

The Windline

June 2023



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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LUKE STAI SI UNAS **SHOWCASE**

MONDAY JUNE 12TH, 7:00 PM
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA



LUKE STAI SI UNAS earned his Master's Degree in Organ Performance from the University of Oklahoma under Dr. Adam Pajan and Dr. Damin Spritzer. He also earned his Bachelor's there under Dr. John Schwandt and Dr. Pajan. During his time in Oklahoma, he performed with the Symphony Band, OU Chorale, OU Percussion Ensemble, as well as playing continuo for the Vitam Musica Foundation's orchestra. He is active as a transcriber of orchestral works for organ, as well as compiling scores for silent film accompaniment. His undergraduate training also

included coursework in Pipe Organ Technology, Harpsichord, and Improvisation.

Mr. Staisiunas currently serves as Organist-Director at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Roxborough, in Philadelphia. He is on the roster of Assistant Organists on the famed Wanamaker Organ in Macy's Center City, and is regularly featured on the Midmer-Losh organ in Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall - the largest instrument in the world. He is actively involved with the American Theatre Organ Society, serving as a Director on the Board and Secretary. At the local level, he is involved with the Garden State Theatre Organ Society as a performer, technician, and technical advisor.

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.

Everyone seems to have enjoyed Donnie Rankin's May program for the SVTOS. Donnie visited for several days, with the Capitol available on Sunday, that allowed for a setup and practice time plus a much more leasurable visit and easier Monday setup day at the Capitol. Inviting friends to such a program as Donnie's provides an ideal opportunity, should you have interested friends, to invite them or anyone you know who might be interested in our programs.

On the day of the Rankin program, we received a request from the Appell Center's new Director of Education and Community Engagement, AJ Myers, to support an Appell Center Open House on International Make Music Day. We are creating a short-illustrated program that introduces the theatre organ to those who might visit the theatre for this event. (A possible video might result as well.) It will provide SVTOS with material that could be used to demonstrate the organ in the future. It will have a short tune or two and represent the uniqueness of a theatre pipe organ ("look Ma, no speakers").

Andrew Moore, one of SVTOS' newest members, was recently awarded the George Wright Memorial Fellowship from the American Theatre Organ Society. The Fellowship was created to allow young organ technicians to attend an ATOS convention. This will allow Andrew to experience many new instruments and make contact with fellow enthusiasts and technicians. The fellowship has not been awarded for nearly 10 years due to the lack of applicants.

Our June program will be on Monday evening, June 12 with invited organist Luke Staisiunas. Details for the event can be found on Page 1 of this *Windline*.

Our summer event will be the annual picnic on Saturday, July 29th. As with the past few summers, it will be at the Neidich-Horvath residence on their Walker 3/51 instrument with invited organist Brett Miller. Brett is a Music Education major at the Eastman School of Music and will be presenting some of his orchestral styled arrangements. The July *Windline* will have the details.

As a reminder, see Page 3 of the *Windline* for our pre-movie organ playing schedule. Also, the Appell Center and Capitol Theatre will be closing for the month of August for an air-conditioning upgrade and entry door renovation effort.

Richard Neidich, President SVTOS

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SVTOS 2022-2023 SEASON

Monday June 12th 7:00 PM	Luke Staisiunas Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Saturday, July 29th* Time TBD	Summer 2023 "Picnic" Brett Miller piano and organ program at the home of Richard Neidich and Edward Horvath featuring movie themes and orchestral sounds.
* Indicates meetings NOT 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.

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

- Friday, June 2 @ 6:30 PM - *Wallace & Grommit - Curse of the Were Rabbit* - Gary Coller (FREE)
- Wednesday, June 28 @ 10:00 AM - *Shrek 2* - Glenn Hough (FREE)
- Thursday, June 29 @ 2:00 PM - *Meet Me in St. Louis* - Don Schoeps
- Wednesday, July 5 @ 10:00 AM - *Boss Baby: Family Business* - Glenn Hough (FREE)
- Thursday, July 6 @ 2:00 PM - *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* - Gary Coller
- Friday, July 7 @ 6:30 PM - *Sing 2* - Gary Coller (FREE)
- Wednesday, July 12 @ 10:00 AM - *The Bad Guys* - Roy Wainwright (FREE)
- Thursday, July 13 @ 2:00 PM - *Rear Window* - Larry Fenner
- Sunday, July 16 @ 3:00 PM - *Oklahoma* - Don Schoeps
- Wednesday, July 19 @ 10:00 AM - *Minions, The Rise of Gru* - Roy Wainwright (FREE)
- Wednesday, July 19 @ 7:00 PM - *Oklahoma* - Larry Fenner



COMING ATTRACTIONS

July 2-7 ATOS Annual Convention 2023	The Chicago Area Chapter sponsors the ATOS 2023 Annual Convention featuring ten different artists playing seven different organs. See www.atos.org/convention and/or www.catoe2023.org for details.
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Click on the underlined links to find additional information, including location and cost, for these events.

Please Extend A Big SVTOS Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Ronald and Roberta Probst, Quakertown, PA



