

## RMCATOS Calendar of Events

For additional information call: 303-466-3330

### April 16-17 – “The Mighty Wurlitzer: Non-Stop!”

Denver Paramount Theatre – 10 am to 4 pm each day  
Hear the Mighty Wurlitzer played, “live”, continuously!  
Free! Informal! Stop by any time. Doors Open Denver.

### May thru August – Sack Lunch Serenade - Noon

City Auditorium, Colorado Springs  
Thursdays – Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ  
(Donations Appreciated)

### May 15 – “Oh Boy, It’s O’Boyle” – 2 pm

Holiday Hills Village Ballroom  
Tom O’Boyle plays Theatre Organ and Ragtime  
(A club social for Members and Guests)

### May 20 – “Kevin Utter and the Mighty Wurlitzer”

Lory Student Center, CSU, Fort Collins – 7:30 pm  
Tickets at the door: \$10 (970-667-2664)

### June 12 – “Kevin, Doc & Big George” – 2 pm

Holiday Hills Village Ballroom  
Keven Utter, Doc Fergy: Theatre Organ and Sax  
(Members, no charge; non-members, \$5)

### July 17 – “Pizza & Pipeless” - 2 pm

Holiday Hills Village Ballroom  
Pizza & Beverage & a Wonderful Experience  
(Members, \$5; non-members, \$10)

### Aug 7-10 – Theatre Organ Workshop

Colorado State University, Fort Collins  
For more information: 970-223-4139

### Sept 2-4 – Brett Valliant Labor Day Week-end

Colorado Springs (719-488-9469)

### Sept 18 – “Cool, Calm & Collectible” – 2 pm

Holiday Hills Village Ballroom  
A musical kaleidoscope with Jim Calm  
(A club social for Members and Guests)



## *The Rocky Mountain Chapter American Theatre Organ Society*

Presents

# *Theatre Organ*

and

# *Ragtime Grand Piano*

Featuring

## **Brett Valliant**

*at the George Wright digital Wurlitzer*

and

## **Dick Kroeckel**

*at the 7-foot grand piano*

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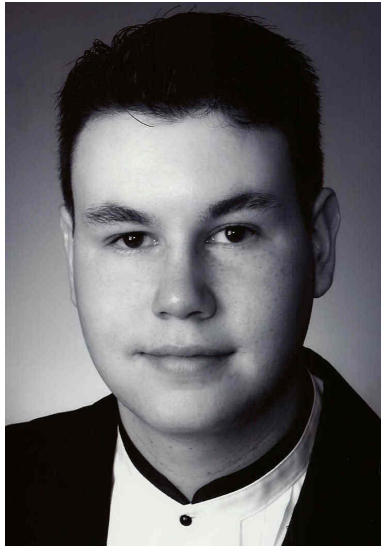
## **Holiday Hills Village Ballroom**

Federal Heights, Colorado

**Monday, April 11, 2005**

## *About the Artists*

**Brett Valliant** was born in 1981 in Wichita, Kansas. Brett indicated an interest in the organ by the tender age of three. While playing by ear and taking piano lessons, he persuaded his parents to allow organ lessons.



By the time he was eleven years old, Brett was playing for a church and continuing classical organ studies. By age 15 he had played classical concerts and continued to play for church services.

A friend convinced him, somewhat against his will, to attend a Wichita Wurlitzer theatre organ concert.... and he loved it! That same night at the artist's reception he played the Wurlitzer and he was hooked forever.

In 2001 Brett completed a five-week theatre organ concert tour of Australia and New Zealand.. He has recorded a CD, "Lyric Wurlitzer" (available in the lobby).

Brett currently juggles his concert appearances across the US with his responsibilities as Director of Music for the First United Methodist Church of Wichita. Brett continues to play regularly in Wichita on the Wurlitzer theatre pipe organs at the Little River Studio and the Century II Theatre where he is artist in residence.

Brett returns to Colorado this Labor Day week-end when he will be playing a variety of concerts at a number of venues in the Colorado Springs area. For more information call: 719-488-9469.

*CD's by Brett Valliant and Dick Kroeckel will be available in the back of the ballroom at intermission and following the performance.*

## *About the Artists*

**Dick Kroeckel**, an Indianapolis, IN native, has been a popular Colorado entertainer since he was 16 years old, when he began playing in mountain town saloons. While in the Army he played for Chapel Services and Special Services Productions, officer's clubs and the Fourth Army Entertainment Tours.

Returning to Colorado, Dick once again began entertaining in Georgetown at the Silver Queen and Red Ram. The Red Slipper Room in Denver's Cherry Creek Inn was a favorite spot for Denverites where they enjoyed Dick's talents for ten years.

In 1976 Dick was featured in a special for CBS by Charles Kuralt entitled "On the Road in '76". He also appeared in documentary movies on Tombstone, AZ and one for ITT. Dick has appeared regularly in Colorado at the Strater Hotel's Diamond Belle Saloon, Durango; the Glory Hole Saloon, Central City; the Phenix House, Cripple Creek; and in Deadwood, SD.

He has toured the country, including Olde Towne Alexandria, VA and has done two seasonal tours with the Kaleidoscope Players from New Mexico's State Theatre. He is well known to Colorado audiences for his accompaniment of melodrama and silent films. He is currently performing at Fortune Valley Hotel and Casino, Central City, CO.

Dick has released nine recordings, seven of which are solo, as well as one with organist Patti Simon and one with vocalist Al Fike.



When not traveling to perform, Dick operates a business restoring player pianos and orchestrions. A dedicated train buff, Dick will travel most anywhere to ride a train and when not working, cooking is a favorite activity.