

March 2012

The Windline

Susquehanna Valley Chapter - ATOS

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A 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to the preservation and presentation of Theatre Organs. Proudly supporting the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ at the Capitol Theatre in York, PA

**Monday, April 9, 2012—Capitol Theatre York
7PM Workshop—
Don Kinnier & Connor Ream
“How to think like an Orchestra”**



Final Steps to the April Show...

April 15 is almost here!

In these last weeks before the show, take those last steps to secure a great audience:

- **Fliers UP in Supermarkets, Churches**
- **Remind/Invite your friends and neighbors**
- **Arrange carpools and after-show dinners**

We'll have a great time together! See you there!

(see page 3 for details)

Don and Nancy Schoeps

From a 'Dusty Corner'
April, 2012

SVTOS Needs You!!!

As noted elsewhere in this issue (below), new officers will be elected at our May meeting. According to our By-Laws, none of the current officers are eligible for re-election. But an organization cannot survive without people willing to step up to a position of leadership. Here is your opportunity to "give back" to SVTOS. Call Don Kinnier today and tell him you would be willing to be nominated and to serve if elected.



We also need someone (or a duo) to head up an open-to-the-public show in October. As Don Schoeps pointed out at our last leadership meeting, with two shows under our belt, it will be much easier the third time. The theatre is holding a date—October 14. We had considerable interest in a silent movie show and Don Kinnier has agreed to play. But it won't happen without a leader. If you have any thoughts about taking this on, call me, 717-795-2775, and let's talk.

And we need each and every one of you to help promote the April 15 show featuring Jonathan Ortloff. You are our best form of advertising!! Talk it up. Your love of the theatre organ and your enthusiasm are worth much more than all the ads we could buy. Call Don Schoeps for flyers. Put them around where you work or shop. Buy tickets!!! In fact, buy lots of tickets and give them away or sell them. Let's make this show another huge success.

There are those who say that the theatre organ went the way of the buggy whip and the rotary dial phone—obsolete and of no value. SVTOS can help preserve and present this wonderful and unique American musical art form. But only if people are willing to commit a little time—people like you!!
-Dusty

Upcoming Elections

It's that time of the year again to elect officers. Nominations will open at our April meeting and we'll be voting on a slate at our Annual Meeting in May.

We have even had one change already—Emmitte asked to "retire" as Treasurer even before the end of his term. Roy Wainwright has graciously offered to fill his unexpired term.

All of the current officers, then, will be up for election because all the others have reached the end of their term limit (2 terms of 2 years each). Don Kinnier has agreed to be a nominating committee, but if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please call or email Don—717-627-5055 or KTShows@PTD.net.

Exciting Season!
All Events start at 7:00PM at Capitol Theatre, York unless noted

April 9, 2012	Workshop—Don Kinnier, Connor Ream - “How to think like an orchestra”
Sunday, April 15, 2012 3:00PM	Jonathan Ortloff (OUR SECOND PUBLIC CONCERT)
Saturday, April 21, 2012	Pedals, Pipes & Pizza—AGO York chapter with youngsters demon- strating Capitol Wurlitzer around 10:30-Noon - Connor Ream
May 14, 2012	Annual Meeting & Arrangers Challenge
June 11, 2012	Showcase—Justin Nimmo
August 2012 (date TBA)	Annual Picnic

Building an Audience - Step 3

- Step 3 - **Become an Ambassador** for the next show.
- Speak up at your bowling league, golf team, choir, card club
- Distribute a handful of fliers advertising the next Show

the Next Show:

the Sunday After Easter (April 15)
 Pipes and Voices
RING IN SPRING
 Jonathan Ortloff! and
 Celebration! Showchoir
 3:00 PM

General admission \$15
 Senior/Students \$13

Fliers available at the next Meeting or call Don and Nancy Schoeps at 717-254-6097

(SVTOS member price - \$12 at meetings)





Membership Directory

We are planning to publish a directory of our members. It will be sent only to our current members, in paper or electronic form, depending on how you receive the Windline. We hope this will encourage communication among our members.

Your listing will contain: your name, address, phone and email such as:

Roy Wainwright
 2897 Olde Field Dr
 York, PA 17408-4256
H:717-792-3408
Email:Gerimenu1@Comcast.net

If you would prefer to “opt-out” some or all of your information, please email or call

**Amendment to the By-Laws
 May, 2012**

It appears that having two classifications of membership, Associate and Regular, is no longer necessary or appropriate. The number of Associate Members has dropped from over 20 to 5. In discussing this situation, the leadership team suggested that we simply take the Associate Member classification off our Membership Application but continue to offer that classification to current Associate Members. That way we honor our commitment to them while eliminating the classification in the future.

