



## *Susquehanna Valley Theatre Organ Society*

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# **DONNIE RANKIN**

***Monday, September 12th at 7:00 PM  
Capitol Theatre, York, PA***

Donnie Rankin first took an interest in the theatre organ at the tender age of three when he first heard the sounds of the Mighty Wurlitzer at the Civic Theatre in Akron, Ohio. Following that initial introduction to the King of Instruments, he frequently played on his great-grandfather's home organ. In 2000 Donnie acquired an instrument and began taking formal lessons. Classical piano training followed in 2005, and his budding talent quickly blossomed into first rate musicianship.



Since then, Donnie has won several organ competitions and awards, including being named the Overall Winner of the American Theatre Organ Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition in 2007.

Donnie began studying with noted organist Jelani Eddington in September 2007. Since that time, Donnie has performed for theatre organ audiences around the world. He resides in Ravenna, Ohio, and is a staff organist at the Civic Theatre in nearby Akron – the very same organ Donnie first heard when he was three years old.

**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 at the Capitol Theatre in York, PA.**

The ATOS Convention in Cleveland during the first week of July was attended by 9 members of SVTOS who were privileged to hear 12 great organists play 12 great theatre pipe organs in marvelous movie palaces, auditoriums, and even a car museum! Five of the organists at the convention previously performed for SVTOS, and this year we are pleased to have Donnie Rankin, an additional convention artist, as our first showcase artist on September 12th at the Capitol Theatre in York. We're looking forward to hearing Donnie play the Capitol Wurlitzer. See more information about Donnie on page 1 of *The Windline*. Revisions to the SVTOS By-Laws will also be introduced at the September 12th meeting. Details about the proposed revisions can be found on page 6 and a vote will be held during the November 14th meeting.

Congratulations to Cody McSherry, our youngest member, for winning the "Lancaster's Got Talent" contest. Cody played several advanced accordion selections and won over all 3 judges. Cody plays several musical instruments, including the organ, and has a bright future as a musician.

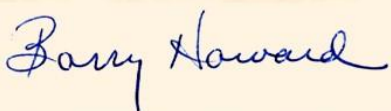
On a sad note, Louis Appell, Jr., a passionate supporter of the arts, passed away in June. He was a major contributor to the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center and various other non-profit organizations. While he was not a member of SVTOS, he did support SVTOS and the installation of the organ.

The Capitol Theatre has scheduled more movies for September and is planning to have regular Saturday evening movies preceded by 30 minutes of organ music. Our SVTOS organists have stepped up to provide the walk-in music prior to the movies. As more movies are scheduled we will be looking for additional organists for these movies.

Don Kinnier will also be accompanying two more silent films at the Capitol Theatre that will be open to the public. The "Halloween" program will be on Saturday October 29th and will feature the silent film *Nosferatu*. The "Christmas" program will be on Sunday December 11th and will feature the Laurel and Hardy comedy *Big Business* and two other short silent films.

**Our September meeting marks the start of our new 2016-2017 Season featuring three new organists. The start of a new season also means that membership dues are payable. Please see page 7 of *The Windline* for the membership renewal form.**

I hope everyone had a Great Summer and look forward to seeing you at the September 12th Showcase!



## SVTOS 2016-2017 SEASON

<b>Monday, Sept. 12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Showcase: Donnie Rankin, Ravenna, OH <a href="http://www.dr4productions.com">www.dr4productions.com</a></b> <b>Capitol Theatre, York PA</b>
Monday, Oct. 10 7:00 PM	Videos: "Pipe Dreams" (The Roaring 20's Pizza and Pipes Wurlitzer) and "The Magic Is The Sound" (Dickinson Theatre Organ Society Kimball) – followed by Open Console Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, Nov. 14 7:00 PM	Showcase: Tedde Gibson, Landover, MD Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Tuesday, Dec. 13* 7:00 PM	SVTOS Annual Christmas Spectacular Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA
Monday, Jan. 16*	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre Wurlitzer, Martin Luther King Day Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, Feb. 20*	Open Console at the Capitol Theatre Wurlitzer, Presidents' Day Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, March 13 7:00 PM	Video: "Tour Bus Goes to Spreckels" – world's largest outdoor organ (Austin) in Balboa Park, San Diego, CA -- followed by Open Console. Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, April 10 7:00 PM	Showcase: Frank Vanaman, Lutherville, MD Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, May 8 7:00 PM	SVTOS Annual Meeting followed by Open Console and ?? Capitol Theatre, York, PA
Monday, June 12 7:00 PM	Showcase: Gary Phillips, Attleboro, MA Capitol Theatre, York, PA
* Indicates meetings NOT held on the usual second Monday of the month	

