



# Pipes Along the Rockies

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter  
American Theatre Organ Society, Inc.  
April, 2005

## Hot Pipes Hot Tomatoes

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 2 pm**  
**Denver Paramount Theatre**  
**Adults \$10, Students \$5**  
*(This is an RTD Senior Ride event)*



**Brett Valliant** at the console of the Mighty Wurlitzer and **The Hot Tomatoes** swing and Jazz dance orchestra heat things up at Denver's Paramount Theatre performing individually and together on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

Those who like to dance will not be disappointed. Several rows of center section theatre seats are being removed to provide a dance floor for those who just aren't content being seated and tapping their feet.

Brett's performances are always a treat and the Hot Tomatoes are a household name in the Denver area. Do plan to attend this fun afternoon and bring your friends, your relatives and your dancing shoes.

**Don't like driving to the Paramount?**

## Take the Bus...

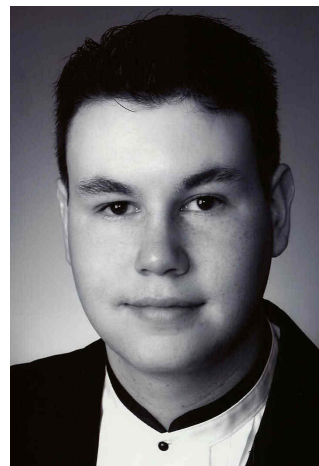
Want to attend the April 10<sup>th</sup> "Hot Pipes, Hot Tomatoes" event at the Paramount, but don't want to drive/park in downtown Denver?

There are 21 available seats on the RTD bus that leaves the Holiday Hills club house at 12:45 pm the day of the performance and provides transportation to the Paramount's front door.

Passengers of any age are welcome. The round trip fare is \$1.25 for those 65 and over, \$2.50 for all others. Call Sally Peterson (303-657-9655) to reserve a seat or seats. Bus fare is paid to the RTD driver. Event tickets can be purchased from Sally or at the door.

## Theatre Organ & Ragtime Piano

**Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 2 pm**  
**Holiday Hills Village Ballroom**  
**Adults \$10, Students \$5**  
*(This is an RTD Senior Ride event)*



← **Brett Valliant** from the Wichita Century II Theatre remains in the area one more day to team up with **Dick Kroeckel** of Central City's Fortune Valley Casino for a robust afternoon of theatre organ and ragtime grand piano music. You will hear both artists on both instruments in various combinations.

This is a special week-day performance on **MONDAY** afternoon so those folks who are not able

to attend our week-end events have the opportunity to enjoy the splendors of theatre organ and grand piano performance at the hands of some of the country's top musical artists.

This event is a fine opportunity to invite a number of friends for a delightful afternoon's entertainment.

Light refreshments will be served. ↑ *Dick Kroeckel*



## **Parking for the Paramount**

The Pavillion, 15<sup>th</sup> & Welton, enter from Welton between 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Street. \$5

Parking Garage, 17<sup>th</sup> & Glenarm, (Central) enter from Glenarm. \$5

Parking Garage, 17<sup>th</sup> & Glenarm, (Interpark) enter from Glenarm. \$5

## **Brett Reception**

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 2 pm**

**Holiday Hills Village Ballroom**

**A "No Charge" event for those holding tickets to our April 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> events. (Event tickets available at the door)**

To give our members an opportunity to personally get to know Brett better, we are having a very casual members-only reception for Brett on Saturday afternoon, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm at Holiday Hills.

"George" will be there and we might just talk Brett into sharing some of his musical talents with us. Time for requests and some of our members "jam'in" with Brett are also strong possibilities.

Don't pass up this opportunity for a "blue jeans casual" afternoon spent getting better acquainted with one of our artists, with fellow RMCATOS members and with fine music.

Light refreshments will be served. Admission to the reception will be a paid ticket to a Brett event.

## **Oh Boy! It's O'Boyle!**

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 2 pm**

**Holliday Hills Ballroom**

**Club Social**

Tom O'Boyle, a theatre organ living legend in Colorado Springs, will be our guest artist for the May 15<sup>th</sup> club social.

Tom (who is Irish, if you haven't noticed) has been playing keyboards for over 40 years in the Colorado Springs area at various establishments including a long tenure at the Broadmore hotel.

Tom is a great storyteller and plays classical piano, theatre organ and his specialty, ragtime. He has played with symphony orchestras, for the Colorado Springs Swing & Jazz Society and is a regular at the City Auditorium Sack Lunch Serenades.

We're delighted that Tom is making the trip north to spend an afternoon with "George", "Victor" and our members. Light refreshments will be served.

