## The Windline

**April 2019** 



Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

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The Appell Center for the Performing Arts and the Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society Co-Present



# SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 3:00 PM CAPITOL THEATRE 50 NORTH GEORGE STREET, YORK, PA



Pierre Fracalanza has been a pianist and organist since the tender age of three. First studying under his Father, Pierre was playing in churches by age eight and a Church Director of Music by age sixteen.

Pierre attended the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York where he concentrated on vocal studies. After school, he pursued a career in entertainment and was featured in some of the finest venues in Metropolitan Detroit, Michigan. Among his notable accomplishments were opening for Carol Channing at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts. He also played for a National Governor's Conference in Traverse City, Michigan

and privately entertained for the late Senator Ted Kennedy and then First Lady, Hillary Clinton.

Pierre began playing Theatre Organ at Theatre Organ Pizza and Pipes in Pontiac, Michigan in his twenties. During that period, he performed concerts for about ten years. Then Pierre took a hiatus from Theatre Organ until he gained attention with his YouTube performances on Virtual Theatre Organ. Since then, he has concertized in several states and been asked to perform in two ATOS National Conventions.

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SVTOS Members get two FREE tickets: See the instructions on page 2.

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 at the Capitol Theatre in York, PA.

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Unfortunately due to the impending snow storm on March 3<sup>rd</sup> we had to cancel Ken Double's concert. This was a very difficult decision to make since Ken was already here and had rehearsed his program, but the consensus was to cancel his program and reschedule it later this year. March is becoming more and more an unpredictable month to schedule public events due to the weather.



However we look forward to our next public concert on **Sunday April 7**<sup>th</sup> at **3:00 PM** with **Pierre Fracalanza** at the console of the Capitol Wurlitzer. Pierre's program is a unique audio/visual presentation which features the music of three "Coles" – Cole Porter, Buddy Cole, and the legendary Nat King Cole. Pierre blends multimedia with his keyboard artistry to create an unforgettable experience. You do not want to miss this program. Current SVTOS members are entitled to two free tickets to the concert.

SVTOS members can pick up their free tickets for each concert in the lobby of the Capitol on the day of the concert. There will be a table in the lobby marked "SVTOS" where we will have your tickets. Please reserve you tickets by emailing me at <a href="mailto:Pres@svtos.org">Pres@svtos.org</a> or calling 717-274-2254 so we can have the tickets ready for you. For Pierre's concert please reserve your tickets by Friday April 5th.

Please spread the word about our public concerts to your friends and neighbors and invite them to attend these programs. The Appell Center has listed all of them on their website: <a href="https://appellcenter.org/series/susquehanna-valley-theatre-organ-society-concert-series">https://appellcenter.org/series/susquehanna-valley-theatre-organ-society-concert-series</a> and on slides before the movies.

In May we will have our normal SVTOS chapter meeting at the Capitol Theatre on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This will be our Annual Business & Membership Meeting with a video and open console. This will be for SVTOS members only and not open to the public.

Also on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM Don Kinnier will accompany the 1927 silent film "My Best Girl" starring Mary Pickford and Buddy Rodgers. This program will be a paid event that is open to the public and has just been added to the schedule. More about the film in the next newsletter.

Our last public concert for this season is on **Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM** with **Donnie Rankin** at the Wurlitzer console. Donnie is a very talented young theatre organist who has performed for theatre organ audiences all over the United States and is currently a staff organist at the Civic Theatre in Akron, Ohio. Donnie has also been a featured artist at several ATOS Conventions. More about Donnie's concert in the June Windline.

The **2019 ATOS Annual Convention** will be held in **Rochester**, **New York** from **June 30**<sup>th</sup> **through July 5**<sup>th</sup> and will feature many great organs and artists again this year. You can find all the details in the latest edition of **Theatre Organ** or on the ATOS website <a href="www.atos.org/convention">www.atos.org/convention</a>. You must be a member of ATOS to attend the annual conventions. If you are not a member of ATOS, you can join at a 50% discount until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Check out the ATOS website at <a href="https://membership.atos.org/promotional">https://membership.atos.org/promotional</a> for more details on becoming a member.

A sincere thanks to all of our SVTOS volunteers who play the organ before the Capitol Movies. What better way to showcase the theatre organ and it's music. Also a sincere thanks to Todd Fogdall and the staff of the Appell Center for supporting the organ and SVTOS.

Barry Howard

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#### Pierre Fracalanza (Continued from Page 1)



Pierre is part of the select Roster of Steinway Pianists around the world, known as Steinway Artists. He has demonstrated Steinway pianos, Yamaha pianos and organs, Roland Organs and Rodgers Church Organs.

Pierre is Organist/Music Director for a 3000-family Catholic Parish in Suburban Detroit - St. James in Novi, Michigan.

With adept skills at many types of keyboards and an avid interest in computers and video, Pierre combines technology with his music to create events that are both stimulating to the eye and the ear.

