The Windline January-February 2020



Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

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OPEN CONSOLES

Monday, January 20th AND Monday, February 17th Capitol Theatre York, PA

Should YOU Come to Open Console? Some thoughts from Don Schoeps:

Some of our members sign-up for half-hour or hour-long stints playing the organ in an empty theater at the Capitol Theatre in York - others come just to listen and chat.

It's primarily for organ players, but some of us who are listeners and appreciators enjoy coming too.

I'm both a player and a listener – I LOVE to hear the organ; and I always learn some new things, listening to other people play. While we don't interrupt the player during his precious time slot, most players stick around after, and even before, their time – and are glad to chat about what they played. There's SO much "to" playing Theatre Organ – "technique" like fingering, sure - but also Registration (what "colors" of pipes to use and how to mix them, and how to vary all that), Arranging (single notes or chords (for both the melody and the counter-melody)), what kind of "Background," the use of traps (cymbals, drums, etc.) and "effects" (gong?), and simply the Weight of the music (Majestic to "perfuming the air")!

Nancy and I thoroughly enjoy hosting these all-day sessions – listening, chatting, and visiting, as well as playing - - - always learning – always enjoying!

NOTE! – We now (after renovation) need to lock the doors; so call our cellphone at 704-609-0248 and knock on the third door on Philadelphia Street when you come.

Be sure to <u>sign up soon</u> if you want a time slot to play by emailing Don at <u>dschoeps@aol.com</u> with "Open Console" in the subject title, or by calling 717-254-6097.

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.

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Our annual "Christmas Spectacular" was held on December 10th at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, in their Health Care Center. This year Gary Coller, Larry Fenner, Barry Howard, Don Kinnier, and Don Schoeps played their favorite Christmas selections on the 3-manual Allen Theatre organ and Ken Kline played several selections on the Steinway grand piano. The finale featured Judy Townsend and Nancy Schoeps singing "Jingle Bells" with Don Kinnier on the organ and Don Schoeps on the piano while the rest of the performers sang (or at least tried to) and played real sleigh bells and sound effects. This program is always a special time for the residents of the Health Care Center and our SVTOS members as well.

We are starting 2020 with two open console days at the Capitol Theatre on Monday January 20th (Martin Luther King Day) and Monday February 17th (Presidents' Day). Since we do not have our regular monthly chapter meetings during these months because of the possibility of inclement weather, these open consoles give our members an opportunity to get some practice time on the Capitol Wurlitzer. Don Schoeps will schedule and host these open consoles again this year. If you would like to reserve some practice time on the organ, please contact Don at 717-254-6097 or email him at dschoeps@aol.com with "Open Console" in the subject title. See details on the cover page of this newsletter.

Our first Chapter Showcase this year will be on Monday, March 16th at 7:00 PM at the Capitol Theatre. Our featured organist will be Luke Staisiunas from West Chester, PA. Luke recently graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in organ performance, and is currently pursuing his master's degree in the same field at the same institution. Luke attended the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure for nine years and won the ATOS Young Artists' Competition in 2018. He currently serves on the ATOS Board of Directors as the Youth Representative. Luke is comfortable with a wide variety of organ music – from classical to theatre organ – as well as silent film accompaniment. More about Luke in the March edition of "The Windline."

I would like to end this month by sending out a BIG THANK YOU to all of our member-organists who stepped up to volunteer for all of the movies scheduled at the Capitol Theatre in January and February (see the long list on page 3 of this newsletter). Because the Academy Awards will be held on February 9th, the Appell Center decided to show as many award-nominated movies as possible prior to award night, resulting in 23 shows scheduled on 18 different days. I first thought that we might not be able to cover that many movies, but I was very pleasantly surprised when Ken Kline called to tell me that every movie had been covered. Many thanks to Bill Autry, Gary Coller, Larry Fenner, Glenn Hough, Don Schoeps, and Roy Wainwright for volunteering to play for all of these movies!

Happy New Year

Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year!