To do this requires an amendment to the By-Laws. The following is proposed to be included in Article III (Membership) Section 2 (Classes and Benefits of Membership) of our By-Laws after the third paragraph regarding Associate Membership.

Associate membership shall be limited to current Associate members who continue to renew their Associate membership on a yearly basis after May 2012. The Associate membership classification will no longer be available to new members after May 2012 or to current Associate members who fail to renew their Associate membership for a period of one year or more after May 2012.

Capitol Theatre Pre-Movie Organ Volunteers

Dec 18	Glenn Hough	951-3315	All movies start at 3:00, and organists start at 2:30, every Sunday.
Jan. 8, 2012	Don Schoeps	254-6097	
Jan. 22	Don Kinnier	627-5055	When calling the theatre, ask for Carol. 825-2231 or 846-1155.
Feb. 5	Don Kinnier	627-5055	
Feb. 19	Herb Inge	410-692-6722	If you need any assistance PLEASE do not hesitate to call me:
March 4	Gary Coller	610-678-5690	
March 18	Robert Pierce	410-329-8064	Ken Kline (717) 564-7513
April 22	Connor Ream	917-9320	
May 6	Roy Wainwright	792-3408	Thank You all for volunteering your time and talent for this community service.
May 20	Herb Inge	410-692-6722	

Here's a photo of the Lowrey at Bob Carbaugh's place. It is in pretty good shape. Plays well and sounds OK. It could use a little "Old English Furniture Polish" other than that the case is in pretty good shape.



Interested in this free organ?
Bob Carbaugh
Carbaugh Engineering Services
6383 Schoolhouse Road
Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9102
Cell 717-201-9657
Home 717-367-7102

Octave Hall Concerts

On April 20, **Peter Richard Conte** of Wanamakers will be at Octave Hall for one performance at 7:30 pm. Tickets for each of these events are for \$12 per person and are available at <http://www.allenorgan.com/store/concertseries.html>

The third concert of the series is a hymn festival with **Barry Holben, Aram Basmadjian, and friends** on Friday evening, May 11, at 7:30 pm in Octave Hall. Tickets for all three events are at a reduced price of \$30 per person.

Do you listen to theatre organ radio on the web? Service of ATOS. Theatre organ music 24/7

Go to www.ATOS.org and click on ATOS Radio under "Quick Links" in the lower-right corner of the home page.

I am!

Attention ATOS Members:

Congratulations to Larry Fenner for volunteering to be on the ATOS Board of Directors Ballot!

The deadline to return your ballot is April 15. Do it today!

JATOE

2012 Pipe Organ Extravaganza

SATURDAY - APRIL 28, 2012

Rialto Square Theatre - Joliet, IL

Dave Wickerham Chris Elliott - Chris Gorsuch - Jelani Eddington

John Burnett Big Band

7PM

All Tickets - \$30

Call Jim Patak for Tickets/Maps/Info at 708-562-8538

Tickets may also be purchased from the Rialto Theatre

Box Office - 815-726-6600

SUNDAY - APRIL 29, 2012

Dave Wickerham/Chris Elliott

At

The Sanfilippo Mansion

Doors-12:30--Concert 1pm

Concert and Dessert Buffet - \$60

If you buy your tickets for the Mansion before March 1, you
can save \$5 - Cash or Check Only

Scholarship Fund

A Scholarship Fund has been set up to provide money for talented young organists to attend the ATOS Youth Summer Camp. To make your tax-deductible contribution to this fund, make your check payable to SVTOS, note "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line and send it (or give it) to our Treasurer, Emmitte Miller, 4017 Woodspring Lane, York, PA 17402-7527. If you would like more information about this scholarship fund and/or possible candidates, please call Dusty, 717-795-2775, or email Pres@SVTOS.org. **These contributions are now tax-deductible!**

You can also contribute via PayPal on our web site www.svtos.org

Perhaps you can assist me in locating someone that likes to build or repair pipe organs.

I have a home made player pipe organ that needs a good home. I would be pleased to donate it and a spare rank of metal pipes and parts to anyone with an interest. The organ has a 44 note keyboard and a bell set. I also have a large assortment of piano rolls.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter,

Bob Lichliter (lich@verizon.net) 717-730-9329

Arrangers' Challenge

This year the Arrangers Challenge is one of the simplest and loveliest pieces of music ever composed. It is a Lullaby by the American composer Edward McDowell. The tune is *To A Wild Rose* from McDowell's *Woodland Sketches*. This should be a great piece for interpretation on theater organ. (This is a fine target for some serious reharmonization).