<u>The Program</u>: Pierre Fracalanza will be presenting an extended version of his "Cole, Cole, Cole" concert in his April concert. Featuring a wide variety of music from composer Cole Porter, Buddy Cole (Hollywood Organist and Pianist who was Bing Crosby's Personal Accompanist) and the legendary Nat King Cole, Pierre will blend multimedia with his keyboard artistry to create an unforgettable concert experience.

SVTOS 2018-2019 SEASON		
Sunday, April 7*	Public Concert: Pierre Fracalanza, Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Two free tickets available for each SVTOS	
3:00 PM	membership	
Monday, May 13	Annual SVTOS Business Meeting and Wanamaker Organ video.	
7:00 PM	Capitol Theatre, York, PA	
Sunday, June 9*	Public Concert: Donnie Rankin, Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Two free tickets available for each SVTOS	
3:00 PM	membership	
* 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"

Hear these SVTOS members play the WurliTzer 30 minutes before listed times at the Capitol Theatre. All Shows \$7.00 unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, March 23 @ 4:00 PM - "Bathtubs Over Broadway" - Larry Fenner

Saturday, March 23 @ 7:00 PM - "Green Book" - Larry Fenner

Sunday, March 24 @ 3:00 PM - "Green Book" - Barry Howard

Saturday, March 30 @ 4:00 PM - "Some Like It Hot" - Gary Coller

Saturday, March 30 @ 7:00 PM - "Vice" - Gary Coller

Sunday, March 31 @ 3:00 PM - "Vice" - Gary Coller

Friday, April 5 @ 6:30 PM - "Mary Poppins" (Free) - Roy Wainwright

Saturday, April 6 @ 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM - "Mary Poppins Returns" - Barry Howard

Saturday, April 13 @ 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM - "If Beale Street Could Talk" - Larry Fenner

Saturday, April 27 @ 7:00 PM - "They Shall Not Grow Old" - Larry Fenner

Sunday, April 28 @ 3:00 PM - "They Shall Not Grow Old" - Bob Carbaugh

Friday, May 3 @ 6:30 PM - family film TBD - (Free) Roy Wainwright

Friday, May 17 @ 7:00 PM - film TBD - Gary Coller

Sunday, May 19 @ 2:00 PM - "Nostros Los Pobres" (Spanish Film) - Roy Wainwright

Friday, May 24 @ 7:00 PM - film TBD - Gary Coller



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#### "SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village," Elizabethtown, PA

#### **2019 DATES**

Tuesday April 9 @ 7:00 PM—Larry Fenner

Tuesday June 11 @ 7:00 PM—Don Schoeps

Tuesday August 13 @ 7:00 PM—Barry Howard

Tuesday October 8 @ 7:00 PM—Ken Kline

Tuesday December 10 @ 7:00 PM—Annual SVTOS Christmas Spectacular—OPEN TO ALL

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
Sunday, March 24 3:00 PM	<b>Don Kinnier</b> , Rice Auditorium on the campus of Spring Grove Hospital Center, Catonsville, Maryland, Free State Theatre Organ Society	
Sunday, April 3 3:00 PM	PIERRE FRACALANZA, Capitol Theatre, York, PA Two free tickets available for each SVTOS membership.	
Saturday, April 6 2:00 PM	Blackbird Society Orchestra, the Tri-State area's premier authentic 1920s/1930s jazz band. Proceeds to Benefit the Wilson Scholarship Fund of the Berks County Community Foundation Presented in conjunction with Berks JazzFest. <a href="https://bccf.org/wSF-events/Wilson West Middle School">https://bccf.org/WSF-events/Wilson West Middle School</a> , 450 Faust Road, Sinking Spring PA 19608	
Saturday, April 13 2:00 PM	Roaring 20's Jazz Orchestra — a mixture of hot and danceable tunes — and Ben Mauger's Vintage Jazz Band — traditional jazz at its hottest with solos galore. Proceeds to Benefit the Wilson Scholarship Fund of the Berks County Community Foundation Presented in conjunction with Berks JazzFest. <a href="https://bccf.org/WSF-events/Wilson West Middle School">https://bccf.org/WSF-events/Wilson West Middle School</a> , 450 Faust Road, Sinking Spring PA 19608	
Saturday, April 13 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Ben Mauger's Vintage Jazz Quartet will play at the <u>Circle S Ranch House, 2738 Penn Ave.</u> , <u>West Lawn</u> .	
Saturday, April 27 7:00 PM	Phil Kelsall, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE	
Sunday, April 28 2:00 PM	Jelani Eddington, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA	
Sunday, May 5 3:00 PM	<b>Don Kinnier</b> accompanies the Silent Film "My Best Girl" starring Mary Pickford and Buddy Rodgers. Capitol Theatre, York, PA.	
Sunday, June 2 2:00 PM	Silent Movie "The Strong Man," <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA	
Sunday, June 9 3:00 PM	DONNIE RANKIN, Capitol Theatre, York, PA Two free tickets available for each SVTOS membership.	
Saturday, June 15 7:00 PM	Ken Double, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE	
June 30 - July 5	American Theatre Organ Society 2019 Annual Convention, Rochester, NY	
Sunday, September 29 2:00 PM	Tedde Gibson, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA	
Click on the underlined links to find additional information, including location and cost, for these events.		

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