

The Windline

February 2022



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

www.svtos.org

OPEN CONSOLE

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**



Barry Howard will host and schedule the Open Console on Monday, February 21st. If you would like to schedule practice time for February on the Capitol Wurlitzer, please contact Barry at (717) 274-2254 or by email at bhowie428@comcast.net.

All SVTOS members are welcome to sign up for some practice time on the organ. (No Guests Please). Organists must adhere to the Capitol's vaccination and masking policy (below) while in the theater.

The Appell Center's current requirements regarding masking and vaccines:

- *Organists MUST wear masks to enter and leave the theatre, but will not be required to wear a mask while playing. Handwashing and/or using hand sanitizer will be required before playing and is also recommended after playing for your safety. Hand washing facilities and hand sanitizer will be provided at the theatre. Because of Covid, no visitors will be permitted in order to limit the number of people in the theatre.*
- *Fully Vaccinated*
 - *All fully vaccinated guests visiting the Appell Center will need to show proof of full vaccination.*
- *Unvaccinated*
 - *Guests over the age of 12 who are not vaccinated must provide one of the following:*
 - *A negative COVID-19 antigen test taken by an approved testing site within 24 hours of the date and time of the event*
 - *A negative COVID-19 PCR test taken by an approved testing site within 5 days of the date and time of the event.*

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.

Regardless of what Phil the groundhog says, SVTOS will utilize a winter mode for about 6 more weeks. We will “awake” to a regular meeting on Monday evening, March 14, 2022. However, for those that want to try their hand at the Capital Wurlitzer, see the notice on Page 1 regarding an Open Console that Barry Howard is managing.

The Society’s spring plans are nearly complete. We will have a regular membership meeting at 7:00 PM the evening of March 14, 2022 with a social gathering and video presentation (details to follow in the March “Windline”).

The April meeting (April 11, 2022) is the Monday after Palm Sunday and will feature Seamus Gethicker from Portland, Maine. The SVTOS Facebook page ([click here](#)) contains his virtual picnic performance for the Society in August of 2020. Seamus is very creative with his registrations and will give the Wurlitzer a good “workout”.

The May meeting is being held at the home of Barry Howard and Larry Fenner with Mark Herman as the guest organist to celebrate OPUS 501’s 100th Anniversary. It will be a two-day affair, so those with weekend commitment conflicts will hopefully be able to select a day when they can attend.

The June program will be back at the Capital with a guest organist currently being planned. Later in the Summer after the ATOS Convention, the picnic will again be held at the Horvath/Neidich residence.

Richard Neidich
President, SVTOS

SVTOS 2020-2021 SEASON

Monday February 21st*	SVTOS Open Console, Capitol Theatre, York, PA (details on Page 1)
Friday, February 25th 7:30 PM	Organ Dedication Weekend: Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, PA. Ken Cowan, virtuoso organist, plays the 4/83 Letourneau Organ Company Opus 136. Tickets are required but the concert is free. Go online at www.marketsquarechurch.org for free print out tickets. Free parking. Call 717-257-1270 ext. 18 with questions.
Monday March 14th	Social gathering and video presentation (details to follow)
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. Details to follow.
REMAINING SEASON TO BE DETERMINED	
* Indicates meetings <u>NOT</u> held on the usual second Monday of the month <u>and/or</u> at a different time or location	

<h3>SVTOS OFFICERS</h3> <p>Richard Neidich - President 202-302-6320 Barry Howard - Vice President 717-274-2254 Roy Wainwright - Secretary, Treasurer, and Webmaster 717-619-7243</p>	<h3>LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE</h3> <p>Larry Fenner – “Windline” Editor & Membership Ed Horvath - Hospitality Bill Autry, Gary Coller, Sam Groh, Don Kinnier, Ken Klein, Terry Nace, Connor Ream, Don Schoeps, and Judy Townsend</p>
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“SVTOS Plays For The Movies”

- * Sunday, February 13th @ 2:00 PM – *Tosca* – Gary Coller
- * Saturday, February 26th @ 3:30 PM – Oscar Shorts – Animated – Don Schoeps
- * Saturday, February 26th @ 7:00 PM – Oscar Shorts – Live Action – Don Schoeps
- * Sunday, February 27th @ 3:00 PM – Oscar Shorts – Documentary – Roy Wainwright



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

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, March 19 3:00 PM (time change)	Peter Richard Conte, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE.
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 “The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” 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.
July 3-7	ATOS Annual Convention, San Diego, CA. ATOS 2022 Convention

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

In Memoriam: Robert E. “Bob” Dilworth

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that our founder and president-emeritus, Bob Dilworth, passed away on Wednesday evening, January 19.

Bob had been in the hospital since before Christmas, starting with a possible stroke. While reports of good progress were optimistic, his condition continued to worsen over time. In MaryAnn’s words, “At 4:45 PM on Wednesday, January 19, Bob’s worn out body stopped breathing. Even if they had managed to revive him, it wouldn’t repair the other broken parts. He’s finally at rest with no more coughing and pain.”

Much of Bob’s professional and post-retirement life was dedicated to DTOS and the theatre pipe organ. While much of his work has centered around the Dickinson Kimball, he also served on the Board of TOSDV (Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, pre-1975) and the Board of [American Theatre Organ Society](#). He has published several articles in the Theatre Organ Journal regarding concert operations. Bob has been dedicated to the continuance of our beloved instrument – the Theatre Pipe Organ.

It was Bob Dilworth’s idea over half a century ago to pack up a 1928 Kimball pipe organ from the Boyd Theatre in Philadelphia and bring it to the John Dickinson High School auditorium. Along with a crew of dedicated volunteers, many of whom are still part of this organization, Bob and the team worked tirelessly to bring the instrument to Dickinson so that we may continue to enjoy the beauty that the Dickinson Kimball brings to all of us.

Cards and letters of condolence may be sent to: DTOS, ATTN: MaryAnn Dilworth, P.O. Box 5094, Wilmington, DE 19808-0094 and will be personally delivered to MaryAnn and the Dilworth Family. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial gifts in Bob’s honor be made to the Dickinson Theatre Organ Society, P.O. Box 5094, Wilmington, DE 19808-0094 or via www.dtoskimball.org.

Please keep the Dilworth family in your thoughts and prayers.

A memorial event in the Dickinson auditorium is planned for sometime in the Spring (May).

(This information was taken from the DTOS website and Facebook page. A video tribute to Bob was also posted on YouTube - [click here](#))