## **Wurlitzer Concert at CSU**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 7:30 pm**

**Lory Center, CSU, Fort Collins**

**Tickets \$10 (at the door)**

*"An Evening With Kevin Utter and the Mighty Wurlitzer"* will be presented on Friday evening, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., at the Lory Student Center at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. The program is being sponsored by the Tri-State Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Kevin, a graduate of the C.S.U. organ department, and currently organist at Christ United Methodist Church in Fort Collins, will present a diversified program of classical orchestral transcriptions, "golden oldies", and just a bit of swing/big band music with Harry Ferguson on the sax. He will accompany a short silent film, and relate some of the history of the installed 1927 Wurlitzer pipe organ.

Directions to Lory Student Center: From Hwy 287: North on 287 (College Ave. in Fort Collins) to



Laurel St., which is the northern boundary of the CSU campus.

Turn left on Laurel, cross the RR tracks, and turn left onto the campus at Meldrum St. (after the 2nd stoplight). There is a large parking lot - drive to the southwest part (close to the Transfort Bus Stop), the Lory Student Center is the large building SW of the parking lot. The theater is on the south end of the building – there will be signs inside to direct you!

From I-25: Take I-25 north to the Hwy. 14 exit west (north Ft. Collins). Hwy. 14 becomes Mulberry as you go west into the city. Turn left on College (Hwy. 287). Go south two blocks to Laurel, and right on Laurel following above directions.

## Bob Castle plays in [for] the NBA!

When the NBA (National Basketball Association) had their All Star game in Denver recently, they also had a film premier at the Paramount: “Year of the Yao” featuring NBA player Yao Ming.

When NBA officials learned of the Paramount’s Mighty Wurlitzer, they said “We want it!” The only problem was that the Wurlitzer console was buried under an additional layer of flooring installed for the Colorado Ballet’s extended stage.

To quote an official from the Pepsi Center (that was hosting the event), “What the NBA wants, the NBA gets!”..... so yes, the Paramount crew cut a hole in the ballet flooring so Bob Castle and the Mighty Wurlitzer could perform for the full house.

## Pizza & Pipeless (Priceless!)

The Holiday Hills Ballroom overflowed with people, pizza and performance on February 13<sup>th</sup> as the over 225 attendees were treated to high class pizza (skillfully procured by member Carol Robinson) and high class performance provided by members Bev Bucci, Jim Calm and Lee Traster.

“A good time was had by all” is a gross understatement. In addition to the outstanding individual and duo performances by the terrific trio on both the theatre organ and the grand piano, a surprise appearance by the “Impromptu Polka Band” (initials BB, JC, LT & Joey Bacon) with its accordion, tuba, piano and drums brought the house down and the polka dancers out onto the dance floor.

Our thanks to the artists and all the members who helped with the preparations and the serving. The event was an unqualified success in every sense.

Next Pizza and Pipeless, with Mike Bryant, Bob Castle and DeLoy Goeglein is July 17<sup>th</sup>.

↓ *Pizza & Pipeless: “That’s What It’s All About”*





*Some of the "By George" folks*

## **By George, It WAS George (& Bob)**

About fifty hardy souls braved the weather to attend our club social on March 13<sup>th</sup>. They were richly rewarded for their efforts. Bob Castle, supplemented by projected images of George Wright LP covers, treated us all to the music, the moods and the memories of theatre organ great George Wright.

Our "George" instrument is a digital "clone" of the Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ in George Wright's home so it was interesting to learn more about it and its owner. As usual Bob's music was "top drawer".



Thanks to the projector provided by member Corky Carlson, we also were able to see a visual review of RMCATOS events over the past years.

Jud Murphy provided the light refreshments.

Our Web Site.....

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

## **Sunday Jam**

March 6<sup>th</sup> was a special "Sunday Jam" for those who just like to play or just like to listen or both! Everyone in attendance agreed we should do it again. The next Sunday Jam will be scheduled in the Fall.

## **Theatre Organ Workshop At Colorado State University**

August 7<sup>th</sup> thru August 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a theatre organ workshop at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Jonas Nordwall will be the guest lecturer / artist playing CSU's 3/19 Mighty Wurlitzer.

Registration for the four-day event is \$195. Meals and lodging are not included.

An afterglow organ crawl in Colorado Springs will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The \$50 registration fee includes transportation, a number of venues plus lunch and dinner.

For further information or registration forms contact Doug Thompson, 3124 Meadowlark Ave, Fort Collins, 80526.... 970-223-4139

*Attend a RMCATOS event and....*

## **Lose Weight!**

Minnesota's Mayo Clinic reports that even small body movements (such as tapping your feet, or waving your arms, or twiddling your thumbs) done on a regular basis, can help prevent adding weight.

A RMCATOS event allows you to participate in all these healthy activities while at the same time enjoying great music.



It is hoped that this new-found information will reduce the “fat chance” you’ll be at our next event!