If you want to hear the piece there are literally hundreds of versions on both iTunes and YouTube (Some very fine and some absolutely abysmal.)

We'll perform our various arrangements at the May Meeting. Have fun! DK

WOODLAND SKETCHES

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I. TO A WILD ROSE

Edward MacDowell

Moderato

Chord progression for the first line: G D7(Bass G) Em A7 D9 Bm D9 G

Chord progression for the second line: G D7(Bass G) Em A7 G Bm D9 G

Chord progression for the third line: D7 C Cdim G Gma7 Gdim Gma7 Gdim

Chord progression for the fourth line: D7 Am6 G D7(Bass G) G A7 D9

Chord progression for the fifth line: Bm D9 G (Bass G till*) D7 C Cdim G Gdim C

Chord progression for the sixth line: Cdim G Cdim G * Em6 D7 G

(DINNER MUSIC)

Concert to Celebrate Virgil Fox's Birth

Organists John Walker and Donald Sutherland, together with several of their graduate students at the Peabody Conservatory, will present a special concert celebrating the 100th birthday of world renowned organist Virgil Fox. The Virgil Fox Centennial Concert will be held on **Sunday, April 29 at 4 p.m. at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1316 Park Avenue, in the Bolton Hill neighborhood of Baltimore.** Admission is free.

This concert brings together many "strands." Fox was organist and choir director at Brown Memorial from 1935-1946 and simultaneously the chair of the organ performance department at Peabody. He subsequently became organist at New York City's Riverside Church. Sutherland is the current chair of the Organ department at Peabody, and John Walker was organist at Riverside Church for many years before coming to Brown Memorial.

The program consists of works that Virgil Fox performed during his years as a faculty artist at Peabody and organist at Brown Memorial. They will be played on the church's 1930 Skinner organ, Opus 839, IV/45, the very instrument on which Fox did his famous arrangement of J.S. Bach's "Come, Sweetest Death." During this Centennial concert, John Walker will play the Bach/Fox piece.

John Walker's rendition of the Bach/Fox "Come, Sweetest Death" was also part of the acclaimed "Celebrate the Skinner" Tiffany Series organ concert a year ago at Brown Memorial. The large audience—many of whom were organists—was transfixed during this remarkable performance. A CD of that concert has been produced and will be available for purchase at the Virgil Fox Centennial Concert. Organists Marvin Mills, Michael Britt and Janet Yieh also performed in the "Skinner" concert.

Walker is vice-president of the American Guild of Organists.

I have an Allen T-15a that needs to find a home. Everything in the instrument is in perfect operating condition, and it is a great practice instrument. All of the electronics and required work has already been done to make it a good, usable instrument. It has 3 presets, and though a straight stoprail, has pleasant amount of tremulant for a theatre organ buff. Please see the attached photo, as it says more about the organ than I can. The instrument is located at Lancaster Mennonite High School, 2176 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602. Any questions regarding the instrument can be directed by phone to Connor Ream, 717-917-9320, or email at: connormream@yahoo.com . Instrument is FREE to a good home. You must arrange for your own transportation- I can help load.





Connor Ream will be demonstrating the Capitol Theatre Organ

PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA

Introducing Young People to the Organ

Saturday, April 21, 2012

9am until 1pm in downtown York

Find out more about the instrument Mozart called "The King of Instruments"

Why is there more than one keyboard?

How do you play the foot pedals?

What happens if you "pull out all the stops"?

Can I play my piano music on it?

Come find out!

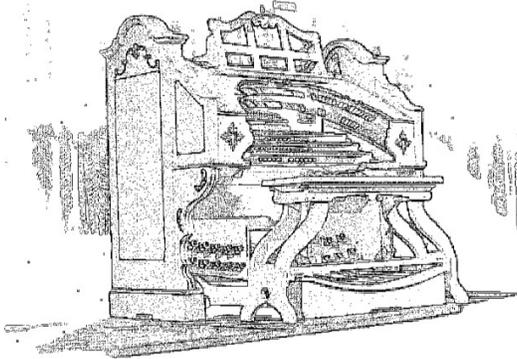
See, hear and play organs in downtown York including the one at the Capitol Theatre and discover for yourself the sounds they can make. See pipes up close, maybe even touch one! This event is for piano students and their parents ages 7 and up. The morning will end with a pizza lunch and a special prize to take with you. Registration cost is \$12.00 per person and includes lunch.

Registration form available at www.yorkago.org

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Important Upcoming Events Capitol Theatre, York

Workshop

“How to think like an orchestra”

April 9 - 7:00 PM

“Ring In Spring”

April 15 - 3:00PM

Jon Ortloff + Central HS ShowChoir