

# The Windline

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

April 2008

## Spring 2008 Coming Events:

**\*\*May 12 - 7:30PM** Capitol Theatre York  
**Bob Lachin performs at the Wurlitzer.**

**June 9 - 7:30PM** Capitol Theatre York  
**Open Console** highlighting those members who "scored" their short silent film based on the April workshop. Open console follows. All may attend.

\*\*Performances marked with \*\* are open to regular members only. If you are not, contact Dusty Miller 717-795-2775 to upgrade your membership. Email: [membership@svtos.org](mailto:membership@svtos.org)

## Other Events:

**April 18 -6:30PM** Wilson School Admin Bldg, West Lawn, PA **Don Kinnier accompanying Harold Lloyd's "Speedy" silent film.**

Directions are at:

[www.svtos.org/UpcomingEvents.htm](http://www.svtos.org/UpcomingEvents.htm)

**April 20 -3:00PM** Rice Auditorium, Baltimore  
**Don & Judy perform** including short silent films. Details:[www.geocities.com/fstos1984/](http://www.geocities.com/fstos1984/)

**May 10 -7:00PM** Rice Auditorium, Baltimore  
**Dick Smith Performs**

Details:[www.geocities.com/fstos1984/](http://www.geocities.com/fstos1984/)

## NEXT MEETINGS!



**April 14 - 7:30PM** Capitol Theatre York  
**Silent Film Accompaniment Seminar**

by Don Kinnier

- ..Why music triggers our emotions
  - ..Relationship of scales, chords, etc. to moods
  - ..Find tempo and meter clues in the film
  - ..How to select appropriate music for scenes
  - ..And much more....
- Plenty of materials for novices! Find out how much fun this can be!

**See page 3 for more details!**

**April 19 - 10:30 AM** Capitol Theatre York

**CLUE IS BELOW —**

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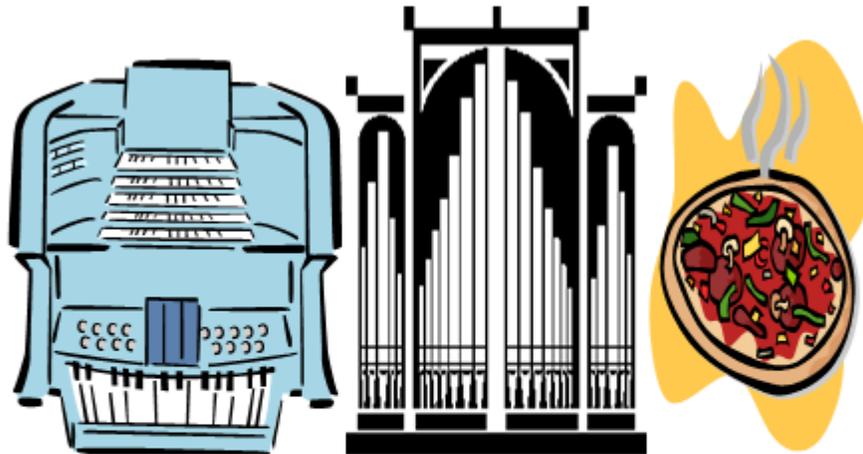
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Join us for an hour at the Capitol **APRIL 19 at 10:30AM** to support the AGO event which is including the Capitol Theatre Organ for the first time this year! Theatre Organist Michael Britt will perform and explain the instrument to the students. Please wear your name card or badge!

If you know of any piano or organ students (including children or grandchildren) who are learning a keyboard instrument... sign them up for the whole morning! See details below.



## **PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA**

*Organ Fieldtrip*

*Bus transportation provided*

Come join us in a rare adventure, toot a Krummhorn, become friends with lady Bombarde, don't light a fire under the Rauschpfeife, you don't shoot this Gemshorn, oh yea and this Prinzipal is from a different school. Find out what makes all these sounds. . . and more! See the organs at The York Heritage Trust Museum, Trinity United Church of Christ, the Capitol Theatre and Menchey Music Service organ showroom. See the pipes up close, hear master organists, give yourself a musical taste and even play an organ. Specifically for children, adults and music students ages 7 and up. Children under 8 years of age need to be accompanied by an adult. Each adult that wants to have a look as well needs to be accompanied by a child! Games, prizes, pizza and a movie plus lots of fun await you on Saturday, the 19th of April 2008 starting at the York County Heritage Trust at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 pm at Menchey Music Service. Sponsored by the York Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Registration cost is \$10.00 per person to cover bus transportation and the pizza lunch. For further details and to register, go to [www.yorkago.org](http://www.yorkago.org) or contact Victor Fields, Dean, York Chapter, American Guild of Organists at [YorkAGODean@aol.com](mailto:YorkAGODean@aol.com) or 717-858-4982.

Time:	<b>9:00am – 1:00pm</b>
Date:	<b>April 19, 2008</b>
Locations:	<b>York County Heritage Trust Museum, 250 East Market St. Trinity United Church of Christ, 32 West Market St. The Capitol Theatre, 50 North George St. Menchey Music Service, 2598 Eastern Boulevard Kingston Square Shopping Center</b>
Contact:	<b>Victor Fields, Dean <a href="mailto:YorkAGODean@aol.com">YorkAGODean@aol.com</a> P.O. Box 51 York, PA 17405-0051</b>

**Silent Film Accompaniment Seminar** by Don Kinnier (April 14 meeting)

**The Movies Before They Spoke**

- We'll cover a brief history of film, and how it was (or wasn't) accompanied from its simple start, as a proof of a millionaire's wager in 1872, up through the teens & twenties.
- We'll seek to discover how music affects our emotions and to develop guide lines for choosing or composing music that fits (and forwards) the film.
- I'll accompany a silent short and we'll discuss the differences between live sync and computer edited synced sound.



