

The Windline

November 2024



Susquehanna Valley Theatre

Organ Society

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60 YEARS OF ATOS A SLIDE/VIDEO PRESENTATION

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 11TH, 7:00 PM
CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**

Since the founding of the American Theatre Organ Enthusiasts (now American Theatre Organ Society) or ATOS, during most summers there has been an annual migration of theatre organ followers to a city for a convention where installations and organists are on display to the Society's membership. My first year of attendance at an ATOS Convention was the legendary 1964 Buffalo-Rochester event.

With this year being 60 years from that summer and with the Rochester Theater Organ Society celebrating its 60th season, I thought it's time to dig into the photo archives and present a summary review of these gatherings.

Naturally, since the digital photography age, this is relatively easy; however, I have been digging into many photo albums and will be scanning and presenting photos from many of the conventions. Of course, there will be stories associated with each year's event along with remembrances of the players and the wonderful homes of the instruments, many of which are no longer in existence. In some cases, you may even see people you know.

Please come along and participate on Monday evening, November 11th at the Capitol Theatre and give everyone your remembrances as well. Ed Horvath will bring along his goodies, and we can all have time to look to the future as well as remember the past.



Well, fall has arrived in all its glory, with a low temperature this morning of 29 degrees. Hope everyone is surviving the shower of leaves and also the lack of rain, making a quick brown view of our garden and yard.

Sorry so many members missed the October appearance by Justin Stahl, who presented a most enjoyable program. For November, I've been digging in my personal archives of photos, both hard copy and digital. Lots of memories. See notice of our November meeting on Page 1 of this issue of the *Windline*.

Our December event will be a holiday program open to the public at the Appell Center's Capitol Theatre. Our chapter is sponsoring the artist, Brett Miller, who will be presenting organ tunes and a silent film, Laurel and Hardy's "Big Business". Members will receive free admission for the advent.

Autumn foliage will soon fill our vistas with wonderful color. Enjoy our fall atmosphere and we hope to see everyone at our next meeting.

Richard Neidich
President, SVTOS



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.

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SVTOS 2024-2025 SEASON

Monday, November 11 7:00 PM	"60 Years of ATOS" Slide/Video Show, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
*Sunday, December 1 Time TBD	*SVTOS Christmas Concert featuring Brett Miller (Open to the public), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
*Monday, January 20	*SVTOS Open Console (MLK Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
*Monday, February 17	*SVTOS Open Console (Presidents' Day), Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, March 10 7:00 PM	SVTOS Members' Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, April 14 7:00 PM	To Be Announced
*Saturday, May 17 2:30 PM	*Ian Fraser Showcase on Opus 501, Howard-Fenner Residence, Lebanon, PA
Monday, June 9 7:00 PM	Pierre Fracalanza Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA
* Indicates meetings <u>NOT</u> 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, November 1, 6:30 PM, *Coco* (FREE) – BARRY HOWARD
- Saturday, November 2, 7:00 PM, *Cat Video Fest 2024* – GARY COLLER
- Sunday, November 3, 3:00 PM, *Ikiru* – GARY COLLER
- Friday, November 8, 7:00 PM, *The Wizard of Oz* – DON SCHOEPS
- Sunday, November 10, 3:00 PM, *Double Indemnity* – LARRY FENNER
- Sunday, November 17, 3:00 PM, *The Third Man* – BILL AUTRY
- Sunday, November 24, 3:00 PM, *Laura* – ROY WAINWRIGHT



It's That Time Again — Your SVTOS Membership Is Due

It's once again time to renew your SVTOS Membership for the 2024-2025 Season that runs from September 2024 through August 2025. **If your haven't already paid**, your personalized 2024-2025 SVTOS Membership Renewal Form is at the bottom of 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 16 2:00 PM	Dickinson Theatre Organ Society . Jelani Eddington.
Sunday, December 8 2:00 PM	Candi Carley-Roth and the Valley Forge Chorus (chapter of "The Sweet Adelines"), TOSDV Holiday Concert, Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, January 25 2:00 PM	Dickinson Theatre Organ Society . Ian Fraser. Wilmington, DE
Saturday, March 15 2:00 PM	Dickinson Theatre Organ Society . Pierre Fracalanza. Wilmington, DE
Saturday, May 3 2:00 PM	Dickinson Theatre Organ Society . Dave Wickerham. Wilmington, DE
Friday, May 16 7:00 PM	<i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i> with organ accompaniment by Jason Roberts, Market Square Presbyterian Church , Tickets \$10 General admission; Students \$5

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

FREE LPs, CDs, and DVDs

We received a large donation of both theatre and classical organ LPs, CDs, and DVDs from Delores Morch. Her husband Harold (Hal) passed away recently and they were former members of SVTOS. There are too many (close to 300) to bring to just one meeting, but there will be a large selection available at the November meeting - **FREE** to our members and attendees.



SPAGHETTI & WESTERN NITE
JUST TONY

JOIN US FOR A SPAGHETTI DINNER, FOLLOWED BY THE 1922 SILENT FILM "JUST TONY," STARRING TOM MIX, CLAIRE ADAMS, AND FRANK CAMPEAU!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8	SPAGHETTI DINNER AT 5:30PM	SILENT MOVIE AT 7:00PM
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SUGGESTED DONATION: \$9 PER PERSON
DON'T MISS OUT!
SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 8!

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Silent Film
Just Tony
will be
accompanied
by
Don Kinnier