

The Windline

May 2025



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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IAN FRASER SHOWCASE



SATURDAY, MAY 17TH AT 2:30 PM

WURLITZER OPUS 501, HOWARD/FENNER RESIDENCE, LEBANON, PA

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IAN FRASER'S fascination with organs started at the age of two when he heard a band organ on a local carousel in his former hometown of Staten Island, NY. His interests soon expanded into the world of mechanical music with player pianos, orchestrions, etc. When he was 16, after seeing a silent film accompanied by Bernie Anderson at Chaminade High School in Mineola, NY, in 2017, he had the opportunity to sit at the console and play the theatre organ for the first time. From there, he has followed his passion to become a theatre organist.



Leveraging his ability to play by ear, Ian taught himself in just a few short years to play the theatre organ. This has been influenced by studying his favorite genres and organists. He has performed at John Dickinson High School (DE), Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall (NJ), the Loew's Jersey Theatre (NJ), United Palace (NY), the Senate Theater (MI), Babson College (MA), Cleveland Grays Armory Museum (OH), and the Capitol Theatre (PA) among others. (Continued on Page 3)

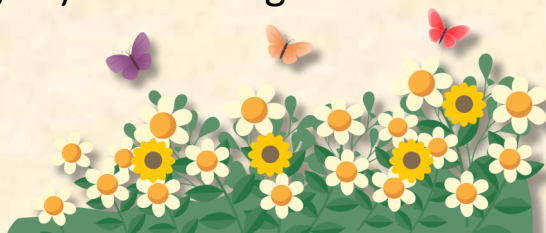
My theatre organ efforts this spring are getting quite busy. As part of the 2026 ATOS Convention Committee, the [Rochester Theatre Organ Society](#) (RTOS) has submitted a budget for ATOS approval, and development of the presentation for next year's convention presentation has begun.

In addition, the RTOS will present a memorial program on Sunday afternoon July 13th honoring long time Program Chairman Russ Shaner (click [HERE](#) for more information). If you are or aren't heading to Milwaukee for this year's ATOS Convention, you may also want to head to Rochester for this special memorial program. The afternoon is to be hosted by Ken Double with organists David Peckham, Tim Schramm, Alex Jones, along with special guest Walt Strony.

The next SVTOS meeting will be at the home of Barry Howard and Larry Fenner on Saturday afternoon May 17th at 2:30 PM with Ian Frazer as guest artist on Wurlitzer OPUS 501. Details can be found on Pages 1 and 3 of this issue of the *Windline*.

Don't forget that the next SVTOS meeting at the Capitol Theatre is Monday June 9th with organist Pierre Fracalanza, and our summer picnic in on Saturday July 5th with organist Ben Forsthoffer on the Walker theatre organ. Always review the *Windline Coming Attractions* page (page 4) for a listing of future theatre organ events

Richard Neidich, President SVTOS



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Ian Fraser Showcase – Saturday May 17th at 2:30 pm

**Home of Barry Howard, Larry Fenner, and WurliTzer Opus 501
33 Wheatland Circle, Lebanon, PA 17042-9418**

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Plenty of parking is available on both sides of the street in front of the house.

Call 717-274-2254 if you get lost, but please don't call after the concert starts at 2:30 PM

(Ian Fraser's Biography Continued from Page 1)

Ian is the first-place winner of the American Theatre Organ Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition which was held at the 2023 Chicago Convention.

Now residing in Plainfield, NJ, Ian is the house silent film organist at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway, NJ, and The Grand Theater in East Greenville, PA. He is the house organist at the Barrymore Film Center in Fort Lee, NJ, performing pre-shows before film screenings and accompanying silent films. Ian is also the house organist at the St. George Theatre in Staten Island, NY, performing pre-shows for their "Better on the Big Screen" classic movie series and "Arts-In-Education" series where he regularly plays for audiences of over 1,500 students in grades K-12 introducing the theatre organ to the next generation.

In addition to being a concert artist and a silent film accompanist, he has developed several themed live show formats blending silent shorts, historical presentation and a concert performance.

Ian's other interests are in the restoration of pipe organs and mechanical musical instruments.

He is the President of AMICA's Lady Liberty Chapter (Automatic Musical Instrument Collectors Association) and a Director of COAA (Carousel Organ Association of America). He is also a member of the NCA (National Carousel Association), GSTOS (Garden State Theatre Organ Society), NYTOS (New York Theatre Organ Society), Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (EMCATOS), Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society (SVTOS), Rochester Theatre Organ Society (RTOS), Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley (TOSDV), and ATOS (American Theatre Organ Society).

SVTOS 2024-2025 SEASON

*Saturday, May 17 2:30 PM	* Ian Fraser Showcase on Opus 501, Howard-Fenner Residence, Lebanon, PA
Monday, June 9 7:00 PM	Pierre Fracalanza Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
*Saturday, July 5 Times to be announced	Annual SVTOS Picnic at the home of Richard Neidich and Ed Horvath, Lewisberry, PA. Featuring Ben Forsthoffer at the 3/51 Walker Theatre Organ.
* Indicates meetings <u>NOT</u> held on the usual second Monday of the month <u>and/or</u> 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, May 2, 6:30 PM, *Fantasia* (First Friday Free Family Film Series) – **DON SCHOEPS**
- Sunday, May 4, 3:00 PM, *Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back* – **ROY WAINWRIGHT**
- Sunday, May 11, 3:00 PM, *A Separation* – **LARRY FENNER**
- Friday, May 16, 7:00 PM, *Raging Bull* - **GARY COLLER**
- Saturday, May 17, 7:00 PM, *Ghost in the Shell* - **DON SCHOEPS**
- Sunday, May 18, 3:00 PM, *Rashomon* - **BILL AUTRY**
- Friday, June 6, 6:30 PM, *Kubo and the Two Strings* (First Friday Free Family Film Series) – **BARRY HOWARD**
- Sunday, June 15, 3:00 PM, *Chimes at Midnight* - **JERR KEIM**



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, May 3 2:00 PM	Dave Wickerham, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, May 12 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Annual TOSDV Silent Film Fest, Don Kinnier accompanies <i>The Cruise of the Jasper B</i> with Rod La Rocque and <i>Ella Cinders</i> with Colleen Moore. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville, PA
Friday, May 16 7:00 PM	<i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i> with organ accompaniment by Jason Roberts, Market Square Presbyterian Church , Tickets \$10 General admission; Students \$5
Sunday, June 8 2:00 PM	Ben Forsthoffer Concert, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville, PA
July 21-27	ATOS Annual Convention 2025 , Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Sunday, September 14 Time ???	International Silent Film Day, “The Eagle” accompanied by Dennis James, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville, PA
Sunday, October 26 2:00 PM	Silent Film “Nosferatu” accompanied by Ian Fraser, 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.

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