

# The Windline

March 2022



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre  
Organ Society*

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## ***THE MARK OF ZORRO***

**MONDAY, MARCH 14TH, 7:00 PM  
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**

David Peckham with Paragon Ragtime Orchestra accompany the 1920 silent film *The Mark of Zorro* in a video recording of a live performance at the Clemens Center in Elmira, NY, featuring the 4/31 Marr and Colton theatre organ.

*The Mark of Zorro* is a 1920 silent adventure romance film starring [Douglas Fairbanks](#) (as Don Diego Vega) and [Noah Beery Sr.](#) (as Sergeant Pedro Gonzales). *The Mark of Zorro* tells the story of Don Diego Vega, the outwardly foppish son of a wealthy ranchero Don Alejandro in the old Spanish California of the early 19th century.



*David Peckham and the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra*

Seeing the mistreatment of the peons by rich landowners and the oppressive colonial government, Don Diego, who is not as effete as he pretends, has taken the identity of the masked Robin Hood-like rogue Señor Zorro ("Mr. Fox"), champion of the people, who appears out of nowhere to protect them from the corrupt administration of Governor Alvarado, his henchman the villainous Captain Juan Ramon and the brutish Sergeant Pedro Gonzales. With his sword flashing and an athletic sense of humor, Zorro scars the faces of evildoers with his mark, "Z".

When not in the disguise of Zorro, dueling and rescuing peons, Don Diego courts the beautiful Lolita Pulido with bad magic tricks and worse manners. She cannot stand him. Lolita is also courted by Captain Ramon, and by the dashing Zorro, whom she likes.

In the end, when Lolita's family is jailed, Don Diego throws off his masquerade, whips out his sword, wins over the soldiers to his side, forces Governor Alvarado to abdicate, and wins the hand of Lolita, who is delighted to discover that her suitor, Diego, is actually the dashing hero.



**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.**

Ed Horvath and myself are completing two months of Florida living. We've attended three theatre organ events in south Florida and are getting ready to head home to a wonderful spring and our monthly SVTOS meetings.

The details for the following spring events can be found elsewhere in this issue, but here's a quick summary of our Chapter plans.

While away, the details for our spring events have finalized. The March meeting at the Appell Center's Capitol Theatre will be a video of a David Peckham and the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra program which was recorded at the Clemens Center, Elmira, NY. The video provides a look at how the organ and an orchestra can provide accompaniment to a classic silent film, *The Mark of Zorro*.

For our April program, we will be hosting Seamus Gethicker at the Capitol Theatre. Seamus entertained us at the Summer of 2020 SVTOS Picnic. We can expect to hear a program of relatively contemporary tunes with careful attention to registrations and with youthful stylings.

The May 14-15 weekend brings us a welcoming visit to the Howard-Fenner residence with Mark Herman at the console to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their OPUS 501 Wurlitzer. Barry and Larry are scheduling a two-day event weekend, allowing our members to attend either day without personal schedule conflicts and a less crowded environment.

We end this spring's program season on June 13th with a program by Brett Miller at the Capitol. Brett is studying music education at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. He is no stranger at the theatre organ nor to the role of silent film playing.

The SVTOS Picnic will be held at the home of Horvath and Neidich in late July after the ATOS Convention. Details will be available later in the spring.

Our playing members continue to entertain Capitol Film attendees. We wish to acknowledge their efforts to "keep the music playing". Slowly, audiences are returning to these film/video events and be sure to consider these events as one of your entertainment options.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up on the winter's happenings.

Richard Neidich  
President SVTOS

HAPPY SPRING!

## SVTOS 2020-2021 SEASON

Monday March 14th 7:00 PM	<i>The Mark of Zorro</i> , silent movie accompanied by David Peckham on the 4/31 Mary and Colton theatre organ with the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
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.
Monday, June 13 7:00 PM	Brett Miller Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
July - Date and time to be announced*	SVTOS Summer Picnic (Details will be available later in the spring.)

\* 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”

- \* Sunday, March 27th @ 3:00 PM – *Anything Goes* – Barry Howard
- \* Wednesday, March 30th @ 7:00 PM – *Anything Goes* – Gary Coller
- \* Sunday, April 10th @ 2:00 PM – *Rigoletto* – Roy Wainwright
- \* Sunday, May 22nd @ 2:00 PM – *La Traviata* – Larry Fenner

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, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, April 30 7:00 PM	Jelani Eddington, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE. (replacing Phil Kelsall as the artist)
Sunday, May 15 1:30 PM	Brett Miller accompanies the silent film <i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i> , <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, June 11 7:00 PM	David Peckham with Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Sunday, June 19th 1:30 PM	<b>GLENN HOUGH</b> accompanies the silent film <i>Seventh Heaven</i> , <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA. A great Father’s Day present or a great movie experience for any movie-goer. First film with a movie theme song Diane, vocalized on the sound track by an unnamed female singer.
July 3-7	ATOS Annual Convention, San Diego, CA. <a href="#">ATOS   2022 Convention</a>

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

## Hammond Organ For Sale

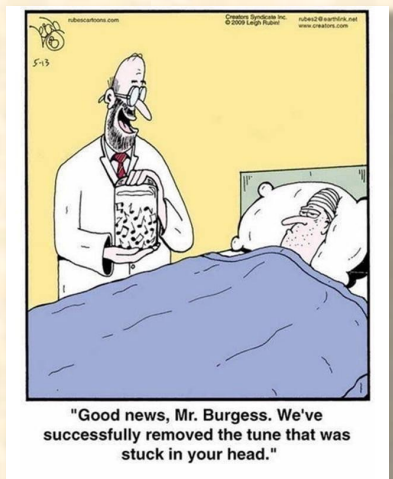
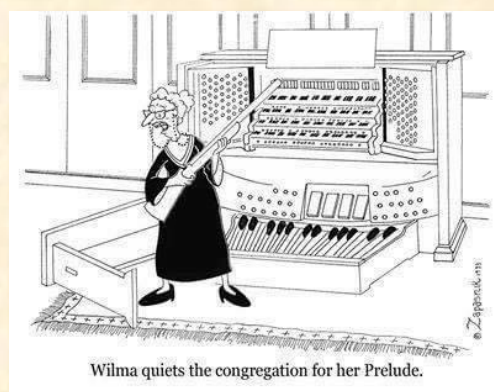


The Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Harrisburg is selling an early '70's Hammond L-100 spinet model using tone wheel generators, considered by many Hammond buffs to be superior to the later solid state models. It has been well maintained and is in excellent condition, with the added feature of rhythm effects from a device beneath the lower manual, treble end, which can accompany popular music. It would be a fine home entertainment instrument and also offer practice opportunities useful in applying to other organs. Asking price is \$300. Inquiries can be made by calling [717-238-8733](tel:717-238-8733).

## FREE—FREE—FREE—FREE—FREE—FREE—FREE—FREE—FREE—FREE—FREE—FREE—FREE

Did we get your attention? 😊

Four years ago SVTOS was given a number of organ LP recordings and CDs (without the jewel cases and inserts) from the estate of Ivan Spahr, a long-time member of SVTOS. Since then all of the proceeds from the sale of these items to our members as well as through advertisements on eBay and Facebook have been added to the SVTOS treasury. We still have a number of LPs and classical organ CDs despite numerous attempts to sell them, and we will offer the remaining items to our members **FREE OF CHARGE** at the March meeting. Please empty the trunks of your cars before you come to the March meeting so that you'll have enough room to take them all home with you!



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