDE GIBSON SHOWCASE



(Continued from page 1) He was organist at First Assembly of God/Life Center in Tacoma and First AME Church in Seattle. Since moving to the Metropolitan DC area in November, 2003, he has studied classical organ with international organist Dr. Mickey Thomas Terry, editor of the 6+ volume anthology of organ works by African American composers. Tedde was an organ performance major at The Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD in the organ studio of Dr. John Walker. He was recently appointed to the board of directors of The

American Theatre Organ Society ([www.atos.org](http://www.atos.org)), a non-profit organization charged with preserving the theatre organ, its history and performance practices, and educating new audiences about this uniquely American instrument.

He cut his theatre organ teeth as an organist at Pizza and Pipes in Tacoma, WA for 5 years until that restaurant's untimely demise due to fire in 1999. He played many concerts and silent films on the premier instruments of the area including the 4-manual 48-rank Wurlitzer in Harbor Manor, Gig Harbor; the Paramount Theatre, Seattle, WA; and the Mt. Baker Theatre in Bellingham, WA. **Tedde** has recorded and accompanied several gospel and jazz artists including Twinkie Clark, Jennifer Holiday, Melba Moore, Edmonia Jarrett, Shawn McLemore, Twinkie Clark and Dorinda Clark-Sheard.

**Tedde** is organist/musician-in-residence at the First Baptist Church of Highland Park in Landover, MD ([www.fbhp.org](http://www.fbhp.org)), organist at Capitol Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church ([www.capitolhillsdachurch.org](http://www.capitolhillsdachurch.org)), and Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, both in DC. He teaches general music and performing arts at Highland Park Christian Academy in Landover, MD, and teaches piano and organ privately. Tedde is finishing a collection of printed hymn arrangements for organ and organ/piano duet. He has performed numerous times on the Hardman Studio 4-38 Wurlitzer located in Great Falls, VA and is invited back yearly to perform in New York City at the historic Convent Ave. Baptist Church in Harlem. He is a regular at the Seattle Paramount Theatre performing on their annual "Silent Movie Mondays" series on their original Publix 1 Wurlitzer pipe organ.

Tedde has performed on the 2-8 Wurlitzer theatre organ in the Greek Hall of the Wanamaker/Macys store in Philadelphia, PA Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013. Saturday, June 28, 2014 he accompanied a silent film on the Wurlitzer and performed on the 6-464 Grand Court organ on the 2014 Annual Wanamaker Organ Day. In addition, he has performed for the Dickenson Theatre Organ Society and the Piedmont Theatre Organ Society.

*Tedde* has produced two recordings on the Hardman Studio Wurlitzer: *At Last* and *Let There Be Praise Volume I*. He is currently finishing *Let There Be Praise Volume II* as well as a classical and theatre organ-styled recording on the Hardman Studio Wurlitzer.