

The Windline

October 2021



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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NATHAN AVAKIAN

“AN AFTERNOON OF SILENT FILMS AND POP MUSIC”

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH AT 2:00 PM

CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA



Nathan Avakian is a songwriter, film composer, and organist based in New York City. Known for his unique blending of virtual instrument technology with organ music, Nathan's live performances satisfy contemporary musical tastes and pay tribute to the historical legacy of the pipe organ.

Nathan's fascination with the pipe organ began at age four with a visit to the Portland Organ Grinder, a restaurant featuring live pop music played on a massive theatre organ with all of its mechanics exposed. At age eleven he began nine years of private organ studies with Donna Parker, and he was frequently coached by Jonas Nordwall.

Since winning the American Theatre Organ Society Young Organist Competition in 2009, Nathan has provided pipe organ entertainment across the United States and internationally including performances in Australia and New Zealand (2011 and 2017), Canada (2015), and Thailand (2018). (Continued on Page 2)

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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He has released several albums featuring theatre and classical pipe organs as well as virtual orchestrations. From 2011-2013 Nathan served as the Youth Representative on the American Theatre Organ Society Board of Directors managing programs that recognize and support the work of young organ students.

As resident organist and composer for the International Youth Silent Film Festival, Nathan creates music that inspires young filmmakers around the world as they reinvent the art of silent film. He helped pioneer the festival's expansion which includes 11 regionals across the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Hungary, Montenegro, and the United Arab Emirates.

Nathan scores historic silent films for Thanouser Company Film Preservation as well as contemporary films by various filmmakers. His music has recently been featured in web series including Makers Who Inspire (Henry Thong) and The Creative Quarantine Sessions (Alex Whittenberg). Nathan also has a growing collection of piano and organ compositions to his credit including "At The Square," commissioned to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Jersey Journal publication in 2017.

In 2020 Nathan and his sister Claire started a songwriting business called Passing Notes, writing and producing personalized songs for customers and their loved ones.

Nathan also works as a freelance theatrical lighting designer. In 2014 he received a B.F.A. degree in lighting design from Purchase College, State University of New York.

For more information about Nathan's music, visit www.avakianmusic.com.

Appell Center Covid Policies

All patrons are required to present one of the following to attend events at the Strand Theatre, Capitol Theatre and The Studio:

- Proof of full COVID-19 vaccination OR
- A negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of performance time OR
- A negative COVID-19 antigen test taken within 24 hours of performance time
- A valid photo ID

How To Obtain Tickets for Nathan Avakian's Concert

Admission is free, but you must do one of the following to obtain your tickets:

- Register for tickets through this link [Nathan Avakian Tickets](#), OR
- Call the Appell Center Box Office to order your tickets at (717) 846-1111, OR
- Visit the Capitol Theatre Box Office on the day of the concert

Now that fall has officially arrived, we are enjoying open windows and looking forward to a color filled autumn.

Prior to our first event of the new season, Conner Ream's program at the Capitol, the Leadership Committee held a meeting to discuss our event planning for events through next June. We have two or three months open and anyone with an idea should send it along.

On Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 2 PM. the SVTOS will present Nathan Avakian at the Appell Center's Capitol Theatre. Nathan will present a program of theatre organ music and several International Youth Silent Film Festival winning short silent films. The program will be free to the public in support of promoting the youth film festival. SVTOS members will need to visit the Appell Center's website and order the free tickets at <https://appellcenter.org/show/susquehanna-valley-theatre-organ-society-presents-nathan-avakian> or call the Box Office at (717) 846-1111.

As many of you are aware, the Appell Center is adopting a "proof of vaccination or recent COVID test" policy in a similar fashion to the city of New York for public venues. Thus, we will be required to have everyone attending our meeting have suitable documentation.

On Page 4 of this *Windline* you will find our editor's listing of future theatre organ events. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Nathan Avakian program.

Richard Neidich, President SVTOS

SVTOS 2020-2021 SEASON

Sunday, Oct. 17th* 2:00 PM	Nathan Avakian Public Concert featuring theatre organ music and several International Youth Silent Film Festival winning short silent films. Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Free presentation open to the public sponsored by SVTOS and the Appell Center.
Monday, Nov. 8th 7:00 PM	Video: "Pipe Dream" Restoration of Kimball organ in Lerner Theatre, Elkhart, IN. 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.

REMAINING SEASON 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"

NO FILMS ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

"SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village," Elizabethtown, PA

ALL PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, October 9 7:00 PM	Zach Frame, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, October 24 2:00 PM	Bernie Anderson energizes Lon Chaney's interpretation of <i>The Phantom of the Opera</i> using the 3/24 Wurlitzer Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley . Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.
Friday, October 29 7:00 PM	DON KINNIER accompanies the Halloween Silent Film <i>Nosferatu</i> at the Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Click here for details and price (when available).
Friday, November 5 7:00 PM	DON KINNIER accompanies <i>The Great K&A Train Robbery</i> (see flyer below for details)
Saturday, November 20 7:00 PM	Walt Strony, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Monday, November 22 5:00-8:00 PM	Christmas Sing-Along at Longwood Gardens featuring DON KINNIER
Sunday, December 5 2:00 PM	The annual TOSDV Holiday Musical Celebration will envelop the Colonial Theatre. GLENN HOUGH and Phyllis Sands will share organ and piano duties while Maria Damore will delight the audience with seasonal vocals and as sing-a-long leader. Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley . Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA.
Monday, December 13 5:00-8:00 PM	Christmas Sing-Along at Longwood Gardens featuring DON KINNIER
Monday, December 27 5:00-8:00 PM	Christmas Sing-Along at Longwood Gardens featuring DON KINNIER
Monday, January 3 5:00-8:00 PM	Christmas Sing-Along at Longwood Gardens featuring DON KINNIER
Saturday, January 22 3:00 PM (time change)	Dave Wickerham, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, March 19 3:00 PM (time change)	Peter Richard Conte, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, April 30 7:00 PM	Phil Kelsall, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE
Saturday, June 11 7:00 PM	David Peckham with Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, Dickinson Theatre Organ Society , Wilmington, DE


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

Holy Trinity Concert Series 2021-2022
31 S. Duke Street, Lancaster 17602

First Friday

November 5 at 7 p.m.

Theater organist **Don Kinnier** returns to Holy Trinity to accompany the silent film "The Great K&A Train Robbery"



This concert was made possible in part by a grant from the St. Mark Fund of the Endowment Fund of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
A free will offering will be accepted.

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**Free Admission
Tickets Required
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717-846-1111**



**The Appell Center's Capitol Theatre
50 N. George Street, York, PA**



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