

# The Windline

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*Susquehanna Valley Theatre*

*Organ Society*

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**SILENT MOVIE "BE MY WIFE"**  
**ACCOMPANIED BY DON KINNIER**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT 7:00 PM**  
**CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA**



Max (played by Max Linder) and Mary (Alta Allen) are in love, but Mary's Aunt Agatha (Caroline Rankin) dislikes Max, preferring the unappealing Simon, so Max must resort to a series of ruses to try to get Simon out of the way, and to be able to spend time with Mary. Max is determined to woo Mary, despite her Aunt Agatha's disapproval. Finally, Max comes up with a scheme that might allow him to prove to Aunt Agatha that he is more worthy than Simon.

(See Page 3 for information about our member-artist, Don Kinnier.)

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.

Welcome to fall! This is a great time of year to travel, visit, and attend theater organ concerts. During the last couple of weeks, we ventured to Dickinson High School for the Dickinson Theater Organ Society's kick-off open-house and mini-concert by Ian Fraser. Ian will appear as our SVTOS guest artist at the Capitol Theater in November. The next day our destination was the Colonial Theatre for the Ben Forsthoffer's Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley event. Ben will be our SVTOS featured artist in May 2024 playing Opus 501 for SVTOS members and limited guests on a space available basis. These two young artists have developed and offer different styles and technical approaches to their theater organ presentations. Ian and Ben will each be featured artists for SVTOS in the coming months.

As with every fall, we are heading to the Rochester, NY, area where we serve as volunteer staff in presenting the annual Antique Wireless Association Conference. (I've attended AWA conferences almost as long as I've been attending ATOS Conventions.)

This past month I had the pleasure to meet Robert Delany, who recently joined Todd Fogdall's staff at the Appell Center for the Performing Arts. We are looking forward to working with Robert as he enhances film programming and promotion for the Capitol Theatre as a primary focus. Robert has a Master of Arts from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, earned a Bachelor of Science in Film and Television from Boston University's School of Communication, and has directly related experience in curating film programming and community engagement and development. We hope to introduce Robert to the SVTOS members at our next meeting.

For our monthly members meeting on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we have Ian Fraser as our guest artist to perform a theatre organ program at the Capitol Theatre.

Make sure you note in your calendars the dates that the Windline contains for upcoming Chapter as well as other future events. I often have someone say, "I wish we had known or remembered" the week after that event. As a reminder, our next Chapter meeting will be Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> with **DON KINNIER** accompanying the silent film comedy, "Be My Wife". See Pages 1 and 3 of this newsletter for information about the film and our artist.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, this is a friendly reminder to encourage you to do so. With your membership this year you will receive complimentary tickets worth \$15 each to the SVTOS and Appell Center's holiday program on Sunday afternoon, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The program will be co-sponsored by SVTOS and the Appell Center and it will be Open-to-the-Public featuring performances by Nathan Avakian and his sister Claire Avakian.

As another incentive to renewing your membership or for folks who aren't current SVTOS members to join in looking ahead, Ben Forsthoffer's first concert for SVTOS will be in May 2024 (program date has not been confirmed yet) on Opus 501 which is in a private residence. We anticipate strong interest from SVTOS members and others who are not current members who will want to attend this program. Our audience will be limited in size with the maximum number of attendees to be determined by our hosts with priority given to current SVTOS members. We will provide more information on logistics in future notices to members.

Richard Neidich, President SVTOS

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## DON KINNIER accompanies the Silent Film *Be My Wife*



A Philadelphia area native, Don Kinnier began his organ studies at age 9 with organist David Ulrich. He accompanied his first silent film, *The Phantom of the Opera*, while a student at Drexel Institute in 1963. Though trained in classical music, Don became enamored with the theatre organ, and ultimately decided not to go for “Baroque”. During the 1960’s he served as house organist at the Lansdowne Theatre in suburban Philadelphia. During the 1970’s he toured the US, Canada, Argentina, and Taiwan performing concerts. Concurrently he was a technical representative for the Baldwin Organ Company. From 1979 to 1995, Don served as house organist at the Colonial Theatre in Phoenixville, PA, In addition to his 25 years of accompaniment work with the Betzwood Film Festival, Don has played for classic silent films at the Philadelphia Film Festival, The Capitol Film Festival in Rome, NY, the Secret Cinema’s showings at Moore College of Art and at the University of Pennsylvania. He has maintained a long and fruitful relationship with Longwood Gardens, performing there for 44 years.

## SVTOS 2023-2024 SEASON

Monday, October 9th 7:00 PM	Silent Film <i>Be My Wife</i> accompanied by DON KINNIER, Capitol Theatre, York PA
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 <b><u>NOT</u></b> held on the usual second Monday of the month <b><u>and/or</u></b> at a different time or location	

## Please Extend A Big SVTOS Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Todd Fogdall, Appell Center President and CEO

Nina Heitz, New Hope, PA

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, September 30th 7:00 pm	"Safety Last" starring Harold Lloyd with organ accompaniment by Brett Miller, <a href="#">Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA</a>
Saturday, October 14th 7:00 PM	Dave Wickerham, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
Sunday, October 29th 4:30—6:30 pm	Silent Film "Dr Jekyll & Mr. Hyde" accompanied by Bernie Anderson. <a href="#">Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</a> , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA
Saturday, November 18th 3:00 PM (Corrected Date)	Justin LaVoie, <a href="#">Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</a> , Wilmington, DE.
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.*

### "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.

- Saturday, September 30 @ 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM- *Manhattan Short Festival* - Don Schoeps
- Sunday, October 1 @ 3:00 PM - *Manhattan Short Festival* - Glenn Hough
- Friday, October 6 @ 6:30 PM - *Puss in Boots* - (FREE) Gary Coller
- Sunday, October 8 @ 3:00 PM - *Manhattan Short Festival* - ???????
- Friday, October 13 @ 7:00 PM - *Monty Python's The Meaning Of Life*, Don Schoeps
- Saturday, October 14 @ 7:00 PM - *Cat Video Fest 2023* - Unable to fill
- 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 2023* - Gary Coller
- Friday, December 8 @ 6:15 - *White Christmas* (Member Screening) - Larry Fenner
- Friday, December 15 @ 7:00 PM - *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas* - Roy Wainwright

