



Pipes Along the Rockies

*Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Theatre Organ Society, Inc.
December, 2004*

Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 5th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Club Pot Luck Social (no charge)

Our expanded club membership has made it necessary to break the tradition of gathering at member Helen Bingham's home for our annual Christmas get-together. This year we will use the ballroom at Holiday Hills and "George" and "Victor" will be able to join in on the festivities!

The annual Christmas event will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 5th, at 2 P.M. in the Holiday Hills Ballroom. It will be a pot-luck social.

The Club will provide ham, turkey, drinks, dinnerware, silverware and napkins. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish plus a wrapped "white elephant" gift. These gifts will be exchanged during the ever-popular annual bingo extravaganza.

Christmas music, a Christmas Carol sing-a-long and a few other surprises are also planned as a part of the afternoon's activities.

If you plan to attend please call:

**Doris Beverly, 303-466-3330 .. or..
Joann Collins, 303-933-7412.**

They need an accurate attendance figure to know how much meat to purchase.

When you call, tell them what type of food you will be bringing such as, vegetable, casserole, salad, dessert, or relish dish.

The Christmas Gathering is a no-charge, members only, club social event. Don't miss this wonderful afternoon (and meal) with your music-loving and music-producing fellow members.

Membership Renewal

In this newsletter members have received a membership renewal form. Please make any changes on the form for name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Return the renewal page with a check to RMCATOS for \$15 and send to the address indicated on the form.

If your form has been marked "Paid" there is no need to return the form unless information changes are required.

What a deal! Where else can you get fine music, fun times, tasty refreshments and great fellowship for only \$15 per household per year! (Check out the calendar in this issue to see what exciting events are being planned for 2005!)

Do Not Delay: Renew Today

Club Officers to Change

Owanah Wick has decided, for personal reasons, not to continue on as President of the Chapter next year. Owanah has done an excellent job in guiding the club over the past twelve months and her leadership will truly be missed.

Owanah has been very effective in keeping Chapter board meetings on target and she worked tirelessly on the AMICA convention that supported our "Patti & Dick" concert at the Paramount. We can also thank Owanah for helping make the Colorado Springs "Wickerham Weekend" a success.

Estelle Langston has decided not to continue on as refreshment coordinator. Estelle has nobly taken care of "snack time" for the past year. Her dedication to duty has been appreciated by us all.

Hopefully, by the January social, both positions will be filled.

Everyone's A Musician

January 23rd, 2005, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Club Social (no charge)

It's time to start thinking about and practicing for the third annual "Everyone's A Musician" club social on January 23rd at the Holiday Hills ballroom.

"Everyone's A Musician" is a RMCATOS happy combination of the Ted Mack Amateur Hour, Star Search, American Idol and the Gong Show all rolled into one fun-filled afternoon!

The goal is to let everyone release the (sometimes hidden) talents within their being. This event provides each member with the opportunity to display their musical skills..... without fear.

To level the "playing field" our "regular" performing members are only allowed to participate if they are accompanying a "non-regular" or are performing with or on something other than their "normal" instrument.

All members are encouraged to briefly step into the spotlight and show their "musical stuff". Participation is not limited to keyboard activity, but may include vocal works or any other musical device. A minimum of 8 bars of music is required!

Headlining the individual performances will be the return of last year's "Boomwacker Trio". Also returning will be everyone's participation in our traditional, poignant and moving "Concerto for Theatre Organ, Grand Piano and Zipper". Plan now to attend and plan to participate.

Performers should sign up as soon as possible..... call Lee Shaw (**303-530-2421**) and reserve your spot on the program. Lee can also help you arrange rehearsal time with "George" and/or "Victor" if that is desired or required.

RMCATOS on the Web

If you have access to the internet, check out our website. It has the club calendar and pictures of past club events and activities.

<http://rmcatos.home.comcast.net>

Pizza & Pipeless

February 13rd, 2005, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Members \$5; non-members \$10

(This is an RTD Senior Ride event)

The cries of "More, More, More" have been answered with this return engagement of the wonderful program provided for us last June by Bev Bucci, Jim Calm and Lee Traster.

RTD Senior Ride has been asked to join us. Based on attendance, if there is available ballroom space, we will once again provide a dance floor for those who are not content to just tap their feet.



Don't forget to wear your dancing shoes.

A wonderful event for bringing guests. Enjoy...

Music: *Theatre organ and grand piano.*

Munching: *All-you-can-eat pizza & beverage*

Mystery: *Subtle surprises during the show*

President's Message

WHAT A YEAR THIS HAS BEEN! As I stated during the Ron Reseigh concert, it has been like being at a mini-convention all year long, except the buses didn't leave at 7 a.m.!

As I look back at all the wonderful things that happen, all the music we have heard, all the monthly socials that we have enjoyed, it makes me wonder, how can anyone not enjoy music, especially the wonderful music of the theatre organ.

There are many people who made this year possible. First of all Lee Shaw, for all the hard work and many hours of his time that he devoted to bring us the wonderful concerts at the Paramount, and the concerts and socials at Holiday Hills.