As to 'Homework' for the accompaniment workshop, I would suggest that everyone who can, take a look at this extended article on Ian MacIver's web site. (bottom one on resources page #1) Though it is not true that films were always accompanied with music, there is much of value to be gotten here.

I would also recommend listening to the midi files of the Sam Fox Photoplay Music. Also, just for the fun of it, see if your local video store has some of the Warner Bros. Cartoons from 1936-46. Carl Stalling was their music director and has an extraordinary comedic sense. He started his career as the organist at the Isis Theater in Kansas City, Mo. (The guy that made their illustrated slides there was a kid named Walt Disney.)

(Don has provided a wealth of links, and these are on [www.svtos.org](http://www.svtos.org) )

**If you cannot get to the web site, call Roy - 717-792-3408 and we will send CD & printouts.**

<b>Silent Film Resources #1</b> <a href="#" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">&gt;Go to Page 2</a>	<b>Silent Film Resources #2</b> <a href="#" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">&gt;Go to Page 1</a>
This link will take you to a page where you can download the sheet music and MIDI files of the Sam Fox Photoplay book #1 and the associated MIDI files. <a href="#" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a>	Here are a some books you might wish to get:  <b>Best Remaining Seats by Ben M. Hall</b> Ben was a good friend and the founder of the Theater Historical Society.  <b>Town Hall Tonight by Harlowe R Hoyt</b> Intimate memories of the grass roots days of the American theater.  <b>Silent Film Sound by Rick Altman</b>  <b>King of the Movies by Joseph P. Eckhardt</b> Film Pioneer Sigmund Lubin <a href="#" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">See the Movie Preview!</a>  <b>Tunes for Toons by Daniel Goldmark</b>  <b>The Cartoon Music Book by Daniel Goldmark</b>  And for the stout of heart and those willing to wade into deep waters of esoterica:  <b>Harmonies of Heaven and Earth: Mysticism in Music by Joscelyn Godwin</b> Godwin is Professor of music at Colgate University and the author of numerous works on both music and esoteric traditions. The prime question this book deals with is: What lies beneath the surface of music and what gives it its transcendent power? This is a great book for musicians as is his book The Mystery of the Seven Vowels.
This link will take you to the Theater Organ home page. If you scroll down the page you will come to an image of a book with a blue cover entitled <i>Theater Organ Secrets</i> . If you click on the book you will be taken to a page where you can download a PDF file of the whole thing or view and download a page at a time. <a href="http://www.theatreorgans.com" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a>	
This is the link to the Lang and West textbook. Musical Accompaniment of Motion Pictures. It is a free PDF download. <a href="http://www.archive.org" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a>	
The following are free sheet music sites with digital downloads available in either PDF's of complete pieces or JPEG images of individual pages. <a href="http://levy-test.dkc.jhu.edu" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a> <a href="http://mainemusicbox.library.us" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a> <a href="http://www.pdinfo.com" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a> <a href="http://digital.library.ucla.edu" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a> <a href="http://www.sheetmusicdigital.com" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a> <a href="http://www.free-scores.com" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a> <a href="http://memory.loc.gov" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a>	
These are great resource sites. The first has a listing of music and film that is definitely in the Public Domain. The second (New York Public Library) has a wealth of links to other music sites. <a href="http://www.infodigi.com/Public" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a> <a href="http://www.nypl.org/research" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a>	
These are great websites on silent film. Where to find it etc. Secret Cinema is Jay Schwartz's site. <a href="http://www.silentera.com" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a> <a href="http://bioscopic.wordpress.com" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a> <a href="http://www.theselectriccinema.com" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a>	
This is an Australian Website with a vast amount of information of Theater Organs around the world including most of the ones installed in the big theaters in the US. <a href="http://www.theatreorgans.com/southerncross" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here</a> <a href="#" style="color: white; text-decoration: none;">Click here - Silent Film Music Ar</a>	



**NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

New membership cards are being made available to all members. They were handed out at the March event at the theatre and will be available for members to pick up at all future events this year.

The handsome new membership cards were provided by club member Mike Clemens of Lancaster. **Thank you, Mike!!** Names on the plastic laminated cards are in large type and they come with a snap-on clip so that they also serve as name badges while at the meetings. Be sure to wear your new membership card/name badge at all events.

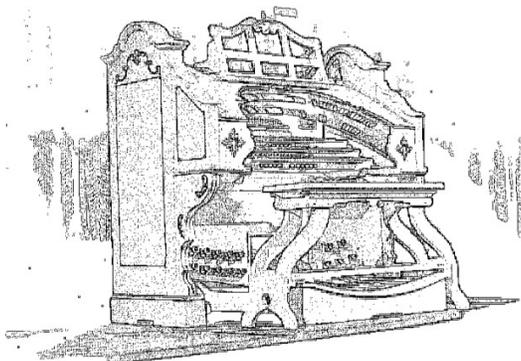
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## **Important Upcoming Events**

**>April 14, 2008 7:30PM**

**Capitol Theatre, York**

**Silent Film Accompaniment**

(All Members)

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**Capitol Theatre, York**

**Pedals, Pipes & Pizza!**

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