



Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

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CAPITOL THEATRE CHAMBERSBURG, PA

**159 S. MAIN STREET, CHAMBERSBURG, PA
SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH, 12:00 - 2:00 PM**

Since I became President four years ago, I have wanted to visit and hear the Moller Theatre Organ in the Capitol Theatre, Chambersburg, PA. Pictured below is the interior of the theatre and the Moller console. The console started out as a three manual unit and was expanded to four manuals.



Until recently, the organ relay system had become unreliable and therefore there was great reluctance to schedule its use. With much effort by SVTOS member Andrew Moore, the failing and ancient (over 30 years old) Devtronics relay and early Windows PC have been upgraded to the latest version of UNIFLIX and a new PC. The many years' old recordings have been converted from floppy to USB storage and several improvements were made to the organ itself. The orchestra pit has been covered, but for the meeting the console will be exposed as shown.

Our June 13, 2026, meeting will be at the Capitol Theatre, Chambersburg, PA. Moller Opus 4800, a three-manual, 14-rank instrument, was factory installed in 1926 and was played daily until 1952 and periodically after that time. Beginning in 1989 a fourth manual, the new relay and many ranks were added.

For our meeting, we will hear archive recordings, learn about the current project to revive the instrument, and hear a couple of live performers.

Please arrive at the back door entrance between 11:30 and 12 noon.

As usual for our meeting, Ed Horvath will make snacks and drinks available during a break. **For those not familiar with driving to the Capital theatre, instructions are on Page 3 of this issue of *The Windline*.**



Things are getting a bit busy with summer planning, including my efforts for the 2026 ATOS Convention. First, a big thanks to Dan Minervini for a great May program on Opus 501 as well as Barry Howard and Larry Fenner, our hosts, for a wonderful musical afternoon.

At our May meeting I had called for an election, since I did not wish to remain President another two years and the meeting would be our last at the Capitol for the summer. That evening we had no candidates for President. I discussed that there is a plan in place to have the Leadership Committee (SVTOS Officers, Larry Fenner, Membership, Richard Neidich, Past President) and interested members meeting periodically to create an annual program of events, with hosting allocated to several people, not solely one person. (The first such meeting would be scheduled in late July after the SVTOS Picnic.)

Subsequent to the meeting with no one volunteering, I have been contacted by two members: Bryan Parnell and Andrew Moore. Your current officers have welcomed two “new blood” (read that young) members, and in that discussion Barry Howard indicated he did not need to remain as Vice-President and would be willing to train someone to take on that task of artist bookings for films at the Capitol Theatre in York and continue as a player. Subsequently, I have talked with the two volunteers and the result is that Andrew Moore wished to become President and Bryan Parnell Vice President. This will provide an opportunity for some new leadership, provide backup to Terry Nace with respect to organ maintenance, and Barry Howard as organist scheduler.

As usual, be sure to review the *Windline's* calendar of events (see Page 4) for future things such as the 2026 ATOS Convention July 6-10 in Rochester, NY and the SVTOS Picnic on July 16th.

Richard Neidich
President, SVTOS

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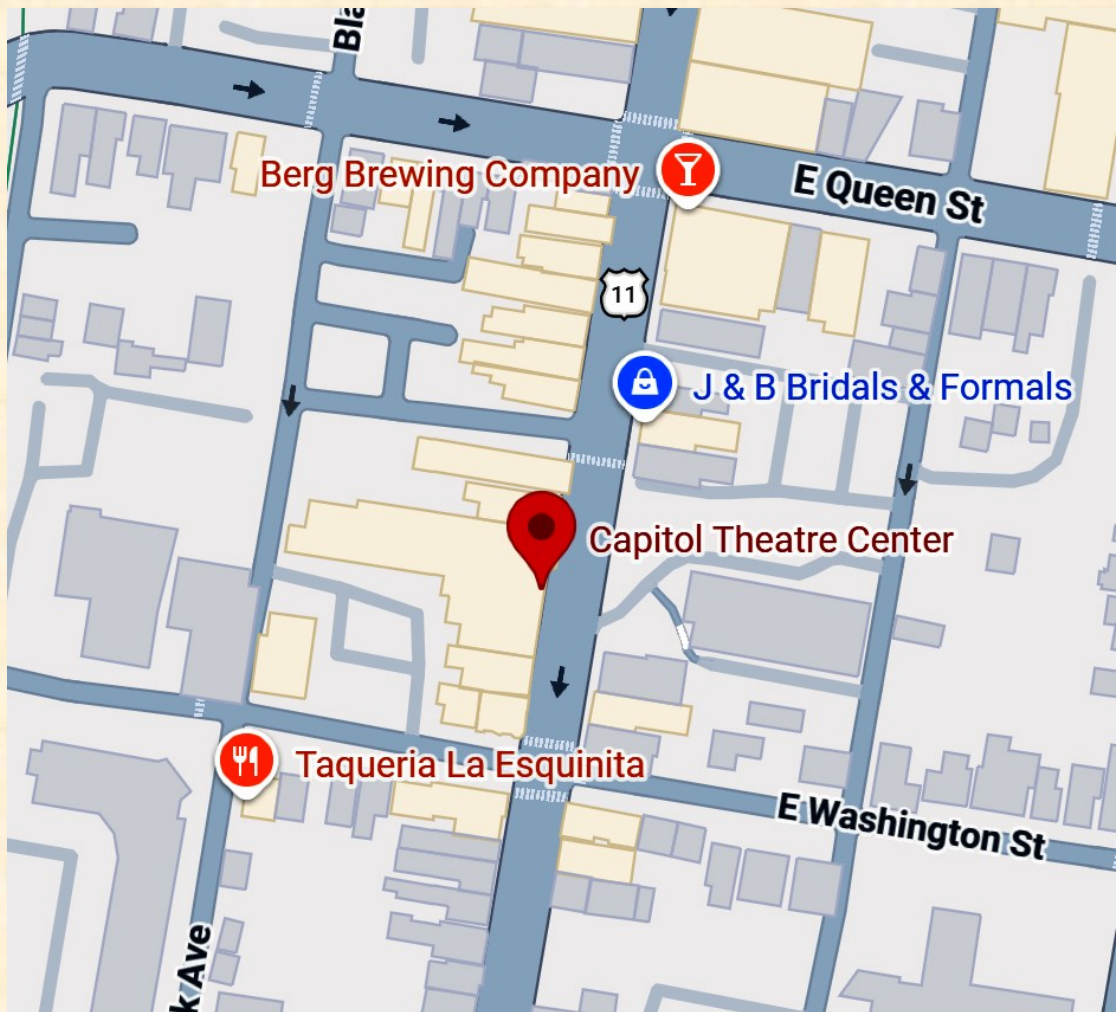
Directions: Capitol Theatre, 159 S Main St., Chambersburg, PA

