

The Windline

September 2024



*Susquehanna Valley Theatre
Organ Society*

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MICHAEL CARTER SHOWCASE

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH, 7:00 PM

NOTE: MEETING IS ON THE THIRD MONDAY

CAPITOL THEATRE, YORK, PA

MICHAEL CARTER hails from the ancient town of Warwick, in the centre of England. At the age of nine, he heard the 3/14 Blackpool Tower Wurlitzer during a family holiday and was mesmerised by the magical sound. He immediately decided he wanted to play that organ! After six years of lessons, mostly with the last of the pre-WWII cinema organists, Foley Bates, Michael achieved his ambition when one of the tower team of organists made it possible.

During his school years, Michael worked in local music shops, demonstrating and selling organs. He also started playing for local events on Hammond, and later, a Yamaha with MIDI expanders.

Michael joined the Cinema Organ Society and became the booking secretary for the Midlands & Wales District. It was as a member of the COS that Michael was awarded a scholarship to attend his first theatre organ summer workshop.

For many years, Michael joined his tutor Foley, and pianist Stanley Smith – billed as ‘The Midlands Trio’ – for an annual concert on the COS ex-Tower Cinema, West Bromwich, 3/10 Compton organ. Here he introduced his electronic organ skills alongside the theatre organ in a cross-over presentation designed to complement pipes with rhythms and additional sounds.
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Michael at the COS Saltaire Wurlitzer

Hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday weekend. Fall activities and travel events are approaching, along with shorter and cooler days.

This past week we received notice of the death of Mary Ann Dilworth, her husband Bob passed away two years ago. Mary Ann's passing marks the end of an era in theatre organ. Mary Ann and Bob Dilworth were dedicated leaders and volunteers involved in many phases of the Dickinson Theatre Organ Society's (DTOS) founding and operation of the Society's efforts. We all are hoping for the continuation of the many successful years of the DTOS and their wonderful events. I was at the Boyd Theatre for the last program of the Kimball and Mary Ann always warmly greeted us on our visits.

Our next chapter gathering will be September 16th when we "visit" with British organist Michael Carter. (See full details on Pages 1 and 3 of the Windline.) Please note that the September meeting will be held on the **THIRD MONDAY of September**.

Meeting plans for October have changed, with the meeting now scheduled for October 7th (the FIRST Monday of October) when we will have a visit by organist Justin Stahl from Indianapolis, Indiana. Checkout Larry's calendar of future event to plan your opportunities for theatre organ events.

Richard Neidich

President, SVTOS



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By 21, Michael was playing concerts on electronic and cameo appearances on theatre organ, but life and his career in IT started to take over and it was time for music to take a back seat.

Roll forward 20 years to 2012 and Michael started to play at home again, purchased a newer Yamaha, linked it with Hauptwerk and began to revive old arrangements and create brand new ones.

In 2015, Michael attended his first ATOS convention in Philadelphia and his passion for theatre organ was re-ignited. He joined a team of organists at The Cannock Chase Organ Club putting on informal bi-weekly presentations on the 3/6 ex-Douglas Isle-of-Man Compton.

The following year, at very short notice, Michael was invited to play the second half of a concert introducing young artists on the 3/7 Clayhall Compton. On the day, sickness and other reasons meant that Declan Poole was the only youngster to play the first half. To fill the space, other organists present on the day took to the bench, these were Bernard Tilley, Simon Gledhill and David Gray... no pressure then!

After this re-baptism of fire, Michael started to take both theatre and electronic bookings around the country, including the now-removed, Shrewsbury Buttermarket Wurlitzer, the Beer Wurlitzer, Blackpool's Empress Ballroom and Opera House, The COS Saltaire Wurlitzer, Stockport Town Hall, The COS Fentham Hall Compton, a Live-Stream from The Musical Museum at Kew Bridge during Covid and a special event on the Troxy Wurlitzer. Michael has also played two weekend tours for the Netherlands Organ Federation, with a third being planned.

