



Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

About SVTOS...

The Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society (SVTOS) is a local chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS), a national organization dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the theatre pipe organ. You need not be an organist or organ builder to be a member of SVTOS. The only requirement is that you enjoy listening to theatre organs and being around people who feel the same way! Our primary activity is support and presentation of the restored 3/20 Wurlitzer installed in the Capitol Theatre in York, Pennsylvania. Along with regular programs featuring the instrument, we host meetings, open consoles, chamber tours and educational events at the theatre. We also sponsor trips and social gatherings which give members a chance to see, hear and/or play organs installed in homes and theatres in the area. A regular newsletter *The Windline* keeps members informed of chapter activities both locally and around the area along with news and notes of interest to organ enthusiasts. For further information, contact Membership@svtos.org.

About the Capitol Organ...

The organ installed in the Capitol Theatre began is a 2-manual, 4-rank (2/4) instrument installed in a funeral home. In 1968 the organ was sold to an SVTOS member and additional ranks (sets of pipes), percussions, and a toy counter were added and installed in his home. In 1972 another SVTOS member purchased the organ and merged it with his Wurlitzer organ originally installed in a theatre in New Jersey. The organ grew to 17 ranks and in 1986 the owner agreed to lease the instrument for 20 years to the Capitol Theatre. The first concert was held in 1991 and the organ was used for silent films, shows, and concerts. In late 2001 the Capitol Theatre underwent extensive renovations and the entire organ was removed and stored. Several years later it was moved to the R. J. Brunner Organ Company in Silver Spring, Lancaster County, for a complete restoration. Because of the extensive renovations to both the theatre and the organ, the owner of the organ agreed to donate the organ to the theatre. During restoration a new 3-manual Wurlitzer-style console was built and the instrument grew from 17 to 20 ranks with the inclusion of two ranks of strings and an Orchestral Oboe. The "new" organ consists of 20 ranks of pipes and was reinstalled in the theatre over the winter of 2004-05.

About the Allen Theatre...

The Allen Theatre in Annville, PA, is a beautifully restored theatre in the art-deco style and houses a 3-manual digital Hauptwerk organ. The organ was donated to SVTOS by one of our members and installed in the theatre in 2013. We have been using the organ for special events and silent films. It is also played by some of our members prior to selected weekend movies. The theatre is located at 36 East Main Street (RT. 422), Annville, PA 17003.

SVTOS Officers:

President - Barry Howard - 717-274-2254
Vice President - Ken Kline - 717-564-7513
Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster - Roy Wainwright - 717-619-7243

SVTOS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the theatre organ.

For more information about SVTOS please visit our website at www.svtos.org.

Membership Info...

Our monthly newsletter, *The Windline*, keeps members informed of all chapter activities, both locally and around the area along, with news and articles of interest to organ enthusiasts. Membership is open to anyone interested in the organ. New members are always welcome. There are two categories of membership and both include everyone in your household.

Regular\$40.00 per year
ATOS\$30.00 per year (members who are also members of ATOS)

To join SVTOS, simply provide the information below and send it along with your check made payable to SVTOS to:

Roy Wainwright
Treasurer, SVTOS
341 Crystal Creek Crossing
Abbottstown, PA 17301

For further information about SVTOS or membership, please contact our Membership Chairman at Membership@svtos.org.

SVTOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Play Organ: Yes ___ No ___

ATOS Member: Yes ___ No: ___