

# The Windline

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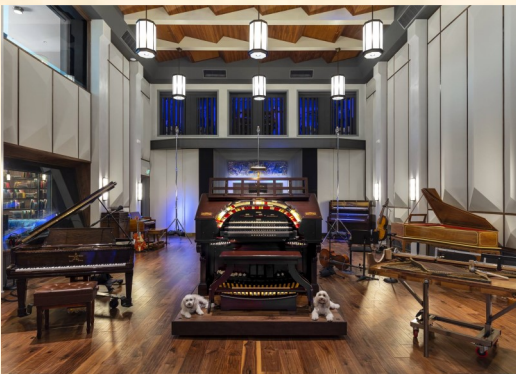


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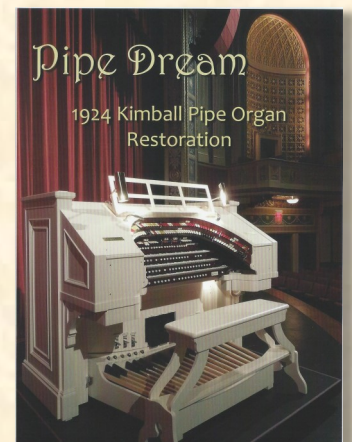
## "BARR-FOX WURLITZER" & "PIPE DREAM" VIDEOS

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AT 7:00 PM  
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**



**"THE BARR-FOX WURLITZER"** The history of the Barr-Fox Wurlitzer Theater Organ and the story of its 5-year restoration by film composer Nathan Barr. This magnificent instrument lived on the Newman Scoring Stage at Fox from 1928 to 1997, and can be heard on countless film scores from the 20th century, including *The Sound of Music*, *Patton*, *Home Alone*, and *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. Since Nathan restored the instrument, it has re-entered the world of contemporary film music, heard in films and television programs such as *The Grinch* (2018), *The House With a Clock in Its Walls* (2018), *The Addams Family* (2019), *Carnival Row* (2019), and *Uncle Frank* (2020).

**"PIPE DREAM"** The 1924 Kimball pipe organ located in Elkhart, Indiana's Lerner Theatre is one of only three Kimball pipe organs currently installed in its original location. The organ was restored following the 2011 renovation of the theatre which opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1924. Once again playing beautiful music, the restored organ is a jewel. In this video you will not only see and hear the organ being played but you will follow the restoration process from an unplayable, water damaged organ to the beautiful instrument that it is today. You will meet the people who were involved in the restoration process and peek over their shoulders as they resurrect the organ using their artistic abilities. This story is one that you will find surprisingly compelling!



**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 in the Capitol Theatre in York, PA.**

The effort to attract an audience with free admission for Nathan Avakian was of limited success (about 35 were in attendance), but those that attended were most appreciative of his program. I did the “baby siting” for Nathan’s setup efforts. He treated every arrangement with the same and thorough effort to select the best stops and carefully blend them with a unique sound pallet for each number. Since Terry Nace had done a wonderful tuning effort just before, the off-tremulant sounds were as good as all the others.

Our Leadership Committee meeting prior to Nathan’s program reviewed the year’s plans with particular focus on what options exist for a December program, considering we will probably not visit the Masonic Village this year. For December the Capitol Theatre will have a “White Christmas” film weekend December 11-12, with our second Monday date of December 13<sup>th</sup>. **I’d like to hear about your preferences for a December meeting. First Monday, Second Monday or some other program option? Anyone wishing to prepare a 10-minute program for video on our Facebook page, please let me know.**

Our Chapter meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> will be a video presentation. We have a short 12-minute video that Nathan Barr has published on his studio Wurlitzer and its use for film music scoring. Following will be a video that details the project to restore the Elkhart, IN, Lerner Theatre’s Kimball theatre organ. The instrument had been heavily damaged by water and plaster and the project reviews the restoration efforts.

**As many of you are aware, the Appell Center is adopting a “proof of vaccination or recent COVID test” policy in a similar fashion to the city of New York for public venues. Thus, we will be required to have everyone attending our meetings have suitable documentation and wear a mask.**

Richard Neidich, President SVTOS

## SVTOS 2020-2021 SEASON

<b>Monday, Nov. 8th 7:00 PM</b>	<b>“Barr-Fox Wurlitzer” and “Pipe Dream” Videos, Capitol Theatre, York, PA</b>
Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15*	100th Anniversary Celebration of Wurlitzer Opus 501 featuring MARK HERMAN, Howard-Fenner Residence, Lebanon, PA. Details to follow.