In 2017, Michael became Assistant Editor of Cinema Organ, the journal of the COS – taking over as Editor soon after – a voluntary role he continues today. In addition to editing the entire text, Michael also uses his IT and artistic skills to typeset and design the whole publication.

In recent years, Michael has extended his stays whilst attending ATOS conventions, and made additional trips to visit the USA, to play many of the fabulous theatre organ installations whilst meeting owners, other enthusiasts, and making great friends along the way.



Michael at the Blackpool Empress Ballroom Wurlitzer

SVTOS 2024-2025 SEASON

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| *Monday, September 16 7:00 PM | *Michael Carter Showcase (from the United Kingdom!!), Capitol Theatre, York, PA |
| *Monday, October 7th 7:00 PM | *Justin Stahl Showcase, Capitol Theatre, York, PA |
| 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 NOT held on the usual second Monday of the month and/or at a different time or location

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 STVOS Membership Renewal Form is at the bottom of the email that delivered this newsletter. Please print that form, re-view 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!

“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, September 6, 6:30 PM, *The Iron Giant* – ROY WAINWRIGHT
- Saturday, September 7, 7:00 PM, *Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind* – DON SCHOEPS
- Sunday, September 8, 3:00 PM, *Paris, Texas* – ROY WAINWRIGHT
- Saturday, September 14, 7:00 PM, *Princess Mononoke* – LARRY FENNER
- Sunday, September 15, 3:00 PM, *Like Water For Chocolate* – BARRY HOWARD
- Saturday, September 21, 7:00 PM, *Spirited Away* – GARY COLLER
- Sunday, September 22, 3:00 PM, *Stand And Deliver* – BILL AUTRY
- Saturday, September 28, 7:00 PM, *The Boy and the Heron* – GLENN HOUGH
- Friday, October 4, 6:30 PM, *The Incredibles* – DON SCHOEPS
- Saturday, October 5, 3:30 PM, Manhattan Short Film Festival 2024 – DON SCHOEPS
- Saturday, October 5, 7:00 PM, Manhattan Short Film Festival 2024 – DON SCHOEPS
- Sunday, October 6, 3:00 PM, Manhattan Short Film Festival 2024 – LARRY FENNER
- Friday, October 11, 7:00 PM, *A Nightmare on Elm Street* – GLENN HOUGH
- Saturday, October 12, 7:00 PM, *Ghostbusters* – BILL AUTRY
- Sunday, October 13, 3:00 PM, *Roma* – GARY COLLER
- Saturday, October 19, 7:00 PM, *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* – GLENN HOUGH
- Sunday, October 20, 3:00 PM, *M* – BARRY HOWARD
- Sunday, October 27, 3:00 PM, *Creature from the Black Lagoon* – LARRY FENNER



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 September meeting - FREE to our members and attendees.



COMING ATTRACTIONS

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| Saturday, September 14 Noon until 3:00 PM | Dickinson Theatre Organ Society Open House . Get up close with The Mighty Kimball, you can play, see the pipes, Q&A time, mini-concert at 2 PM featuring Luke Stasiunas at 2:00 PM. A free event! |
| Sunday, September 15 2:00-4:00 PM | “Phoenixville Then and Now” Joint program and benefit for the Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area featuring Glenn Hough and Candi Carley-Roth , Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA |
| Sunday, September 29 4:00 PM | Felix Hell organist at Market Square Presbyterian Church , \$15 dollars suggested donation |
| Saturday, October 12 2:00 PM | Dickinson Theatre Organ Society . Monte Maxwell. Wilmington, DE |
| Friday, October 25 7:00 PM | Don Kinnier accompanies silent Film <i>Nosteratu</i> , Capitol Theatre, York, PA. Sponsored but the Appell Center or the Performing Arts . Admission fee applies. |
| Sunday, October 27 2:00 PM | Glenn Hough accompanies silent film <i>Nosferatu</i> , Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley , Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA |
| 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.