### "SVTOS Plays For The Movies"

**Hear these SVTOS members play the Wurlitzer before movies at the Capitol Theatre:**

Friday Sept. 2 @ 7 PM	"The Devil Wears Prada" (Free)	Don Kinnier
Saturday Sept. 10 @ 7 PM	"Animal House" (\$7)	Gary Coller
Saturday Sept. 17 @ 7 PM	"Sixteen Candles" (\$7)	Robert Peirce
Saturday Sept. 24 @ 7 PM	Manhattan Short Film Festival (\$10)	Gary Coller
Sunday Sept. 25 @ 3 PM	Manhattan Short Film Festival (\$10)	Larry Fenner



## “SVTOS Plays at Masonic Village,” Elizabethtown, PA

Hear these SVTOS Members play the 3-manual Allen digital theatre organ in the Masonic Village Health Center at 7:00 pm on the following Tuesdays in 2016:

October 11th                      Ken Kline  
 December 13th                 Annual Christmas Spectacular featuring any and all SVTOS Members!

**Many thanks to all of the SVTOS members who volunteered to play at Masonic Village this year!!!!**

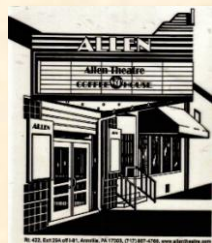
## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 11 2:00 PM	Jelani Eddington, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>
Saturday, Sept. 17 2:00 PM	<b>Don Kinnier</b> - Masonic Village Health Center <i>The Great K &amp; A Train Robbery</i> Starring Tom Mix, Dorothy Dwan and Tony The Horse (possibly the best supporting actor ever.)
Saturday, Sept. 24 7:00 PM	Dave Wickerham, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
Sunday, Oct. 2	Event at Lowe’s Jersey Wonder Morton (details to follow) <u>Garden State Theatre Organ Society</u>
Friday, Oct. 7 8:00 PM	<b>Don Kinnier</b> - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 31 S. Duke Street Lancaster PA <i>The Beloved Rogue</i> starring John Barrymore, Conrad Veidt and Marceline Day.
Thursday, Oct. 27 7:00 PM	<b>Don Kinnier</b> - Civic Theatre 527 N. 19th Street Allentown, PA <i>Nosferatu</i> starring Max Schreck, Gustav von Wangenheim, und Greta Schröder.
<b>Saturday, Oct 29 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Don Kinnier - Capitol Theatre 50 N. George Street, York, PA <i>Nosferatu</i> starring Max Schreck, Gustav von Wangenheim, und Greta Schröder.</b>
Sunday, Oct. 30 2:00 PM	Halloween Silent Movie, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>
Saturday, Nov. 12 2:00 PM	<b>Don Kinnier</b> - Masonic Village Health Center 2:00PM Film TBA
Sunday, Nov. 13 2:00 PM	Artist to be announced, Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA <u>Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley</u>
Saturday, Dec. 3 7:00 PM	Scott Foppiano Christmas Concert, <u>Dickinson Theatre Organ Society</u> , Wilmington, DE
<b>Sunday, Dec. 11 Time To Be Announced</b>	<b>Don Kinnier - Capitol Theatre 50 N. George Street, York, PA <i>Big Business</i> starring Laurel and Hardy, <i>The Adventures of Wrong Santa Clause</i> starring Barry O'Moore, Julian Reed, Richard Neill and Bliss Milford, plus a third film TBD.</b>