**REMAINING SEASON TO BE DETERMINED**

**\* Indicates meetings NOT held on the usual second Monday of the month and/or at a different time or location**

### “SVTOS Plays For The Movies”

- Thursday, November 4th @ 7:00 PM - *The Doors: Live at the Bowl '68 Special Edition* -Gary Coller
- Saturday, December 11th @ 3:00 PM - *White Christmas* - Don Schoeps
- Saturday, December 11th @ 7:00 PM - *White Christmas* - Don Schoeps
- Sunday, December 12th @ 3:00 PM - *White Christmas* - Bill Autry



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

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Friday, October 29 7:00 PM	<b>DON KINNIER</b> accompanies the Halloween Silent Film <i>Nosferatu</i> at the Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Admission \$8.00 Click <a href="#">here</a> for details.
Friday, November 5 7:00 PM	<b>DON KINNIER</b> accompanies Silent Film <i>The Great K&amp;A Train Robbery</i> starring Tom Mix, Holy Trinity Concert Series 2021-2022, 31 S. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA.
Saturday, November 20 7:00 PM	Walt Strony, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Monday, November 22 5:00-8:00 PM	<b>DON KINNIER</b> plays Holiday Music at <a href="#">Longwood Gardens</a> .
Saturday, December 4 7:00 PM	<b>DON KINNIER</b> accompanies Silent Film <i>Steamboat Bill, Jr.</i> , starring Buster Keaton, First United Methodist Church, 68 North Church Street, Ephrata, PA.
Sunday, December 5 2:00 PM	The annual TOSDV Holiday Musical Celebration will envelop the Colonial Theatre. <b>GLENN HOUGH</b> and Phyllis Sands will share organ and piano duties while Maria Damore will delight the audience with seasonal vocals and as sing-a-long leader. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> . Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.
Monday, December 13 5:00-8:00 PM	<b>DON KINNIER</b> plays Holiday Music at <a href="#">Longwood Gardens</a> .
Monday, December 27 5:00-8:00 PM	<b>DON KINNIER</b> plays Holiday Music at <a href="#">Longwood Gardens</a> .
Monday, January 3 5:00-8:00 PM	<b>DON KINNIER</b> plays Holiday Music at <a href="#">Longwood Gardens</a> .
Saturday, January 22 3:00 PM (time change)	Dave Wickerham, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, March 19 3:00 PM (time change)	Peter Richard Conte, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, April 30 7:00 PM	Phil Kelsall, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, June 11 7:00 PM	David Peckham with Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.

**Click on the underlined links to find additional information, including location and cost, for these events.**

**NOSFERATU**  
A night of terror featuring the classic silent film with live organ accompaniment!

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 7PM**

We'll be showing the classic film *Nosferatu* - one of the most influential horror films ever made - with live organ accompaniment by Don Kinnier, courtesy of the Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society. It's the perfect way to kick off your Halloween weekend celebration in the most haunting way!

**TICKETS ONLY \$8!**

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## Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

### Treasurer's Report as of 8/31/2021

Bank Accounts	As of 8/31/21	Change from 8/31/20
SVTOS Main	16603.08	
5 month CDs	10221.06	
Total Bank accounts	26824.14	+2537.60
Asset Accounts – part of above		
Public Concert Fund	-250.00	
Special Fund	-10000.00	+2500.00
Scholarship Fund	-5024.84	+320.00
Specified donations	-630.00	
Net "free" cash	10919.30	-282.40

Income	9/1/20-8/31/21
CD Sales	87.70
Dues-ATOS members	30.00
Dues-Non-ATOS members	40.00
Masonic Home Honorariums	0
Shared Public Concerts Income	0
Network for Good matching Conrtibs	0
Donations	1200.00
CD Interest	166.90
Total Income	1524.60
Expenses	
Meeting Expense	1225.00
Insurance	282.00
Web site (4 years)	
Total Expenses	1507.00
Net GAIN	17.60

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If you missed Conner Ream's concert for SVTOS on September 20th, you can see Roy Wainwright's video of it on the SVTOS website [HERE](#).



Nathan Avakian at the Capitol Wurlitzer following his concert on October 17th. (A Richard Neidich photo)



The Lerner Theatre Kimball organ was restored and reassembled and made playable in the Bunn-Minnick factory in Columbus, OH. (A Richard Neidich photo)