## **DeLoy Goeglein organ store**

Member DeLoy Goeglein and associate Earl Knosher have opened a sales and repair facility for pianos/organs/bells/keyboards/amplifiers. The store is normally open on Saturdays 9-5, but it is best to call in advance. Classic Organs & Bells, 7430 Cherry St. 720-363-8744 or 720-937-6537

## **Callers doing great job**

Over forty of our members have requested a reminder phone call prior to any RMCATOS activity. Our thanks to Carl Hoff and Vera Jones who have volunteered and have been making those calls since the first of the year. The service is greatly appreciated.

## **The President’s Corner**

Here we are already in the month of April, and how exciting a time it is. I look around and even though some of us have just seen some left-overs from winter (snow) things are greening up and we’re starting to see spring flowers coming up.

And, speaking of coming up, does our club really have some exciting events on the horizon! Many thanks to Lee Shaw for all of his hard work and time spent lining up some exciting events, entertainment, and theater organ music! As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the upcoming concert with Brett Valiant and the Hot Tomatoes is going to be something to see and hear.

This month the RMCATOS is trying something different, we are having an event on Monday at Holiday Hills with Brett and Dick Kroeckel. This should prove to be lots of fun, so enjoy yet a second day for fun and entertainment.

Before I forget, I’d like to thank Bob Castle for a wonderful program on the life and music of George Wright. His presentation was both informative and entertaining. I could close my eyes and almost picture being right there when George was playing. Way to go Bob! I also want to thank everyone that helped out at the event, the refreshments were great,

and even though the weather wasn’t bright and sunny, the crowd that came had a wonderful time.

Just a quick reminder, we have many events where we need volunteers to assist. It’s amazing what a good time you can have by pitching in and being a very valuable volunteer.

Thanks to everyone for the hard work and I hope to see you at the Paramount this Sunday!

Your Prez,

*Jim Burt*

## **Holiday Hills Church**

### **Appreciates “Victor” use**

A thank you note has been received from the Holiday Hills Community Church expressing their appreciation for the use of the RMCATOS grand piano (Victor) for their church services. The church meets in the Holiday Hills ballroom every Sunday morning. Our club has a good working relationship with the church and we are happy to share our resources.

### **Welcome New Members:**

Kirk Anderson, Thornton

Ben & Rachel Elger, Westminster

### **RMCATOS Officers for 2005**

President: **Jim Burt** (719) 388-2101

VP Events:

Secretary: **Priscilla Arthur** (303) 671-8333

Treasurer: **Joann Collins** (303) 933-7412

Tickets: **Doris Beverly** (303) 466-3330

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.

### **Want to become a RMCATOS Member?**

Enjoy mighty music and fine fun every month!

Membership is only \$15 per year, per household.

Membership is from January to January.

For more information and membership forms call:

**303-933-7412 or 303-466-3330**

## **RMCATOS Events Calendar**

Apr 9<sup>th</sup> – (Sat) ***Reception for Brett Valliant***  
 Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm  
 No charge for members with tickets to  
 April 10<sup>th</sup> or April 11<sup>th</sup> events.

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April 16<sup>th</sup> – Century II, Wichita, KS  
 Simon Gledhill, London, UK

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Little River Studio, Wichita, KS  
 Katherine Drummond, London, UK

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

May – Sack Lunch Serenades begin  
 Colorado Springs City Auditorium

May 15<sup>th</sup> – (Sun) ***Oh Boy, It’s O’Boyle***  
 Tom O’Boyle plays “George”  
 Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm  
 Members & guests, no charge

May 20<sup>th</sup> – (Fri) ***An Evening with Kevin Utter and  
 the Mighty Wurlitzer***  
 Lory Student Center, 7:30 pm  
 CSU, Ft. Collins. Tickets: \$10

Jun 12<sup>th</sup> – (Sun) ***“Kevin, Doc & Big George***  
 Kevin Utter and Harry Ferguson  
 Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm  
 Members, free; non-members \$5

July 17<sup>th</sup> – (Sun) ***Pizza & Pipeless***  
 Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm  
 Members \$5; non-members \$10  
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Aug - 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Denver Paramount

Aug 7-10<sup>th</sup> – ***Theatre Organ Workshop***, CSU

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> – Concert, Jonas Nordwall  
 Lory Center, CSU, 7 pm, \$10, \$8 child

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – Concert & Silent Film – Kevin Utter  
 Lory Center, CSU, 7 pm, \$10, \$8 child

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> – Concert, Robert Cavarra  
 1st Methodist Church, Ft. Collins - \$10, \$8

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – Colorado Springs Organ Crawl - \$50

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – (sun) Jonas Nordwall Concert & Picnic  
 Joel’s Music Barn, Kiowa, 1 pm, \$15

Sept 2-4 – ***Brett Valliant Labor Day Week-end***  
 Colorado Springs

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – (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

### **Invite these people to RMCATOS events**

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