

# The Windline

July-August 2019



## Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

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### Photos from the 2019 ATOS Annual Convention in Rochester, NY



SVTOS Members at the 2019 ATOS Convention (from left to right): Frank Vanaman, Don and Nancy Schoeps, Arlene and John Volk, Larry Fenner, Barry Howard, and Joyce and Sam Groh. Missing from this picture are William Gellhaus (new SVTOS member and also new member of the ATOS Board of Directors), and Ed Horvath and Richard Neidich (past ATOS Chairman of the Board), who are also very active members of the Rochester Theatre Organ Society and were helping to run the convention.

(Photo courtesy of Don Schoeps)



The magnificent Shea's Buffalo Theater with its 4/28 Wurlitzer



The Riviera Theatre and 3/15 Wurlitzer in North Tonawanda, NY



The former Wurlitzer factory in North Tonawanda, NY



The Clemens Performing Arts Center and 4/23 Marr & Colton/Wurlitzer in Elmira, NY

**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.**

Our second public concert was held on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> with Donnie Rankin at the console of the Capitol Wurlitzer. Donnie played a wide variety of music including many popular and theatre organ favorites plus a medley of Nat King Cole tunes and a James Bond medley. His arrangements and registrations made full use of the organ's dynamic range. Donnie did a great job and the audience enthusiastically enjoyed his program. While we had a good turnout from our SVTOS members, the paid attendance from the general public was very disappointing.

The 2019 ATOS Convention was held in Rochester, NY, from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup> and we had twelve SVTOS members attending the convention this year. That may be a record number of attendees from SVTOS for an ATOS Convention. While there were many great organs, organists, and venues, the highlight of the convention for me was the spectacular Shea's Buffalo Theatre and it's 4/28 Wurlitzer under the capable hands of Mark Herman and Richard Hills. Overall the convention was a success with over 400 ATOS members attending.

Our 2019-2020 season starts on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> with a documentary video about the mysterious organist Korla Pandit, followed by open console.

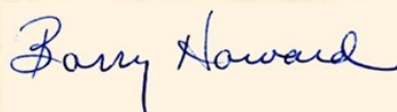
Our public concert is on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM with Ken Double at the Capitol Wurlitzer. Ken will also accompany the short silent film comedy "That's My Wife" starring Laurel & Hardy as part of his program. SVTOS members will again be eligible to receive two free tickets with their membership for the new season. We encourage all of our members to bring along guests and spread the word about the concert. We need to increase our attendance from the general public.

We will have three very talented young organists for our showcases: Luke Staisiunas in March, Justin LaVoie in April, and Dan Minervini June. Our usual open console days will again be in January and February, and our annual Christmas program will be in December at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA. See the complete 2019-2020 SVTOS schedule on the page 3.

With the start of the new season, dues will be payable starting in September. A membership renewal form will be included with the September newsletter for your convenience.

Finally, a big **THANK YOU** to all of our organist volunteers who play walk-in music 30 minutes before the Capitol movies. They are helping to promote the theatre organ by fulfilling the mission of ATOS and SVTOS and their efforts are very much appreciated by the management of the Appell Center for the Performing Arts. The following members played for movies during last season: Bill Autry, Bob Carbaugh, Gary Coller, Larry Fenner, Glenn Hough, Barry Howard, Don Kinnier, the late Robert Pierce, Don Schoeps, and Roy Wainwright.

Have a Great Summer and stay cool!



## SVTOS 2019-2020 SEASON

Monday, September 9 7:00 PM	Video: "Korla" (documentary about organist Korla Pandit) and Open Console Capitol Theatre, York, PA
<b>Sunday, October 6*</b> 3:00 PM	<b>Public Concert: Ken Double, Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Two free tickets available for each SVTOS Membership</b>
Monday, November 11 7:00 PM	Arrangers' Challenge (details to follow) and Open Console, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
<b>Tuesday, December 10*</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Annual Christmas Spectacular, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA</b>
<b>Monday, Jan. 20*</b>	<b>Open Console at the Capitol Theatre Wurlitzer, Martin Luther King Day Capitol Theatre, York, PA</b>
<b>Monday, Feb. 17*</b>	<b>Open Console at the Capitol Theatre Wurlitzer, President's Day Capitol Theatre, York, PA</b>
<b>Monday, March 6*</b> 7:00 PM	Luke Staisiunas Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
<b>Sunday, April 19th*</b> 3:00 PM	Justin LaVoie Showcase, <b>Howard-Fenner residence, Lebanon, PA</b>
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
<b>Monday, June 15*</b> 7:00 PM	Dan Minervini 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.

**All Shows \$7.00 unless otherwise noted.**

Saturday, July 27 @ 4:00 and 7:00 PM - Bill Autry - "The Tomorrow Man"

Friday, August 2, @ 6:30 PM - Roy Wainwright - "Akeelah and the Bee" (FREE)

Saturday, August 10 @ 3:00 PM - **Organist Needed\*** - "Shaft" (1979)

Saturday, August 10 @ 7:00 PM - **Organist Needed\*** - "Marianne and Leonard"

Sunday, August 11 @ 3:00 PM - Larry Fenner - "Marianne and Leonard"

**[\\*Please contact Ken Kline at 717-564-7513 to volunteer to play for these movies.](#)**



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

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

### Please Give A Big SVTOS Welcome to Our Newest (and one returning\*) Members!

Janet Anderson, York, PA  
William Gellhaus, Cheltenham, PA  
Dan Umholtz, Valley View, PA\*  
Bernard Wickenheiser, York, PA

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, September 21 7:00 PM	Dave Wickerham, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, September 29 2:00 PM	Tedde Gibson, <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
<b>Sunday, October 6 3:00 PM</b>	<b>KEN DOUBLE, Capitol Theatre, York, PA Two free tickets available for each SVTOS membership.</b>
Saturday, October 19 2:00 PM	Annual Open House, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, October 26 7:00 PM	DON KINNIER accompanies the Silent Film "Nosferatu," <a href="#">Capitol Theatre</a> , York, PA Admission \$7.00
Sunday, October 27 2:00 PM	Wayne Zimmerman accompanies the Halloween Silent Movie "Nosferatu," <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Sunday, November 17 2:00 PM	Ron Rhode, <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, November 23 7:00 PM	Hector Olivera, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, December 1 2:00 PM (Date change)	Annual Holiday Show with Rudy Lucente and Guests, <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, December 7 7:00 PM	Holiday Spectacular, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
<b>2020</b>	
Saturday, January 25 7:00 PM	David Gray, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, March 14 7:00 PM	Jelani Eddington and Donnie Rankin—Dual Consoles, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, March 28 7:00 PM	Saturday At The Silents—John Baratta accompanies popular silent films, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, April 25 7:00 PM	Simon Gledhill and Richard Hills—Dual Consoles, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, April 26 2:00 PM	A Dick Smith Happening, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, June 13 7:00 PM	Peter Richard Conte, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE
<b><i>Click on the underlined links to find additional information, including location and cost, for these events.</i></b>	

### SVTOS OFFICERS

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