Barry Howard

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SVTOS 2019-2020 SEASON	
Monday, Jan. 20*	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre WurliTzer, Martin Luther King Day Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, Feb. 17*	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre WurliTzer, President's Day Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, March 16* 7:00 PM	Luke Staisiunas Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Sunday, April 19th* 3:00 PM	Justin LaVoie Showcase, Howard-Fenner residence, Lebanon, PA
Monday, May 11 7:00 PM	Annual SVTOS Business Meeting and Election followed by video about the newly-installed Nathan Barr Wurlitzer (formerly installed in Fox Studios, Hollywood, CA) and Open Console. Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, June 15* 7:00 PM	Dan Minervini Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
* Indicates meetings <u>NOT</u> held on the usual second Monday of the month <u>and/or</u> 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.

Thursday January 2nd @ 7:00 PM - Rocketman - Gary Coller

Friday January 3rd @ 6:30 PM - Abominable (FREE) - Glenn Hough

Saturday January 4th @ 4:00 - Rocketman - and 7:00 PM - The Lighthouse - Larry Fenner

Sunday January 5th @ 2:00 - The Lighthouse - Barry Howard

Saturday January 11th @ 4:00 & 7:00 PM - TBD* - Gary Coller

Sunday January 12th @ 2:00 PM - TBD* - Barry Howard

Thursday January 16th @ 7:00 PM - TBD* - Don Schoeps

Saturday January 18th @ 4:00 PM - TBD* - Larry Fenner

Sunday January 19th @ 2:00 PM - TBD* - Barry Howard

Saturday January 25th @ 4:00 & 7:00PM - TBD* - Bill Autry

Sunday January 26th @ 2:00 PM - TBD* - Glenn Hough

Thursday January 30th @ 7:00 PM - TBD* - Roy Wainwright

Friday January 31st @ 7:00 PM - Little Women - Don Schoeps

Saturday February 1st @ 4:00 and 7:00 PM - TBD* - Gary Coller

Friday February 7th @ 6:30 PM - TBD* (FREE) - Roy Wainwright

Saturday February 8th @ 4:00 & 7:00 PM - TBD* - Bill Autry

Sunday February 9th @ 2:00 PM - TBD* - Glenn Hough

Sunday February 16th @ 2:00 PM - TBD* - Glenn Hough

*TBD = "To Be Determined" Please consult the <u>Cap Film Website</u> for updates as they become available.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS	
Saturday, January 25 7:00 PM	David Gray, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society, Wilmington, DE
Saturday, February 22 2:00 PM	Paris Washboard, <i>Dixieland Jazz</i> , <u>Yocum Institute for Arts Education</u> , Reading, PA (Portion of proceeds benefit Wilson Scholarship Fund)
Saturday, March 14 7:00 PM	Jelani Eddington and Donnie Rankin - Dual Consoles, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, March 22 2:00 PM	Brett Miller, Silent Movie - <i>The Black Pirate</i> - <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, March 28 2:00 PM	Roaring 20's Jazz Orchestra & Ben Mauger's Vintage Jazz Band, <u>Yocum Institute for Arts Education</u> , Reading, PA (Portion of proceeds benefit Wilson Scholarship Fund)
Saturday, March 28 7:00 PM	Saturday At The Silents - John Baratta accompanies popular silent films, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, April 25 7:00 PM	Simon Gledhill and Richard Hills - Dual Consoles, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, April 26 2:00 PM	A Dick Smith Happening, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, May 3 2:00 PM	Justin Nimmo, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Sunday, June 7 2:00 PM	Don Kinnier , Silent Movie - <i>Ellacinder</i> - <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, June 13 7:00 PM	Peter Richard Conte, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
July 6 through 11	ATOS 2020 Annual Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
Sunday, September 13 2:00 PM	John Lauter, <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Sunday, October 25 2:00 PM	Wayne Zimmerman, Halloween Silent Movie - <i>The Cabinet of Dr Caligari</i> - <u>Theatre</u> <u>Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA

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

Happy New Year 2020

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