

# The Windline

June 2017



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre*

*Organ Society*

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# GARY PHILLIPS

**MONDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 7:00 PM**  
**CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**



Gary Phillips was born in Paterson, NJ, and grew up in Pompton Lakes, NJ. He has a high school education and a college education from the University of Hard Knocks. He has had a love for music since before he could remember and started playing the organ at around 5 or 6 years old. He considers himself lucky to have been able to study with a few very well-known organists; Lee Erwin who was a very good friend and Ashley Miller to name two. Today he is mainly known as a pipe organ technician/builder who is adept in both wood and metal working. He has been heavily involved with many restorations of well known organs, such as The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, NYC, Riverside Church, NYC, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA, Union County Arts Center, (The Old Rahway Theater) and even the biggest, the great Midmer Losh in Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, NJ. He has added the manufacture of new (and restored) Kinetic Blowers to the list of things he is doing. He has a great love for most music and it will show in his playing; that music is mainly American Songbook. Since he is NOT classically trained you will not have any of *that* to listen too. What you will hear is somewhat of a journey

through harmony and experimentation with the various sounds produced by the organ. Songs are played as he feels at that moment, playing that organ. He doesn't have a lot of "pet sounds" and listens to each organ and makes registration changes by how things work, sound-wise. Although he considers himself mainly a pipe organ technician and not a player but in essence he is one of the rarer ones who can do both. Those who work with him in the shop get a daily concert on the wonderful Hammond X-66 maintained by Timothy A. Holloran, his partner of 30 years!

**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.**

On Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center changed its name to the Appell Center for the Performing Arts. There was a Community Day Celebration open to the public with free activities throughout the day. SVTOS member, Don Kinnier, gave a demonstration of the Wurlitzer organ and accompanied a Charlie Chaplin silent film. As always, Don did a superb job to the delight of the audience. More silent films are being planned for next season at the Capitol.

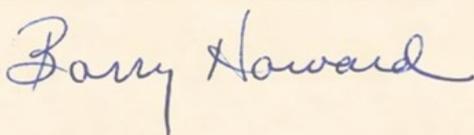
Our annual business meeting was held on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>. See the Treasurer's and Membership Reports on page 4 of this newsletter. There was no election of officers this year. Following the brief business meeting we viewed a video about Organ Supply Industries in Erie, PA. The video showed the fabrication of various pipe organ parts and was very informative and educational. After the video we had an open console and heard several selections from our youngest member, 13 year-old Cody McSherry. Cody played two numbers on the piano accordion and several numbers on the Wurlitzer. His advanced arrangements were executed perfectly and definitely wowed everyone in attendance. What a thrill to hear such a talented young musician. He has a very bright future and has the potential to be a great theatre organist.

Don't miss our final showcase for this season on Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> with Gary Phillips from Cumberland, RI. Gary is primarily known as an organ technician/builder and operates his own business in Attleboro, MA. He has done work on many famous organs including Longwood Gardens, Atlantic City Convention Hall, and more recently the Ocean Grove organ in NJ. But Gary is also a fine organist and has been playing the organ since age 5 or 6. He is truly a "Theatre Organist" and loves to play great American songs that are very familiar to everyone. I heard his practice session last Saturday and I know you will enjoy his program.

Our 2017-2018 season starts in September and our program committee will be meeting with Program Chairman, Ken Kline, on Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Check the next newsletter for more details.

Finally it's still not too late to register for the 2017 ATOS Convention in Tampa, FL, from July 3<sup>rd</sup> thru July 8<sup>th</sup>. For more details on the artists, organs, and venues please check the "Theatre Organ Journal" or visit the ATOS website <http://www.atos.org/2017-atos-annual-convention> .

Have a GREAT Summer!



**"Welcome to our newest members!"**

Richard Neidich and Ed Horvath, Washington, DC

Larry Pruett, Marietta, PA

## SVTOS 2016-2017 SEASON

<b>Monday, June 12</b>	<b>Showcase: Gary Phillips, Attleboro, MA</b>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Capitol Theatre, York, PA</b>

### “SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village,” Elizabethtown, PA

Hear these SVTOS Members play the 3-manual Allen digital theatre organ in the Masonic Village Health Center at 7:00 pm on the following Tuesdays in 2017:

June 13th	Don Schoeps
August 8th	Gary Coller
October 10th	Ken Kline
December 12th	Annual Christmas Spectacular featuring any and all SVTOS Members!

### “SVTOS Plays For The Movies”

Hear these SVTOS members play the Wurlitzer 30 minutes before movies at the Capitol Theatre.

All Shows \$7.00 unless otherwise noted.

Friday June 2nd @ 7:00 PM — “Kubo and the Two Strings” — Larry Fenner (free)

Saturday June 10th @ 7:00 PM — “American Graffiti” — Robert Pierce



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday, June 4 3:00 PM	Michael Xavier Lundy, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Rice Auditorium, Catonsville, MD <a href="#">Free State Theatre Organ Society, Inc.</a>
Saturday, June 10 7:00 PM	Mark Herman, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, June 11 2:00 PM	<b>DON KINNIER</b> , Silent Movie Harold Lloyd in “Speedy” Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a>
July 3-8	2017 <a href="#">ATOS Annual Convention</a> , Tampa, FL
Saturday, Sept. 2 7:30 PM	Clark Wilson, Silent Movie Harold Lloyd in “Girl Shy” Gretna Music, Mt. Gretna, PA. Tickets \$5.00 each <a href="http://gretnamusic.org/event/girl-shy-with-clark-wilson">http://gretnamusic.org/event/girl-shy-with-clark-wilson</a>
Sunday, Sept. 10 2:00 PM	Lew Williams, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a>
Sunday, Oct. 22 2:00 PM	<b>GLENN HOUGH</b> , Halloween Silent Movie, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a>
Sunday, Nov. 19 2:00 PM	Pierre Fracalanza, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a>
Sunday, Dec. 10 2:00 PM	Annual Holiday Concert, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a>

## Treasurer's Report as of 05/08/17

Bank Accounts	
SVTOS Main	7751.65
Total Bank accounts	7751.65
Asset Accounts – part of above	
Donation –piano rebuild	0.00
Due from ATOS Grant	3400.00
Scholarship Fund	-2422.14
Specified donations	-567.93
Total other asset accounts	409.93
Net “free” cash when we get \$3400 from ATOS	8161.58

<b>Income</b>	9/1/2016-5/8/17
CD Sales	135.08
Dues-ATOS members	945.00
Dues-Non-ATOS members	520.00
Masonic Home Honorariums	225.00
Other Income (contrib. toward expenses)	195.00
Total Income	1836.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Honorariums	1400.00
Insurance	282.00
Meeting Expense	300.00
Refreshments (income, no exp submitted)	-51.00
Newsletter	215.99
Misc. Expenses	61.38
Total Expenses	2208.37
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>372.37</b>

## Membership Report as of 05/08/17

51 Family Members for 2016-2017 Season (had 48 for 2015-2016 Season)

Includes six new Family Members

Three 2015-2016 Family Members didn't renew

2 Complimentary memberships

**53 Total Family Members**

### SVTOS OFFICERS

Barry Howard - President 717-274-2254  
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 master 717-792-3408

### LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Larry Fenner – “Windline” Editor & Membership  
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 Gary Coller, Sam Groh, Don Kinnier, Emmitte Miller,  
 Terry Nace, Connor Ream, Don Schoeps and  
 Judy Townsend