

The Windline

Susquehanna Valley Chapter - ATOS
[web site: www.svtos.org](http://www.svtos.org)

October 2009

Another "Double Header"!

Saturday, October 10 Noon to 5:00PM
Open Console & Ralph Ringstad Jr Miniconcert on the Heitz 3/23 Wurlitzer
500 Lurgan Road, New Hope PA

Nina Heitz has graciously offered her 3/23 Wurlitzer, grand piano and music room for an SVTOS open console on Saturday, October 10 from noon to 5:00. Ralph Ringstad Jr has been retained for a concert from 2:00 to 3:00 to demonstrate both his talents and the tonal resources of the instrument. Ralph is house organist at the Landmark Loew's Jersey Theatre, Jersey City NJ playing the 4/23 Bob Balfour Wonder Morton.

Open console is from noon to 2:00 and from the end of the concert until 5:00. We will be ordering pizza for a 1:00 delivery. Please notify Gary (610 678-5690 springmontpipes@webtv.net) if you are attending and/or playing. Please carpool!

Although other organ club members may be present, the open console is for SVTOS only. Please make the effort to travel to this wonderful installation. Just a handful of members will get lost in Nina's music room! **Travel directions are on Page 3**

Monday, October 19 Afternoon and Evening!
Extended Open Console at the Capitol Theatre

President Dusty Miller will provide an opportunity for at least a half hour of playing time on the Capitol Wurlitzer during the afternoon and evening of Monday, October 19 in lieu of not having a meeting on October 12th. Please reserve your time at the console by calling Dusty at 717 795-2775. All members are welcome to listen. Call Dusty to find out who's playing at what time.

This is a great opportunity to find your favorite presets and explore the resources that Terry and Don presented last spring in a workshop. You'll need to be ready for the radio show program in the spring of 2010 when a dozen of our playing members will each present a radio theme song. Don Kinnier (717- 627-5055) will help you choose an appropriate selection for the March meeting.

From a 'Dusty corner'

Seems like there has been a lot happening since the last installment of this piece—changes at the theatre and new program ideas for us.

As you may have heard, the CEO of the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, Joe Jefcoat, resigned rather suddenly late this summer. A former member of their board has taken over in the interim while they conduct a nationwide search for a replacement. Not much has changed so far, but we are getting "hints" that the center may become more responsive to the needs of the community.



During July the lobby and under the balcony area of the Capitol Theatre was painted and refurbished. About the same time we learned that there had been a leak in the roof over the balcony and that the theatre would be closed most of September to repair the ceiling. That sent us scurrying for alternative programming and Gary and his committee have done a great job. (See items elsewhere in this Windline.)

One concern the Program Committee and I have discussed is the short time each player has during Open Console. They suggested we have a day devoted entirely to Open Console. So we are going to try it. The theatre is available to us all day on Monday, October 19. We plan some recording in the morning, but if you would like to play the organ for up to 30 minutes or more, please call me at 717-795-2775 or email <DustyandBarbara@Verizon.net> to schedule a time. I will start filling in the evening at 7:00 and work forward and start the afternoon time at 5:30 and work backward.

For those who like to hear the instrument, simply drop in anytime in the afternoon or evening or call me to find out when your favorite member will be playing.

All the best ...
Dusty

Upcoming Programs:

Monday November 9

Rich Lewis Showcase Program
Capitol Theatre
7:00 to 9:00pm

Monday March 8

S.O.A.P. radio show with SVTOS organists providing radio themes (contact Don Kinnier for your radio theme song!)
Capitol Theatre
7:00 to 9:00

Monday April 12

Silent Film with Don Kinnier
AGO students invited for open console after film
Capitol Theatre
7:00 to 9:00pm

Serve by Playing:

Join other members of SVTOS who are taking turns playing for residents at Country Meadows in Lancaster the first Sunday of each month. One hour programs. Older two-manual Allen digital. For more information, call Gary Coller, 610-678-5690.

