

The Windline

Susquehanna Valley Chapter - ATOS

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November 2009

Monday, November 9 Rich Lewis Showcase!



Rich has performed concerts and recitals in the United States and Canada, including two ATOS National Conventions and a Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists.

For four years, Rich held the post of Associate Organist at the Ohio Theatre, Columbus, Ohio, where he performed regularly alongside Clark Wilson on the Ohio's Robert Morton organ.

Rich has also been honored with an extended engagement at the famous Chicago Theatre, Chicago, where he performed daily on the Wurlitzer organ.

Other notable concert appearances have included the Detroit Theatre Organ Society, Rochester Theatre Organ Society, Shea's Buffalo Theatre, and Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA.

Note: the showcase starts at 7:00 PM!

From a 'Dusty corner'

Most people think that meetings are dull and boring. I guess I must be different. I've had a number of very worthwhile meetings in the last month. Permit me to give you a brief overview.

I continue to be so very grateful for the leadership team of SVTOS. At our September meeting (held on the campus of Masonic Village in Elizabethtown) Treasurer, Emmitte Miller, reported a checkbook balance of nearly \$4,000. Gary Coller outlined program ideas for the season. Herb Inge reported our membership statistics and Larry Fenner updated us on progress toward becoming a non-profit organization. Following our discussion we adjourned to the Health Center where Don Kinnier entertained residents with a Buster Keaton classic. Thank you all.



Later in the month I had the pleasure of lunch outside Philadelphia with ATOS President and CEO, Ken Double. I described our many activities -- playing walk-in music for the classic movies, showcase meetings and clinics, entertaining at nursing homes -- and I expressed my concern that we have been financially unable to present a public concert. He was very reassuring that we are doing our best to "preserve and present" the theatre pipe organ and that becoming a non-profit will open up many new avenues for raising money for public concerts.

While in York for the October Special extended open console event I took the opportunity to meet with the interim CEO of the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, Suzanne McConkey. She seemed genuinely interested in the organ and in the SVTOS. She welcomed my ideas for collaboration and asked probing questions about the instrument and the organization. I'm confident we will continue to enjoy an excellent relationship with the theatre management.

All the best ...

Dusty

Upcoming Programs:

Tuesday December 15

Christmas Program
Masonic Home, Elizabethtown
7:00 to 8:30pm

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

Friday, October 30, 7:30 PM	Don Kinnier, "Phantom of the Opera" (Lon Chaney) Costumes Encouraged!	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 \$20, student \$10 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.
Friday, November 13, 11AM-6PM Saturday, Nov. 14, 10AM-2PM	Sing, Listen, Eat, Shop	St Anne's Retirement Community Holiday Bazaar, 3952 Columbia Ave, Columbia
Sunday, November 15, 3:00PM	Peter Richard Conte Franck, Guilmont, Vierre, 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
Sunday, November 22 3:00 pm	Bob Eyer on the "Mighty Moller"	Capitol Theatre, Chambersburg http://www.thecapitoltheatre.org/events/ events.htm Admission \$8.00

Don Kinnier at Longwood Gardens
(Included in Admission to Gardens)
Route 1 http://www.longwoodgardens.org/Tickets_1_2_1.html
Kennett Square, PA
Christmas holiday pipe organ Sing-Alongs
Tue. Dec. 1 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM
Thu. Dec. 3 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM
Sun. Dec. 6 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 12 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM
Tue. Dec. 15 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM
Tue. Dec. 22 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM
Thu. Dec. 24 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00 PM
Tue. Dec. 29 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00 PM
Thu. Dec. 31 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 PM
Sun. Jan. 3 2009 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 PM *Sing Along*
Sun. Jan. 3 2009 7:00, 8:00PM *Organ 'Waltzes'*
Concert Program
All performances on Longwood's 4 manual
146 rank *Aeolian Orchestral Organ*

Garden State Theatre Organ Society

Presents Classic Silent Film

Friday, October 30, 2009 - 8:00 PM

"THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

A Classic Silent Film featuring Lon Chaney

Live score accompaniment by

Bernie Anderson

www.roxysilentfilms.com

**Rogers 327 Marquee Electronic
Theatre Organ**

Tickets \$10 at the door

Brook Arts Center

10 Hamilton Street

Bound Brook, NJ 08805

<http://www.gstos.org>

VISIT TO HEITZ RESIDENCE

While listening to the unique sounds of the theatre pipe organ in a huge theatre is exciting, hearing one in the intimate surroundings of a beautiful home is a pleasure all its own. That's what about a dozen members and guests received when they traveled to the home of Nina Heitz near New Hope to hear and play the 3/23 mostly Wurlitzer pipe organ installed in her music room.

Beginning around noon, playing members took advantage of open console. Shortly after 2:00, Ralph Ringstad, Jr. from New Jersey entertained with many upbeat songs from the 30's. We were even treated to an impromptu duet featuring the organ and a beautiful grand piano in the same room.

The organ console is housed in a "garage" in one end of the room surrounded by one of the two organ chambers. The other chamber is in an overhead space opposite the console. Listeners were literally surrounded by the magnificent sounds of the instrument.

The group ordered in pizza for lunch to which Nina graciously added salads and dessert served buffet style in her elegant dining room.

Thanks so much to Nina Heitz for opening her home and to Gary Coller for setting up this very special SVTOS program.



Nina Heitz
Photo credit -Larry Fenner



Don Schoeps
at the console
Photo credit -Larry Fenner

PETER RICHARD CONTE, in concert
November 15, 2009, 3:00 PM

Union Lutheran Church
408 W. Market St.
York, PA 17401

No admission charge, Free will offering
Reception follows

Peter Richard Conte is Grand Court Organist of the world famous Wanamaker Organ at the Macy's Philadelphia department store. When not touring, he performs on the six-manual, 28,000-pipe instrument twice daily, six days per week. The Wanamaker Organ is the largest fully functioning musical instrument in the world;

Mr. Conte was appointed Grand Court Organist in 1989, and is the fourth person to hold that title since the organ first played in 1911.

For information, call 717-843-7897. Ask for Jennifer Noel

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

DISCOUNT ON CAPITOL MOVIES

You can attend the films for \$5. The normal fee is \$8 unless you have an annual membership (\$30). They only have to show their SVTOS membership badge.

York Parking Meters

Meters end the day at 6:30 PM, so you can park free along the street for our Capitol Events. Depending on what else is going on downtown, you may have to pay at the parking garage.

You Asked For It!

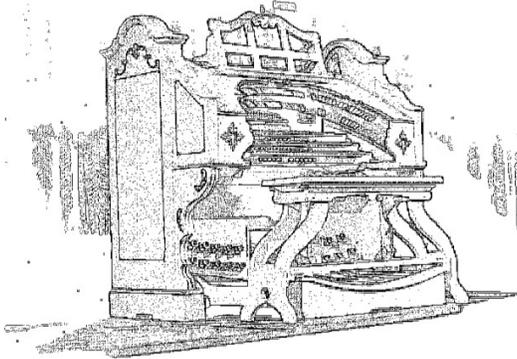
Now YOU can get the most out of the Capitol Wurlitzer. Terry Nace and Don Kinnier collaborated on two meetings last year. These explained all of the features and good sounds of the organ. In case you missed those programs and/or want to refresh your memory, a DVD is available containing both meetings' 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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Capitol Theatre
York, PA

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(see inside for details)**

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