

The Windline

Susquehanna Valley Chapter - ATOS

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From a 'Dusty corner'

The meetings of our chapter are a special time for many of us. We get to hear the wonderful instrument at the Capitol Theatre in the hands of talented artists. We enjoy each other's company and the warm hospitality. We all agree that there is no sound quite like the sound of a theatre pipe organ.



But we are just a small part of a much larger organization. There is a whole world out there known as American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS). ATOS membership is open to everyone who shares an interest in the preservation and promotion of the theatre pipe organ. And there are many benefits of being a member of ATOS.

ATOS membership includes the bimonthly publication *Theatre Organ*, the Journal of the American Theatre Organ Society. Each issue is packed with interesting articles and detailed stories of theatre organs rescued and restored. ATOS offers scholarships, summer camps and awards to encourage interest in the theatre organ.

Membership also includes the opportunity to attend various regional, national, and international conventions and special events. Hundreds of theatre organ aficionados congregate at these gatherings to hear and see theatre organs and great performers in various locations.

If you are not already a member, I encourage you to join. The annual dues are only \$40. For more information, visit their web site, ATOS.org (there is a link on our web site) or pick up a brochure at our next meeting. It's one more way to keep interest in theatre organs alive for a long time to come.

-Dusty

**Next Meeting: June 8
7:30 PM Capitol Theatre, York
(All members & students welcome)**



**Mysteries
Solved!
(Part 2)**

And Open Console!

At the June meeting, Don Kinnier and Terry Nace will continue to explain what all these buttons are about and how to use them.

Terry will do the explaining with the aid of a multi-media display, and Don will demonstrate practical musical applications of these features.

Come, listen and learn how to dazzle an audience!

Then, try your hand(s and feet) during Open Console time!

FREE MOVIES!

We are having one screening of a free family film (Wall-E) on Friday, June 5th.

Feel free to invite all SVTOS members to the movie!

I can also give free tickets to the Grease Sing Along (Sunday June 7) if any SVTOS member is interested. Just let me know!

Donna Nicklow (SCPAC 846-1155)

Sonic Feast!

Review of Tim Schramm Showcase 5/11/09
Roy Wainwright

Tim's debut at the Capitol Wurlitzer was terrific! His mastery of registration and his outstanding playing made for a particularly memorable evening! (It is always amazing to realize that Tim and 'pros' like him only need a few hours to setup everything and then play like they had been at this console for years!)

Tim's medleys included songs from "My Fair Lady" and "Sound of Music". He played a medley of Glenn Miller tunes with a brass choir registration which Glenn would have been proud of.

Tim's "Butterflies in a Meadow" is a delightful gem evoking butterflies, a rainstorm and clearing again; a beautiful sound painting.

He explained the background of his relations with church music and flew into a deliciously strong gospel rendition of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee".

Other songs included "Someone to Watch over Me", "I've Got Rhythm", "Harbor Lights", "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" and many others.

Tim's concluded the showcase with his conviction that "music is not music unless it moves and changes you". He then played his theme song- "Amazing Grace" in an improvisation weaving Bach themes in and through the hymn. Magnificent!

In my opinion, we have "saved the best for last". Tim brought out the full range of the Wurlitzer's capabilities, from meek to mighty in a most entertaining, enjoyable evening.

(We have permission to offer CDs of Tim's showcase performance to members at \$5.00 at meetings.)



Applause!! Applause!!

One of the most important and visible activities of our club is playing for the public. This is an opportunity to recognize, salute and express our sincere thanks especially to those who have played at the Masonic Village and for the movies at the Capitol.

Organists at Masonic Village during the last year were: Don Kinnier, (and Judy Townsend vocals), Ed Yeagley, Glenn Hough, Herb Inge, Gary Collier, Larry Fenner, and special performances Feb 17th by Herb Inge, and May 9th by Glenn Hough.

Organists for the movies this past season were: Gary Collier, Dusty Miller, Barry Howard, Mike Cosey, Bob Pierce, Roy Wainwright, and Glenn Hough.

Thank you all!



Upcoming Events

June 7	Don Kinnier & Judy Townsend , Free State, Baltimore 3PM http://www.geocities.com/fstos1984/
June 8	Registration Workshop II , Capitol Theatre, York, 7:30PM (all members) Open Console

Don and Judy are playing Sunday afternoon, June 7, at Free State. (see above). They have invited members of SVTOS. Admission is free. SVTOS members are encouraged to attend and wear their name badge.

We got a nice note from a resident at Masonic Village that reads:

We of Roosevelt would like to thank you for playing for us especially Glenn Hough who made our electric organ come alive with all different sounds. I don't remember the auditorium being full with people or filled with such good music for a long time. It is refreshing to know you are coming again soon.

Masonic Magic!

We now are scheduled for concerts at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.

Sep 15th (Silent Movie)
Dec 15th (our Christmas program)

Serve by Playing:

Join other members of SVTOS who are taking turns playing for residents at Country Meadows in Lancaster the first Sunday of each month. One hour programs. Older two-manual Allen digital.

For more information, call Gary Coller, 610-678-5690.

FOR SALE:

Allen Theatre III-Plus with eight speakers, console controller, ensemble and MIDI assistant. Superior condition, \$18,400. Buyer to move. Taylor Harvey, 410-742-2506.

FOR SALE:

Hammond A101 organ (24 pedals) and model 47 Leslie speaker - furniture in good shape. Purchased in 1961. A trumpet playing friend of mine from Lebanon Community Concert Band has it in the estate of his parents. Interested parties can contact me and I will connect them with the estate executor.

Lee Moyer

Here's one way to get youngsters interested:

Information about the [NYTOS/GSTOS Traveling Organ and Finding New Organ Students program](http://www.gstos.org). You can view the article at: www.gstos.org/baratta-school.htm

One thing that he is very proud of is that out of the thousands of students who have been exposed to the program, there are now forty-eight new organ students taking lessons because of it. Here are two links to two parts of the Traveling Organ Presentation that is presented on YouTube.

Part 1 on YouTube -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIL-yB-Shw4&feature=channel>

Part 2 on YouTube -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEcTLPfQKq8&feature=channel_page

The program, including the music, lasts about thirty minutes. The YouTube videos are shorter than the total thirty minutes since some musical pieces are excised out of the videos to get maximum use of the YouTube format. John likes to leave extra time for questions and hands-on time, if possible.

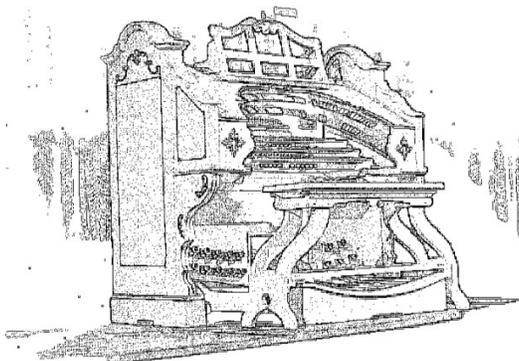
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Important Upcoming Events

> June 8, 2009

**Wurlitzer 'Goodies'
(part 2) and
Open Console**

7:30PM Capitol