“Free to a good home”

I have an Allen analog T-15 self-contained 2 61note manuals and 32 pedals with the usual flutes and real reeds and some strings. It is free to a 'good home'.

It has an internal Gyrophonic projector (Allens answer to the Leslie) so it does have some schlurpy Tibias. It is a straight console not a theater organ. Nice for a practice instrument or for a small meeting room.

Contact Don Kinnier ktshows@ptd.net

Upcoming events

Saturday October 3 7:30PM	Ralph Ringstad Silent movie "Safety Last"	Loew's Jersey Theatre, 54 Journal Square Jersey City, NJ 07306 http://www.loewsjersey.org/
Sunday, October 4 4:00PM	Jeff Barker 1925 "Phantom of the Opera"	Grand Theatre 252 Main Street, East Greenville PA (215) 679 – 4300 www.TheGrandTheater.org \$15
Sunday October 11, 3:00PM	Chaplin Classic Silent films with Dennis James on the 3/16 Magnificent Moller Theatre Pipe Organ	Patriots Theatre at the War Memorial Rt. 29 & Memorial Drive, Trenton, NJ Easy Access and Free Parking Ticket \$15 at the door, \$13-kids/seniors
Friday October 16, 7:00 PM	Olivier Latry - Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris	Trinity Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill 717-737-8635 www.trinitycamphill.org Free admission
Friday, October 30, 7:30 PM	Don Kinnier, "Phantom of the Opera" (Lon Chaney)	Trinity Lutheran Church , 1000 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA. Admission fee http://www.trinitylansdale.com
Saturday, October 31, 8:00PM	Don Kinnier, "Hunchback of Notre Dame" (Lon Chaney)	Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church, 412 Pine St. Philadelphia, PA 19106 Admission fee http://www.oldpine.org
Sunday, November 8 3:00PM	Glenn Hough Silent movie "Phantom of the Opera", plus selections from modern musical version	St. Paul's United Methodist Church, South Queen and Farnum Streets, Lancaster. A free will offering will be taken to help fund St. Paul's neighborhood outreach ministries. A reception will follow.
Sunday, November 15, 3:00PM	Peter Richard Conte Franck, Guilmont, Vierne, Elmore, plus Conte's transcriptions	Union Lutheran Church, 408 W. Market Street, York (free will offering) Reception afterward
Sunday, November 22 3:00 pm	Greg Owens playing an all request musical program Plus a classic silent short	4/23 Wonder Morton Theatre Pipe Organ Loew's Jersey Theatre, 54 Journal Square, Jersey City, NJ Ticket \$10 at the door

Directions to the Nina Heitz residence

from the Reading/Lancaster PA Turnpike interchange #286:

- 1 East 68 miles to exit 351 (Philadelphia and US Route 1)- one hour.
- 2 North 7 miles on US Route 1- nine minutes.
- 3 North for five miles on Interstate 95 taking Exit 51- five minutes.
- 4 Left onto Upper River Road for three miles- four minutes.
- 5 Cross Route 532. Upper River Road becomes Taylorsville Road.
- 6 Continue for two miles on Taylorsville Rd- four minutes.
- 7 Left onto Route 32 (River Road) for two miles- three minutes.
- 8 Left onto Lurgan Road (watch for Bowman's Hill Tower sign on far left) for 6/10 mile to 500 Lurgan Road- two minutes.

Nina's house is on the left behind a row of dense foliage.... take it slow! Park along the upper side of the grassy area under the trees. Keep the paved area open for those who have difficulty walking longer

Grand Theater 252 Main Street, East Greenville PA (215) 679 – 4300 www.TheGrandTheater.org
 Grand Theater Celebrating its 85 Anniversary with showing the 1925 Silent Film – \ The Phantom of the Opera

The Upper Perkiomen Valley's Historic Grand Theater is celebrating its 85 anniversary this year. Construction began on April 15, 1924 and the theater opened to the public for the first time on October 4, 1924.