## Allen Theatre and MJ's Coffeehouse



Hear SVTOS members play the 3 manual Digital Hauptwerk theatre organ 30 minutes prior to the 7:30 PM movies on selected weekends at the



### Allen Theatre

36 E. Main Street (Rt. 422)  
Annville, PA 17003  
(717) 867-3545



### FOR SALE: Conn Theatre Organ

Model 642, 2 Manuals, 25-Note Pedal CC to C1, Serial # 653346, 115 Volts, 60~, 155Watts, 6 Amps Max line to speakers. The small item sitting on top of the console at the left in the pictures is a Conn *min-o-matic Rhythm* unit and is included with the organ. **BEST OFFER.** Contact George Shuppert at [geophy@verizon.net](mailto:geophy@verizon.net) or 410-692-6278.



### SVTOS OFFICERS

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### LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Larry Fenner – “Windline” Editor  
Herb Inge - Membership  
Joyce and Sam Groh - Hospitality  
Gary Coller, Sam Groh, Don Kinnier,  
Emmitte Miller, Terry Nace,  
Connor Ream, Don Schoeps and  
Judy Townsend

## **NOTICE TO SVTOS MEMBERSHIP: Proposed amendments to the SVTOS By-Laws:**

As required by the SVTOS by-laws, the following amendments to the by-laws will be proposed at the SVTOS September 12th meeting and will be acted on at the SVTOS November 10th meeting (by-laws require 30 days after proposal, so the October 10th meeting will be too soon to act). The following is the original text of the by-laws showing the proposed changes in red:

### ARTICLE III Membership

#### **Section 2. Classes and Benefits of Membership**

There shall be ~~two~~ **three** classes of membership: Regular, ~~Associate~~, and Honorary.

Each Regular member shall have the right to participate in all S.V.T.O.S. activities, including Showcase meetings, clinics, workshops, open consoles, annual picnic, and field trips, etc.; ~~shall receive two guest passes per year~~; shall be provided with free admission for any child or student under 18 years of age when accompanied by the Regular Member; shall receive all S.V.T.O.S. bulletins and publications; and shall have the right to vote on any matter requiring membership approval in accordance with these By-laws. Regular members who are also members of A.T.O.S. shall have the right to hold office.

~~Each Associate member shall have the right to participate in all S.V.T.O.S. clinics, workshops, open consoles, annual picnic, and field trips; and shall receive all S.V.T.O.S. bulletins and publications. Associate members who are also members of A.T.O.S. shall have the right to vote on any matter requiring membership approval in accordance with these By-laws.~~

Any person who has rendered outstanding service to the S.V.T.O.S. over a period of time, or who is a resident of the S.V.T.O.S. area of operation and has made a substantial contribution to the advancement or history of the theatre organ, may be elected as Honorary Member by nomination of any active member and majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting. Honorary Members shall have no local voting privileges and shall pay no S.V.T.O.S. dues. S.V.T.O.S. shall pay national dues in the A.T.O.S. for one year for such honorary members.

### ARTICLE IV Officers

#### **Section 1. Election and Term of Office**

The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. At least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Officers shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least ~~two~~ **(2) three (3)** Regular members who are not current Officers. At least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall publish and distribute to all members a proposed slate of Officers. Additional nominations may be made by motion of any eligible member at the Annual Meeting, provided at least two (2) eligible members second said nomination. Election of Officers shall be by simple majority of eligible members present and voting at the Annual Meeting. ~~No officer shall serve in one (1) office for more than two (2) consecutive terms, except the Treasurer, who has no term limit.~~



## 2016-2017 SVTOS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-ATOS Member -- \$40.00 (per household)

\_\_\_\_\_ ATOS Member -- \$30.00 (per household)

\_\_\_\_\_ Optional Donation for SVTOS Operational Expenses\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Optional Donation for SVTOS Scholarship Fund\*

\* Optional donations may be tax deductible

Please return this completed form with your check made payable to "SVTOS" to:

Roy Wainwright  
2897 Olde Field Drive  
York, PA 17408-4256

or you can give it to any SVTOS officer at the September 12th meeting.

**Thank you for your support!**