Using PA Turnpike, I-81

From the Mechanicsburg area, Interstate 81 is the most direct route to Chambersburg, however, if you want less traffic, you can take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 201 south through Roxbury and proceed on PA Route-997 South to US-11 South. Follow US 11 into downtown Chambersburg. In downtown US 11 is Main Street. Take Main Street south to 159 South Main Street, the Capitol Theatre. Proceed past the Capitol marque to the next intersection, East Washington Street. Turn right and proceed until you see a parking lot on the right. Park in the lot and enter the theatre by way of its back door.

Using I-81

Follow I-81 South to US-30 W/Lincoln Way East in Chambersburg. Take exit 16 from I-81 South and turn right onto US-30 W/Lincoln Way East. Continue on Lincoln Way East, driving to South Main Street. Turn left onto South Main Street. Proceed past the Capitol marque to the next intersection, East Washington Street. Turn right and proceed until you see a parking lot on the right. Park in the lot and enter the theatre by way of its back door.



SVTOS 2025-2026 SEASON

Saturday, June 13* 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM	Visit to see and hear (via live and 30-year-old recordings) the 4/19 Moller Theatre Organ in the Capitol Theatre, Chambersburg, PA.
Saturday July 18 (times to follow)*	Annual SVTOS Picnic featuring Seamus Gethicker at the Neidich-Horvath Residence Walker 3/51 instrument, 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, June 5, 6:30 PM, *Beauty and the Beast* (First Friday Free Family Film) – **DON SCHOEPS**
- Friday, June 12, 7:00 PM, *Boyz n the Hood* (35th Anniversary) – **GARY COLLER**
- Sunday, June 14, 3:00 PM, *Origin* – **JERR KEIM** (FREE)
- Friday, June 26, 7:00 PM, *The Last Waltz* – **GLENN HOUGH**
- Saturday, June 27, 3:00 PM, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* – **LARRY FENNER**
- Sunday, June 28, 3:00 PM, *Volver* (20th Anniversary) – **ROY WAINWRIGHT**



COMING ATTRACTIONS

July 6-10, 2026	ATOS 2026 Annual Convention, Rochester, NY
Sunday, September 27 2:00-4:00 PM	Richie Gregory Theatre Organ Concert, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville, PA
Sunday, October 25 2:00-4:00 PM	1922 Silent Film: A Symphony of Horror “Nosferatu,” accompanied by Dennis James, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville, PA

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

Don Schoeps Shares a “Golden Moment”

Just reporting-in - played before movie May 16 - crowd of 40-some - went well - audience and staff happy!

Let me tell you of a Golden Moment for SVTOS and Theatre Organ in general: When I finished playing the crowd applauded as usual - I faced them and grinned as usual, and said as usual: "And now we get to see THE MOVIE!" and at that, a woman in the balcony shouted: "I would enjoy listening to you play ALL NIGHT!" to which I responded (grinning widely): "You know - - - I think I would enjoy that too!"

I think everyone in ATOS - in our widely-varied roles, all contributing in our widely varying ways, should smile and enjoy the thought shared. - - - a Golden Moment for EACH of us!!

I thank each of you - and invite you to share the moment around!

PEACE!

Don