The Windline

June 2021



Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society

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SVTOS ZOOM MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 14TH @ 7:00 PM SVTOS SUMMER PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 24TH @ NOON

In spite of a cold holiday weekend, I hope you were able to have a gathering with friends. It sure was nicer than last year's Memorial Day weekend.

During the past month we have been finalizing our SVTOS plans for the rest of this calendar year. Here's a quick summary:

- Aichord's
- June 14 at 7:00 PM A Zoom SVTOS Chapter virtual gathering, a discussion and review of future in
 -person events. A Zoom link will be emailed on June 12th.
- July 24 at Noon Summer Picnic, a Saturday afternoon gathering at the Neidich and Horvath residence with **Pierre Fracalanza** as the guest performer on Walker 3/51 and Steinway grand.
- September 20 Monday evening SVTOS meeting at Capitol Theatre with **Conner Ream** as invited performer.
- October 17 Sunday afternoon public event at the Capitol with International Youth Silent Film Festival event,
 Nathan Avakian guest performer.
- November 8 SVTOS Chapter meeting at the Capitol with film on organ restoration project.
- December Annual Masonic Home program possible, with holiday music at the Capitol Theatre.
- Spring of 2022 One month will be a weekend 100th Birthday Party for OPUS 501.

Our playing members continue to volunteer their time providing pre-show music at the Capitol Theatre for many films. Our thanks to these members for making the efforts to promote theatre organ. The Appell Center is most appreciative. To keep track of the Center's events, you can become a member by visiting their website, The Appell Center for the Performing Arts.

SVTOS Summer Picnic Planning details include the following:

The date is July 24, 2021. It will be at the residence of Richard Neidich and Edward Horvath at 110 Wheatland Road, Lewisberry, PA 17339. If you need written directions, please indicate so when you RSVP. (It is about 3.5 miles from Rt 15 or via Interstate 83 Exit 39A, just below the PA Turnpike entrance.)

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2. The event will be all afternoon from 12 Noon until evening. The music room, which includes a Walker 3/51 theatre organ and a Steinway Duo-Art grand piano, opens onto a large outdoor deck and kitchen. Pierre Fracalanza has been asked to plan on a couple of music interludes. Pierre will perform between 2 and 4 PM, we will not be streaming the program live.

Music Room

- 3. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with the number of people attending to Pres@svtos.org or call (202) 302-6320. You do not need to bring anything, but side dishes or desserts are welcome. Please indicate what you will bring by email or phone so that we can avoid too many duplicates. All emails will be acknowledged.
- There is sufficient indoor space for indoor dining, should it be a rainy day. Comfortable folding chairs will be available for all.



Outdoor Deck and Kitchen

Richard Neidich, President

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"SVTOS Plays For The Movies"

Hear these SVTOS members play the WurliTzer 30 minutes before movies at the Capitol Theatre. Advance Tickets available here.

- Friday, June 4 @ 6:30 PM Kung Fu Panda Roy Wainwright (FREE)
- Saturday, June 5 @ 7:00 PM Kinky Boots Gary Coller
- Friday, June 18 @ 7:00 PM Frankenstein Gary Coller
- Sunday, June 20 @ 3:00 PM Frankenstein Bill Autry
- Saturday, June 26 @ 7:00 PM 42nd Street Larry Fenner
- Sunday, June 27 @ 3:00 PM 42nd Street Larry Fenner
- Friday, July 2 @ 6:30 PM To Be Announced Don Schoeps (FREE)



"SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village," Elizabethtown, PA

ALL PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ATOS 2021 Convention - "The Unconventional Convention" July 8-11

Beginning on Thursday, July 8, videos will be released each day from Thursday through Sunday, July 11. Since we are unable to attend the theatre together to hear the organ, it was decided that none of the organs in the Unconventional Convention will be in theatres as well! We have six concerts in the works, with four being in private collections, one in a store, and one in a warehouse! Most of these organs will most likely be new to everyone, which also makes this more fun.

Other parts of the convention will also be included, such as the Annual Membership Meeting and the Awards Ceremony. Other items that we aren't able to accommodate fairly for the Unconventional Convention will be tabled until we get to meet in person again next year in San Diego.

Additional information will be available as it is announced by clicking here .

VIRTUAL EVENTS

<u>DON KINNIER</u> accompanies the Silent Film "Shoulders Arms" starring Charlie Chaplin on the Capitol Wurlitzer. The film is available now on the SVTOS Facebook page at this link <u>Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society | Facebook</u>. You do not have to be a Facebook member to view this movie but if Facebook asks you to join just click "Not Now".

Mark Herman plays the 3/66 Dickinson Kimball

Additional concerts by Nathan Avakian, Tedde Gibson, and others are available on the Dickinson YouTube Channel by clicking here.

Ken Double (organ) and Skip Stein (trumpet) at Dickinson will be available here starting June 26th at 7:00 PM.

The ATOS Website lists a number of virtual concerts as well as other informational videos about theatre organs here.

A virtual tour of the W. W. Kimball organ at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, NJ, is available here.

Atlanta Chapter meeting at the Fox with first semi-public hearing of the newly refurbished console is available here. Mighty Mo is back in all its thrilling grandeur featuring organist Ken Double.

The 2021 Winter Concert Event At "Our Backyard Museum" (Jancko Collection) in South Florida. This virtual concert is performed by Dave Wickerham on the 3/23 Wurlitzer - Opus 1616. Also included in the video is a "walk-around" tour of segments of the collection. Available <a href="https://example.com/here/beta-background-com/here/beta-background

The Cinema Organ Society of England presents a very interesting video series called "Ask That" (available here) in which theatre organists are interviewed and answer pre-submitted questions. Artists are Simon Gledhill, Nigel Ogden, Mark Herman, and Richard Hills.

Mark Herman reposted many of his Facebook virtual concerts (including his program on Opus 501) on his YouTube page available here with better quality audio than the original Facebook posts.