

July 2013

# 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

## It's Party Time!

The S.V.T.O.S. Annual Picnic  
will be held

Saturday August 10th 2013 from 1:00PM to 6:00PM at  
First United Methodist Church  
69 North Church  
Ephrata, PA 17522



First Church is located one block north of route 322 in Ephrata, PA.  
Church Street is the cross street at 100 W. Main Street.  
For exact directions go to:  
<http://www.ephratafirst.org/#welcome> and click on contact.

We'll be having our meal, social time, and a silent movie in First Church's amply sized fellowship hall. (Church members will be invited to the Silent Film)

Our entree will be catered by church and new SVTOS member, Lorraine Johnson, and will consist of Broasted Chicken and Pulled Pork Barbecue.

As always we ask members to bring the necessary side dishes.

We Need :	Potato Salad	Cole Slaw
	Baked Beans	Macaroni Salad
	Desserts	Soda & Juices
	Chips & Dips	Plates & Flatware



**to RSVP and sign-up for food, contact [Don@SVTOS.org](mailto:Don@SVTOS.org) or call Don or Judy 717-627-5055**

For Open Console, we'll have an instrument in the fellowship hall with access to 17 different Hauptwerk organs. Including Wurlitzer, Barton, Compton, Cavaille-Coll, Henry Willis and Wangerin.

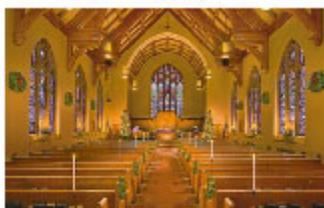


We'll also be able to use the church's organ, a 1923 2/11 Möller, opus 3277. It has the heart of a Theatre Organ and the new console by R. J. Brunner & Co has a midi system that allows the instrument to control various Hauptwerk digital organs too. (Wahoo!!!!)

We also have a Baldwin Concert Grand in the Sanctuary for duets.

The Möller's 11 ranks are as follows:

Gedeckt (very tibia like), Viol Dolce,  
Viole d'orchestra, VDO Celeste, Flauto Traverso (orchestral flute)  
Trumpet, Oboe, Vox Humana, Open Diapason, Principal, Mixture III



## HOWIE'S CORNER:

What a great way to end our 2012-2013 season in June with two of the most talented young theatre organists! We ended on a real HIGH NOTE with Mark Herman on June 2nd and Justin LaVoie on June 10th. The organ never sounded better than it did in the capable hands of these extremely talented young organists.

Mark, as always, gave an outstanding performance for our public concert on June 2nd. While our attendance was lower than expected, we still had a successful concert thanks to generous donations from several of our members. I want to thank all of our donors for making it a success. Mark's program consisted of music from some of the best composers on Broadway and in Hollywood including Irving Berlin, Harry Warren and others. Mark's performance received high praise from everyone in attendance and he always delivers a top notch program. I can't wait to hear him again at the ATOS convention in Atlanta. Mark is truly one of the best young theatre organists in the country and I was thrilled that he was able to perform for us at York on the Capitol Wurlitzer.

Justin LaVoie was our guest organist for our June chapter meeting on June 10th. While only 18 years old, Justin has a remarkable talent at such a young age. His command of the theatre organ was truly remarkable and indicative of much older organists. He was a finalist at last year's Young Theatre Organist Competition in Los Angeles and will compete again at this year's ATOS convention in Atlanta. We were pleased to have several invited guests from DTOS attending our June meeting. I want to thank Bob and Mary Ann Dilworth for accepting our invitation and for bringing along the well known Australian organist Tony Fenelon, who had just performed at Dickinson the Saturday before our meeting. It was also great to have Justin's whole family here to support him for his first performance for a chapter meeting. Justin's performance was exciting and he received glowing comments from everyone in attendance. He will be a rising young star in the theatre organ world.

It was a real pleasure to work with both Mark and Justin. They are both extremely talented young men and hope we can do it again sometime in the future.

Don't forget to sign up for the picnic on August 10th. You MUST sign up so we can get an accurate head count to prepare the catered entree. Contact Don K. and Judy – see details in this newsletter.