A big thanks to Doris Beverly, who has kept us aware of our budget and kept financial records in order -- A big thanks to Priscilla Arthur who has been the Secretary this year and kept us up to date on all the proceedings of each Board Meeting and supplied Chapter activities news to national ATOS.

Hugs and Hugs for the Paramount work crew that has worked so hard to make sure the Paramount Organ was always ready for any concert artist. Those men, Bob Castle, Don Wick, Mike Bryant, Mike Schuh, Ryan Kroll, David Charles and Lee Shaw, spent many hours (sometimes until 2 a.m.) to make sure the organ made the artist look good.

An especially "sweet thanks" to Estelle Langston for her work at making certain refreshments were always ready for socials. To all the talented people who provided us with such wonderful music this year, our heart-felt appreciation. To the photographers, Bill Kwinn and Corky Carlson, thanks for the memories.

And finally, TO ALL OF YOU who came and gave your support to all the events we scheduled. We have one more event and that is the Christmas party. I'm sure this will be a wonderful event with lots of music and fun and games. Come, and enjoy this time together. Thanks again for a wonderful year and thanks for the memories.

Owanah

Ron Rumbled & Romped

Ron Reseigh, the wiz kid theatre organist from Milwaukee, had a full week-end of keyboards here in October. On Saturday the 16th he played two concerts (each to a filled room) at the Searle Wurlitzer studio in Aurora.



Ron Reseigh at the Searle Wurlitzer

On Sunday the 17th, the Holiday Hills Ballroom literally shook as Ron ran "George" through his paces playing a wide variety of music.... including, of course, Ron's signature rendition of "Tico Tico".

If you weren't there, you missed a wonderful event. If you were there, you are most likely looking forward to Ron's return sometime in the future.

"Music and the Movies"

Those that attended (about 75) the November 14th social that were expecting Mike Bryant to just play familiar movie tunes received a delightful surprise.



Mike Bryant discussing Music and the Movies

Not only did everyone get a chance to hear movie music, they also received a tutorial of movie music history and the "inside scoop" on songs, writers and performers. Thanks, Mike, for broadening our horizons while pleasing our ears!

RMCATOS Officers for 2004

President: **Owanah Wick** (719) 488-9469
VP Events:
Secretary: **Priscilla Arthur** (303) 671-8333
Treasurer: **Joann Collins** (303) 933-7412

If you have any questions, any ideas for programs, suggestions for club activities, or want to attend a

RMCATOS Board of Director's Meeting, please feel free to contact any of the officers.

Colorado Springs Holiday Events

Sack Lunch Serenade: Thursdays at Noon

December 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2004.

Colorado Springs City Auditorium

Theatre Organ & Laser show: Sunday, Dec 12th

Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Students \$4

Get an additional \$1 off by bringing a can of food.

In Memoriam

Member Charles Lehrer passed away in November. Our sympathies to his family.

Welcome New Members:

Carole Ann Ball, Lakewood

Micah L. Bisson, Parker

Ron Reseigh, Milwaukee



Remember Club Event Dates Dandy Date Dots Do Dot Dates

Enclosed with this edition of the newsletter is a set of green date dots. Use a dot to mark each club event date on your calendar. Just remember... **Green** means "GO" .. to the RMCATOS event that is being held on the duly documented dotted date.



RMCATOS Events Calendar

Dec 5th – (Sun) **Chapter Christmas Pot Luck**
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm

Dec 2, 9, 16, 23 – (Thur) Sack Lunch Serenade
Colorado Springs City Auditorium
Noon. No charge.

Dec 12th – (Sun) Theatre Organ & Lasers
Colorado Springs City Aud – 2 pm
Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Students \$4

Jan 23rd – (Sun) **"Everyone's A Musician"**
Chapter Social
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm

Feb 13rd – (Sun) **Pizza & Pipeless**
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
Members \$5; non-members \$10
This is an RTD Senior Ride event

Mar 13th – (Sun) To be announced

Apr 9th – (Sat) **Theatre Organ Workshop**
Neil Jensen, from Sydney, Australia
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
Members, free; non-members \$5

Apr 10th – (Sun) **Hot Pipes / Hot Tomatoes**
Neil Jensen & The Hot Tomatoes
Paramount Theatre (*not confirmed*)
Adults \$10; Students \$5
This is an RTD Senior Ride event

Apr 11th – (Mon) **Awesome Aussie Plays Pipeless**
Neil Jensen from Sydney, Australia
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
Adults \$10; Students \$5
This is an RTD Senior Ride event

April 16th – Century II, Wichita, KA
Simon Gledhill, London, UK

April 17th – Little River Studio, Wichita, KA
Katherine Drummond, London, UK

April 29, 30, May 1 – JATOE fest, Chicago

May – Sack Lunch Serenades begin
Colorado Springs City Auditorium

May 15th – (Sun) To be announced

Jun 12th – (Sun) **Kevin Utter & Doc Fergy**
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
Members, free; non-members \$5

July 17th – (Sun) **Pizza & Pipeless**
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
Members \$5; non-members \$10
This is an RTD Senior Ride event

Aug - 75th anniversary of the Denver Paramount

Sept 18th – (Sun) **Cool, Calm and Collectible**
Jim Calm does his thing
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm

Oct – To be announced

November – To be announced

December – Annual Christmas Potluck