The Grand is celebrating this monumental anniversary with creating a new chapter in the theater's history, the debut of our 1923 Marr & Colton Theater Pipe Organ. The Grand is proud to unveil this restored relic from the days of silent film on October 4th with a special showing of the 1925 silent film The Phantom of the Opera, starring Lon Chaney. Phantom will be presented in 35mm format courtesy of Mr. Nelson Page, operator of the Lafayette Theater in Sufferin NY and past Director of the American Theater Organ Society. Accompanying the film in a true Roaring '20s movie-going experience will be world-renowned organist, Mr. Jeff Barker at the Console of the Marr & Colton.

Tickets for this special show are limited for October 4th at 4PM. Tickets \$15 per person and are available at the Theater during regular show hours or by SASE to: Grand Theater, PO Box 244, 252 Main Street, East Greenville PA 18041.

Contact – Ed Buchinski, President and General Manager 215-872-3631 (Cell)

Our Wonder Morton will be played before, "The Untouchables," "The Coconuts" and "Safety Last." Ralph Ringstad, Jr. will play for the silent movie, "Safety Last."

Please check Loew's Jersey Theatre website - <http://www.loewsjersey.org/> - for any changes, etc. for the following:

Friday Oct 2nd 8PM
 The untouchables
 Organ 7:30 - 8:00pPM

Saturday Oct 3rd 4pm
 The Cocoanuts
 Organ 3:30-4:00PM

Saturday Oct 3rd 8PM
 Safety Last (silent movie)
 Organ 7:30 - 8PM
 The movie will be played by Ralph Ringstad, Jr.

Peter Richard Conte
concert organist

"Standing ovation? Better call it a flying ovation." (The Santa Fe New Mexican)

Peter Richard Conte, Organist
 Sunday, November 15, 2009, 3:00 P.M.
 UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
 408 W. Market Street, York, PA 17401

Garden State Theatre Organ Society Presents

“A Charlie Chaplin Tribute”

featuring

Dennis James

At the Moller Theatre Pipe Organ
accompanying Silent Films

“A Dog’s Life” and “The Pilgrim”

Dennis will play rarely heard original music composed by
Chaplin.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009 at 3:00 PM

Patriots Theater at the War Memorial,
Route 29 & Memorial Drive, Trenton, NJ

TICKETS: \$15. (Adults); \$13 (Seniors, Students, Children)

Advance ticket purchase

Call toll free 1-800-955-5566 or www.tickets.com

For information call 609-984-8400

WEBSITES:

www.gstos.org

www.thewarmemorial.com

You Asked For It!

Now YOU can get the most out of the Capitol Wurlitzer. Terry Nace and Don Kinnier collaborated on two meetings last year. These explained all of the features and good sounds of the organ. In case you missed those programs and/or want to refresh your memory, a DVD is available containing both meetings' programs. As with our other educational resources, these are available for \$5.00 at meetings, \$8:00 by mail.(you can order through Newsletter@svtos.org or regular mail to 2897 Olde Field Dr, York 17408)



Getting the most out of the Wurlitzer!

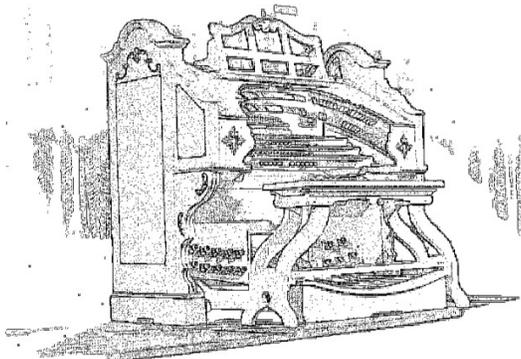
Terry Nace
Don Kinnier

(4/13/09 and 6/8/09 Membership presentations)

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