I am pleased to announce that Don, Judy and Bella have generously agreed to donate their custom digital theatre organ to SVTOS (photos page 7). It is agreed that the organ will remain in the Allen Theatre in Annville, PA, as long as both parties want it to remain there. In the event that the Allen Theatre no longer wants the organ in the theatre, it may be removed by SVTOS. We have received a donation from one of our members to upgrade the organ and get it licensed for public use. This will allow the organ to be used for concerts, silent movies, etc and open to the general public. Skip Hicks, the owner of the theatre, is delighted with the organ and we look forward to working with him on future programs. The organ will be known as the "Bobby Lilarose Memorial Organ" since he originally rescued the organ and made it available for future use. We thank Don, Judy and Bella for their contribution, which gives us another venue for SVTOS.

I want to thank everyone on the leadership committee and other members who helped to make this a memorable and successful season. Our schedule of programs for next season is almost complete and will be announced in the August newsletter.

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of Gary Coller's wife, Bonnie on Friday June 21st. Please keep Gary in your thoughts and prayers. Additional information regarding a memorial gathering and contributions was sent out in a previous email.

See you at the picnic and have a great Summer! — Barry

## Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Program For 2012 - 13 Season

All meetings are at the Capitol Theatre, York 7:00PM unless stated otherwise

<b>August 10, 2013 1:00PM-6:00PM</b>	Annual Picnic, <b>First United Methodist Church in Ephrata, PA</b> See front page
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### Events Calendar

<b>July 1– July 6</b>	<b>ATOS Annual Convention, Atlanta GA (see pages 6 &amp; 7)</b>
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 6 7:30PM</b>	<b>Don Kinnier accompanying Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd Allentown Civic Theatre (see page 8)</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept. 8 3:00PM</b>	<b>Glenn Hough at Rice Auditorium Free State Theatre Organ Society</b>
<b>Sunday Sept. 22 3:00PM</b>	<b>Chris Elliott at Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA Delaware Valley Theatre Organ Society</b>
<b>Sunday Sept. 29 3:00PM</b>	<b>John Baratta—Silent Film Series—”The Shiek” Grand Theatre, East Greenville, PA</b>

**Welcome to our newest member:**

**Lorraine Johnson**

Lorraine lives in Ephrata and is a member of the church where we will be having our picnic in August 10th (did you miss the front page?)



