

The Windline

April 2022



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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SEAMUS GETHICKER SHOWCASE

**MONDAY, APRIL 11TH, 7:00 PM
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**



Seamus Gethicker is a young theatre organist from Bath, Maine. He is the 2016 winner of the American Theatre Organ Society's "Young Theatre Organist Competition" and has since had the privilege of performing at venues across the country. Having a broad taste in music, Seamus' programs contain a wide variety of music that are sure to have something for everyone.

Seamus' interest in pipe organs began at age 8, when he attended a Christmas concert at Merrill Auditorium in Portland, Maine, and first witnessed the mighty Kotzschmar Organ played

by Ray Cornils, with whom he later studied classical organ throughout middle school and high school. Soon after discovering the pipe organ, he quickly found out about theatre organs and was instantly hooked. Since then, Seamus has enjoyed being involved with theatre organ in any way he can.

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.

We're ready for Spring to arrive and hope to enjoy pleasant weather for the next few months. I'm sure it is the same with many of you. Seamus Gethicker, our artist for April, is traveling to our area from Bath, Maine. He reports it's been cold there as well. Let's look forward to our April program for the possibility of a real Spring evening.

Seamus made his first appearance for SVTOS the first week of August 2020 at the SVTOS picnic where the Neidich-Horvath Walker organ was premiered. His program was an instant hit with our small, masked audience. (You can still view that program on Facebook, no membership required, using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/107579541007916/videos/1623316884503929>). This time we will be hearing him perform on the 3/20 Wurlitzer at the Capitol Theatre in the Appell Center for the Performing Arts on the SVTOS home instrument. (See event specifics on Page 1) Seamus is one of the new, highly talented group of younger theatre organ players. He prepares and adjusts his own arrangements that exploit instrument resources as impacted by venue acoustics. We are looking forward to his program. Please plan to join us at the Capitol Theater for this performance on Monday evening, April 11 at 7:00 pm.

Even though we have had to significantly alter our in-person activities and programs, SVTOS has maintained memberships during the COVID pandemic. While we designate most of our SVTOS programs as members only events, we see benefit in encouraging you to invite a few non-members to join us for this upcoming concert at the Capitol Theater by Seamus as a form of outreach for potential new members for SVTOS. We are hoping to offer the same opportunity for our June program with Brett Miller as our guest artist, again showcasing our home location. Consider it a great time to invite your friends to see and hear where you spend your second Monday evening and share your interest and involvement in our local theater organ music and activities. Due to space and audience size limitations for events and programs at private residences and venues other than the Capitol Theater, we limit some activities to members only. It would be great to have a few new members signup after experiencing one of our events.

The Appell Center has recently lifted masking and proof of vaccination requirements for guests. SVTOS members are still welcome to wear masks or follow other Covid-19 precautions for your own safety, wellbeing, and comfort.

SVTOS will provide some refreshments during intermission for members and guests. If you plan to attend Seamus' concert or bring guests, please drop me a note at pres@svtos.org so we know we will be prepared with adequate refreshments. Ed Horvath, our Hospitality coordinator, would be happy to greet guests at the front door of the Capitol Theater between 6:30 and 7:00 PM.

Richard Neidich
President SVTOS



SVTOS 2020-2021 SEASON

Monday, April 11th 7:00 PM	Seamus Gethicker Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15*	100th Anniversary Celebration of Wurlitzer Opus 501 featuring Mark Herman, Howard-Fenner Residence, Lebanon, PA. See page 4 for details.
Monday, June 13 7:00 PM	Brett Miller Showcase and SVTOS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
July - Date and time to be announced*	SVTOS Summer Picnic (Details will be available later in the spring.)

* 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”

- * Wednesday, March 30th @ 7:00 PM – *Anything Goes* – Gary Coller
- * Sunday, April 10th @ 2:00 PM – *Rigoletto* – Roy Wainwright
- * Sunday, May 22nd @ 2:00 PM – *La Traviata* – Larry Fenner

See the [Appell Center website](#) to reserve seats and for prices.



“SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village,” Elizabethtown, PA

ALL PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

NOTICE: SVTOS Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers

The SVTOS annual business meeting and election of officers will be held during the June 2022 monthly meeting on Monday, June 13 at the Capitol Theatre. Please contact Larry Fenner, the Nomination Chairman, at (717) 274-2254 or by email at this [link](#) by May 1, 2022, if you are interested in running for any of the SVTOS offices (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary).

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, April 30 7:00 PM	Jelani Eddington, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE. (replacing Phil Kelsall as the artist)
Sunday, May 15 1:30 PM	Brett Miller accompanies the silent film <i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i> , Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, June 11 7:00 PM	David Peckham with Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
CANCELLED Sunday, June 19th 1:50 PM	CANCELLED GLEN HUGH accompanies the silent film <i>Seventh Heaven</i> , Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.
July 3-7	ATOS Annual Convention, San Diego, CA. ATOS 2022 Convention
Saturday, July 16 Time TBD	Memorial Service for Bob Dilworth (Details to follow)

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



Wurlitzer Opus 501

100th Anniversary Celebration of Wurlitzer Opus 501 Howard-Fenner Residence, Lebanon, PA Saturday May 14th and Sunday May 15th at 2:00 PM

Barry Howard and Larry Fenner are cordially inviting all SVTOS Members (sorry - no guests), in addition to a number of our personal friends, to a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Wurlitzer Opus 501 featuring internationally renown organist **Mark Herman**. These celebrations are being held on two consecutive days so that anyone with a conflict on one of the days will hopefully be able to attend on the other day. Since there is room for only 40 people each day, reservations are necessary so that everyone who wants to attend can be accommodated.

Reservations can be made now by calling (717) 274-2254 (please leave a message if we don't answer) or by emailing Larry at this [link](#). Please leave your name, the number of Members attending, and the day that you would prefer to attend. If you are able to attend either day, please let us know, and we will try to schedule you for your preferred day, but you may be asked to attend on a different day in order to accommodate the Members who can only attend on one of the days.

The concerts will begin at 2:00 PM each day (please arrive after 1:30), and there will be an intermission during which an Anniversary Cake and beverages will be served. The events will end by 4:30 so that they don't interfere with your dinner schedule. We look forward to seeing you!
Barry & Larry

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Did we get your attention again? 😊

We still have a number of organ LP recordings and CDs (without the jewel cases and inserts) from the estate of Ivan Spahr, a long-time member of SVTOS. We recently also obtained several books of organ music (both popular and classical) and some 12-picture sets (11"x14") of Wurlitzer organ consoles that were donated to SVTOS by the family of member Rob Vastine, who recently passed away. We will offer these items to our members **FREE OF CHARGE** at the April meeting. Please empty the trunks of your cars before you come to the April meeting so that you'll have enough room to take them all home with you!

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