

# The Windline

November 2023



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre  
Organ Society*

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## IAN FRASER SHOWCASE

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH AT 7:00 PM  
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**

**IAN FRASER'S** fascination with organs started at the age of two when he heard a band organ on a local carousel in his hometown of Staten Island, NY. His interests soon expanded into the world of mechanical music with player pianos, orchestrions, etc. When he was 16, after seeing a silent film at Chaminade High School in Mineola, NY in 2017, he got the chance to sit at the console and play the theatre organ for the first time. From there, he has followed his passion to become a theatre organist.



Leveraging his ability to play by ear, Ian taught himself in just a few short years to play the theatre organ. This has been influenced by studying his favorite genres and organists. He has also performed at Dickinson High School, the Loew's Jersey Theatre, the Trenton War Memorial, the Union County Performing Arts Center, Babson College, and Cleveland Grays Armory Museum among others.

Now residing in Plainfield, NJ, Ian is the house organist at the St. George Theatre in Staten Island playing pre-shows for their Classic Movie and Arts-In-Education series.

Ian is the 2023 first-place winner of the American Theatre Organ Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition. He is also a silent film accompanist and has developed a new live show format featuring silent shorts, historical presentation and a mini-concert. Ian maintains an interest in the restoration of pipe organs and mechanical musical instruments.

He is the Vice President of AMICA's Lady Liberty Chapter (Automatic Musical Instrument Collectors Association). He is also a member of COAA (Carousel Organ Association of America), NCA (National Carousel Association), GSTOS (Garden State Theatre Organ Society), NYTOS (New York Theatre Organ Society) and ATOS (American Theatre Organ Society).

**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.**

Now that Halloween is past (and the stores are displaying holiday decorations) it's time to finish the yard preparations before cold weather really arrives. Hope your preparations are going well.

In the past few days I have corresponded with Clark Wilson and he reports the Hardman Wurlitzer installation at Ohio Dominican University is progressing with the plan to have it playing in May 2024. Michael Kinerk (ATOS Convention Coordinator) visited this past week and there are efforts to have the 2024 ATOS Convention in the Columbus, Ohio area, and he has now received a proposal for a 2025 ATOS Convention in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. Stay tuned for plans as they develop.

The next Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society (SVTOS) meeting will be Monday evening, November 13, 2023, at 7 PM at the Capitol Theatre. The invited organist is **IAN FRASER**. Ian was the winner of the 2023 ATOS Young Theatre Organist competition in Chicago. Ian's biography can be found on Page 1 of the issue of the STVOS *Windline*. His program will be split, with the usual socializing in the lobby during the intermission.

Looking forward, everyone is reminded to watch for the December issue of the Windline with **IMPORTANT NEWS** regarding **FREE TICKETS** for our December 3<sup>rd</sup> holiday program at the Capitol Theatre featuring Nathan Avakian and his sister Claire, presenting "[A Holiday Celebration with Nathan and Claire](#)". Members will get information about how to get your **FREE TICKETS** in the December Windline issue which will be release around November 17th. Information about the program can be found by clicking [HERE](#) or the above link.

Hope to see everyone at the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Richard Neidich, SVTOS President



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## SVTOS 2023-2024 SEASON

November 13th 7:00 PM	Ian Fraser Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
December 3rd 3:00 PM*	Christmas Concert featuring Nathan and Clair Avakian, Public Concert, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
January 15, 2024 9 AM - 5 PM*	Open Console (MLK Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
February 19, 2024 9 AM - 5 PM*	Open Console (Presidents' Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
March 11, 2024 7:00 PM	Program To Be Determined
April 8, 2024 7:00 PM	Program To Be Determined
May 2024 Date & Time TBD*	Ben Forsthoffer Showcase on Opus 501, Howard-Fenner residence, Lebanon, PA
June 10, 2024 7:00 PM	Program To Be Determined

\* 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.

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

- Friday, November 3 @ 6:30 PM - *Megamind* - (FREE) Glenn Hough
- Sunday, November 5 @ 3:00 PM - *2001: A Space Odyssey* - Bill Autry
- Friday, November 10 @ 7:00 PM - *Enter The Dragon* - Glenn Hough
- Saturday, December 2 @ 7:00 PM - *Warren Miller's All Time 2023* - Gary Coller
- Friday, December 8 @ 6:15 PM - *White Christmas* (Member Screening) - Larry Fenner
- Saturday, December 9 @ 3:30 and 7:00 PM - *White Christmas* - Don Schoeps
- Sunday, December 10 @ 3:00 PM - *White Christmas* - Roy Wainwright
- Friday, December 15 @ 7:00 PM - *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas* - Roy Wainwright

### It's That Time Again - Your SVTOS Membership Is Due

It's once again time to renew your SVTOS Membership for the 2023-2024 Season that runs from September 2023 through August 2024. If you've already paid— Thank You! **If you haven't already paid**, your personalized 2023-2024 STVOS Membership Renewal Form is attached to the email that delivered this newsletter. Please print that form, review the information, make any necessary changes, and mail it along with your check made payable to “SVTOS” to Roy Wainwright at the address at the bottom of the form. You can also bring it to the next SVTOS meeting and give it to Roy.

***Thank you for your continuing support!***

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, November 18th 3:00 PM (Corrected Date)	Justin LaVoie, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Sunday, December 10th 2:00-4:00 pm	Candi Carley-Roth, nationally-renowned artist, will be playing Holiday music with the joy and energy that makes her unique among musicians. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, January 27th 3:00 PM	Carol Williams, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, March 16th 3:00 PM	Jerry Nagano, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Saturday, May 4th 7:00 PM	Simon Gledhill, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.

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

## Don Kinnier's Longwood Gardens Christmas Schedule 2023-2024

DAY	DATE	PERFORMANCE TIME
Monday	11/20/2023	5:00 - 8:10 pm
Tuesday	11/28/2023	5:00 - 8:10 pm
Saturday	12/02/2023	5:00 - 8:10 pm
Thursday	12/14/2023	5:00 - 8:10 pm
Tuesday	12/19/2023	5:00 - 8:10 pm
Thursday	12/28/2023	5:00 - 8:10 pm
Thursday	01/04/2024	5:00 - 8:10 pm



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