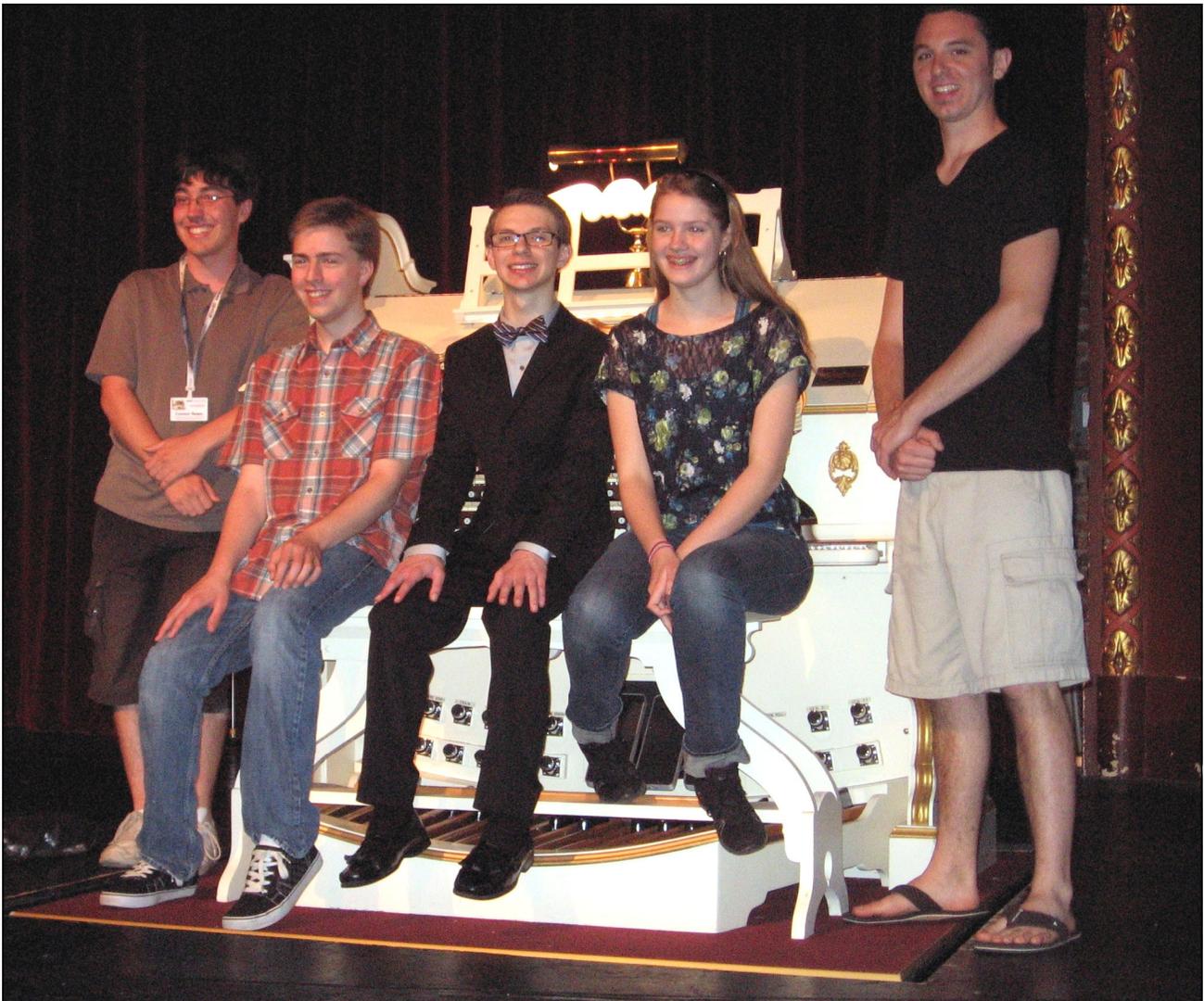
Mark Herman in Concert

Photos: Richard Neidich





Justin with well known Australian organist Tony Fenelon



Justin LaVoie (center) and Summer Youth Adventure friends Connor Ream, Andrew and Katie VanVarick, and Dan Umholtz

**From:** Don Kinnier [KTShows@ptd.net] **Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2013 7:49 PM  
**To:** Barry Howard **Subject:** Re: What a GREAT season!  
Hi All,

What A Great Season, indeed. The chapter seems to have knit itself together with a string of new friendships and mutual assistance on projects of all sorts. This year has had a very different 'corporate culture' feel about it.

Thanks largely to Terry's efforts the Capitol organ sounds better than ever. We have had some marvelous artists and, in the last two, have had a glimpse at the future health of the society and the instrument we do so love. They are the Harry Potters of the theater organ world. They are Young wizards able to weave magic spells with a wave of their hands and, like Harry Potter (or Hermione Grainger) frequently misunderstood by their contemporaries who don't necessarily grasp what kind of work is necessary to cast a spell of enchantment.

**My thanks go to:**

To Barry for being willing to be the Pres. and for keeping us going forward in new and creative ways.

To Larry for being our national rep and for all of the thousand other things we don't even know about. I vote that both of them deserve at least a nap and possibly drinks on the house (or if the weather is inclement in the house.)

To Ken Kline for his work in getting the program committee functioning superbly well.

To the far-wandering Schoepses for their unfailing hospitality on the open console days.

Sam and Joyce for keeping the 'wheels of commerce' oiled' and making things run smoothly.

To Judy for her tireless operation of the food service at the meetings so that I can do the 'tech' stuff.

To Roy for the Video system that allows us to see how our guest artists do those amazing things that we can only dream of.

To Connor for his unbounded enthusiasm for life in general and theatre organ in particular.

To Glenn Thompson for introducing Connor to the theater organ. (Oh Yeah!)

To Herb Inge, for loving music and helping us get and keep membership. (And schlepping up from Maryland.)

To Emmitte Miller for constantly reminding me that Theater Organs are wonderfully elegant and eloquent instruments, especially in the hands of a master.

To Glenn Hough, the unsung hero of the chapter, for his generosity of spirit in filling in when Mike Britt was *Non Concert Mentis* and in picking up the Masonic Village program for Gary C. while he continues tending to his wife Bonnie's needs.

To Dusty and Barb for their continuing enthusiasm about artists and the art of theatre organ and for being a 'presence' at the meetings.

