

The Windline

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*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*



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BRETT MILLER

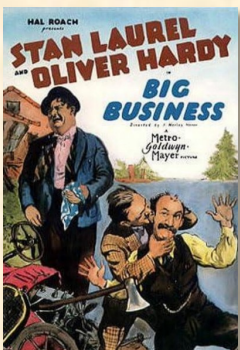
LAUREL & HARDY IN "BIG BUSINESS"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT 3:00 PM
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA

BRETT MILLER is one of the youngest in a rare art form: an active organist, conductor and arranger who specializes in the art of silent film accompaniment. As an award-winning organist, he has continued his academic involvement and advocacy for the education and preservation of silent films through performing "live to picture." In 2021, he was appointed music director of the Empire Film and Media Ensemble, a non-profit based in Rochester, New York, that advocates for the education, performance and production of film music. He was recently appointed artistic director of the organization.



Brett shares a close relationship between the ensemble and the Beal Institute of Film Contemporary Media at the Eastman School of Music. Brett is currently working toward a Master's Degree in Orchestral Conducting at the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester.



BIG BUSINESS Laurel and Hardy are two Christmas tree sales reps who get into their usual mutual fights with a homeowner. These early silent films of Laurel and Hardy represent the formative years during which Stan Laurel first developed and honed all the gags and set pieces that this legendary comedy team would use during its entire film history.

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Richard's
Radar

Hope your leaf raking is done; we have a very bare set of trees in our neighborhood. I just returned from a Mark Herman program in Rochester, NY, where there are lots of leaves still on the trees.

The December program for the Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society (SVTOS), as previously announced, is a public event at the Capitol Theatre, Sunday December 1st at 3 PM. As we did last year, SVTOS and the Appell Center are using our program as a public event to kick-off the holiday season. Details about this event are on Page 1 of this *Windline*, and a **special code to order your no cost tickets** from the Appell Center's website has been provided for members **in the cover email that delivered this newsletter**.

While in Rochester I visited with Brett Miller, our organist for December, and we reviewed his program. We are adding a second silent film, the Hal Roach comedy *Pass the Gray* for the first half. The other silent film *Big Business* is only 22 minutes long and will be presented after an intermission. Both will get you in the holiday spirit via their many comedic happenings.

As traditional, the January and February events for 2025 will be open console months. Much thanks to both Don Schoeps who will be coordinating January event and Barry Howard who will coordinate the February event. Take advantage of the console time to practice, because the March meeting is to be a Members' Showcase featuring playing members of the club.

For the spring, Richie Gregory from Ohio has accepted our invitation to play for our April 14th program. The May program will be at OPUS 501 with Ian Frazer as guest organist. For our June event will have a visit with Pierre Fracalanza presenting an entirely new program about theatre organ music.

Since this is our "holiday" issue, Ed Horvath and I are wishing you and yours the best greetings for a great holiday season.

Richard Neidich
President, SVTOS



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SVTOS 2024-2025 SEASON

*Sunday, December 1 Time TBD	*SVTOS Christmas Concert featuring Brett Miller (Open to the public), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
*Monday, January 20	*SVTOS Open Console hosted by Don Schoeps (MLK Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Email dschoeps@aol.com or call 717-254-6097 to reserve your time at the console.
*Monday, February 17	*SVTOS Open Console hosted by Barry Howard (Presidents' Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Email bhowie428@comcast.net or call 717-274-2254 to reserve time.
Monday, March 10 7:00 PM	SVTOS Members' Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, April 14 7:00 PM	Richie Gregory Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
*Saturday, May 17 2:30 PM	*Ian Fraser Showcase on Opus 501, Howard-Fenner Residence, Lebanon, PA
Monday, June 9 7:00 PM	Pierre Fracalanza Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA

* 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. Consult the Capitol Theatre Website ([Click here](#)) for the details and admission prices.

- Sunday, November 24, 3:00 PM, *Laura* - ROY WAINWRIGHT
- Friday, December 6, 7:00 PM, *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* - DON SCHOEPS
- Saturday, December 7, 7:00 PM, *Elf* - LARRY FENNER
- Sunday, December 8, 3:00 PM, *The Muppets Christmas Carol* - ROY WAINWRIGHT
- Sunday, December 15, 3:00 PM, *The Rules of the Game* - GARY COLLER
- Friday, December 20, 7:00 PM, *Die Hard* - ROY WAINWRIGHT
- Saturday, December 21, 7:00 PM, *It's a Wonderful Life* - DON SCHOEPS



Ken Sanders' Xmas Cake Recipe

KEN SANDERS kindly provided the delicious refreshments for the November meeting and several members asked for the recipe, and Ken graciously provided the following:

XMAS CAKE RECIPE

2 c. sugar 1 package raisins (15 oz.)
 Scant tsp. salt 2 heaping tbs. bacon fryings (Crisco)
 Scant ½ tsp. cloves 2 c. hot water
 2 heaping tsp. cinnamon

- Put all ingredients in a pan / pot and bring to a rolling boil.
- Let it boil for 5 minutes. Let mixture completely cool.
- Add to the mixture : 1 heaping c. walnuts chopped, 1 c. cut up cherries, 1tsp. baking soda dissolved in 2 tbs. very warm water, 3c. flour (1 c. at a time).
- Put into sprayed loaf pans (2/3 filled). Bake in a 350 oven for about 40 – 50 minutes.
- Check with a toothpick to make sure the cake is baked through.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday, December 8 4:00 PM	Candi Carley-Roth with special guests the Ringing Hills Chorus, TOSDV Holiday Concert, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, January 25 2:00 PM	Ian Fraser . Wilmington, DE, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society .
Sunday, January 26 12:30-1:30 pm	Ian Fraser plays 1-hour prologue prior to <i>Casablanca</i> , Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Sunday, February 23 2:00 PM	Tedde Gibson accompanies silent films by Oscar Michaux, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, March 15 2:00 PM	Pierre Fracalanza, Wilmington, DE, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society .
Saturday, May 3 2:00 PM	Dave Wickerham, Wilmington, DE, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society .
Friday, May 16 7:00 PM	<i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i> with organ accompaniment by Jason Roberts, Market Square Presbyterian Church , Tickets \$10 General admission; Students \$5
Sunday, October 26 2:00 PM	Ian Fraser accompanies silent film <i>Nosferatu</i> , 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.

Don Kinnier's Longwood Gardens Christmas Schedule 2024-2025

DAY	DATE	PERFORMANCE TIME
Tuesday	11/26/24	5:00-8:00 PM
Tuesday	12/03/24	5:00-8:00 PM
Monday	12/09/24	5:00-8:00 PM
Thursday	12/12/24	5:00—8:00 PM
Thursday	12/19/24	5:00 —8:00 PM
Thursday	12/26/24	5:00—8:00 PM
Monday	12/30/24	5:00—7:30 PM
Tuesday	1/07/25	5:00—8:00 PM
Thursday	1/09/25	5:00—8:00 PM

Merry Christmas