To Mary Ellen and Stan for coming early, picking up dinner for Judy and I while we set up and for some really great ideas and suggestions on my own digital projects.

There is long a list of others who contribute in many and varied ways, but it will have to suffice for me to say,

**Thank You, Thank, You, Thank You**

I'm proud of what we're doing and privileged to be able to contribute.  
See you at the Picnic if not before.

Don K.  
D J & B

**Bobby Lilarose Memorial Organ, Anville Theatre  
Donated by Judy, Don and Bella**



**Silent Film Event**  
**Tuesday evening August 6th, 2013 at 7:30 PM**  
**Don Kinnier**  
**will accompany**  
**Buster Keaton in the silent film short One Week**  
**and**  
**Harold Lloyd in the classic feature film Grandma's Boy**  
**on the**  
**Grand Möller Organ**  
**at the**  
**Civic Theatre**  
**527 N. 19th Street**  
**Allentown, PA 18104**  
**(610) 432-8943**



# Renew Your Membership

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### DUES

**Dues are due September 10.** Please save a stamp and pay Roy at the next meeting. Dues are same as last year, \$40 for non-ATOS members and \$30 for ATOS members (per household).

Or Mail to:

Treasurer, SVTOS c/o Roy Wainwright, 2897 Olde Field Dr. York, PA 17408

## Trivia time

By "Whitey" Von Nieda

**SILENT MOVIE STARS** Supply the names of these famous female silent movie stars,

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Shearer (Oscar winner for "The Divorcee")
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Pickford (Oscar winner for "Coquette")
3. \_\_\_\_ \_ Pitts (comedic and dramatic actress, "Greed")
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Lombard (comedic and dramatic actress, "**The Campus Vamp**")
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Bow (the "It Girl", "Wings")
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Gish (The First Lady of the Silent Screen, "Birth of a Nation")
7. \_\_\_\_ \_ Garbo ("I want to be alone", "The Temptress")
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Del Rio (vamp, "What Price Glory")
9. \_\_\_\_ \_ Negri (femme fatale, "The Spanish Dancer")
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Bara (vamp, "The Unchastened Woman")

**Answers:**

1. Norma 2. Mary 3. Zasu 4. Carole 5. Clara 6. Lillian 7. Greta 8. Delores 9. Pola 10. Theda

Justin Nimmo sent us this link to a very interesting YouTube video of Martin Ellis playing and giving a tour of the WurliTzer in the Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis. You may remember that Justin played for SVTOS in June 2012, and he works for Carlton Smith who restored and installed the instruments. This is one of the organs that will be featured during the 2014 ATOS Convention in Indianapolis. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNh7\\_8AWwoc&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNh7_8AWwoc&feature=em-share_video_user)

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## MASONIC VILLAGE SCHEDULE:

Feb. 12, 2013 - Roy Wainwright  
Apr. 9, 2013 - Herb Inge  
June 11, 2013 - Gary Coller  
Aug. 13, 2013 - Larry Fenner & Barry Howard  
Oct. 8, 2013 - Gary Coller & Don Schoeps

## 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, Roy Wainwright, 2897 Olde Field Dr., York, PA 17408-4256. If you would like more information about this scholarship fund and/or possible candidates, please call Barry, (717) 274-2254, or email [Pres@SVTOS.org](mailto:Pres@SVTOS.org). **These contributions are now tax-deductible!**

**You can also contribute via PayPal on our web site [www.svtos.org](http://www.svtos.org)**

**From:** Don Kinnier [ktshows@ptd.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:52 PM  
**To:** Don Kinnier  
**Subject:** Organ Celebrities Better Link  
 Hi All,

Bobb Partridge from *The Villages* in Florida sent me a couple of links to some interesting videos. I traced their origin back to a home channel on YouTube and thought you might like to take a look.

Some pretty well known Theatre Organists are included in his list (though by no means all). But this is a good start to a very interesting idea. You might want to start with George Wright and Leonard Leigh and go from there.

This is a better link than previously sent/

<http://www.youtube.com/user/gramfone/featured>  
 Enjoy and be surprised. I sure was.

Peace,  
 Don, Judy and Bella



**“Capitol Idea”**  
 CDs are still available for sale.  
 Sam Groh has them available at every meeting.

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Thanks to Mike Clemens and for our SVTOS badges!



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