



Pipes Along the Rockies

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

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Information Line: 303-466-3330

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Hot Pipes

Hot Tomatoes

Thursday Evening, June 9th, 2005, 7 pm

Denver Paramount Theatre

Adults \$10, Students \$5

(This is an RTD Senior Ride event)



The Spring Blizzard of 2005 made it necessary to cancel our April 10th concert at the Paramount. The one date open for all involved (RTD, the Paramount, the Hot Tomatoes, Brett Valliant) was June 9th.

This has been a costly change for our club! We need a large crowd just to break even! Encourage your friends to come, buy them tickets, give tickets as early Christmas gifts, cash in your outstanding IOU's & buy concert tickets.... Attend!

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 June 9th at 7 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 to stay seated and only tap their feet.

Brett's performances are always a treat and the Hot Tomatoes are a household name in the Denver area. Your attendance is needed at this enjoyable and fun-filled evening. Bring your friends, your relatives, your debtors and your dancing shoes.

Don't like driving to the Paramount?

Take the Bus...

Want to attend the June 9th "Hot Pipes, Hot Tomatoes" event at the Paramount, but don't want to drive/park in downtown Denver?

There are available seats on the **RTD Senior Ride** busses from three locations. Call the individual listed below to reserve a RTD seat from their location and get directions and their bus departure time.

- (1) Holiday Hills Village (2000 W 92nd)
Sally Peterson @ 303-657-9655
- (2) Mile High Church (9079 W. Alameda)
Carole Ann Ball @ 303-985-8446
- (3) Malley Senior Center (3380 S. Lincoln)
Joyce Musgrove @ 303-762-2665

RTD Senior Ride provides transportation to the Paramount's front door and return after the concert.

Passengers of any age are welcome. The round trip fare is \$1.25 for those 65 and over, \$2.50 for all others. Bus fare is paid to RTD driver. If you do not have a concert ticket, you can buy one at the door.

You can also take **RTD light rail**, at regular rates, and get off at California & 16th St. mall. The Paramount is two blocks east at Glenarm & 16th St. mall.

They're back!

Kevin, Doc, Big George & Jaylee!

Sunday, June 12th, 2005, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Village Ballroom

A no-charge event for members.

Non-members, \$5



Our best-attended social last year was “Kevin and Doc Fergy” and we are delighted that they agreed to return for another event. The trio, Kevin, Doc and Jaylee recently completed a successful concert at CSU for the Tri-State Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and they are also scheduled to perform for the theatre organ workshop that will be held in Fort Collins this August.

As you may recall, Kevin (organist at the Fort Collins Christ United Methodist Church) plays Big George (the theatre organ), Doc Fergy (retired surgeon Harry Ferguson) plays an assortment of saxophones and Jaylee (Kevin’s seeing-eye dog) flawlessly plays each of the many rests. The combination is a delight and a tough act to follow!

Bring some friends (perhaps they’re potential new members) and enjoy an afternoon of delightful music. Light refreshments will be served.

Speaking of friends joining, what a deal: \$15 membership per household... and if it is a couple they can save \$10 on tickets for Kevin & Doc and then save another \$10 at July’s Pizza & Pipeless!

A July tradition...

Pizza & Pipeless

Sunday, July 17th, 2005, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Village Ballroom

Members \$5, Non-members & Guests \$10

It’s time for our annual summer frolic! All the pizza you can eat, a bottomless beverage cup & pipeless theatre organ music to make (and keep) you happy!

Our theatre organ artists for this event are Mike Bryant, Bob Castle and DeLoy Goeglein. Mike recently moved to Washington state and is returning just for this engagement! Bob is well known for his years as Paramount house organist. DeLoy is remembered for his playing at the former Organ Grinder pizza parlor. Together, they are dynamite!

“George” and “Victor” will be on hand to assist with the festivities. The music will be non-stop. This is an RTD Senior Ride event and we expect a capacity crowd. Best plan to come early!

Back by popular demand.....

Bob Ralston Plays the Paramount

Sunday, October 23rd, 2 pm

Monday, October 24th, 2 pm

Denver's Paramount Theatre

Adults \$12, Students \$6

(Both dates are RTD Senior Ride events)

It’s time to mark your calendars for our Fall public theatre organ event: Bob Ralston from the Lawrence Welk show playing the Paramount’s Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ and the grand piano.

Bob was so popular the last time he performed in Denver, we’ve scheduled him for two performances: Sunday AND Monday afternoons. You may want to attend both shows!

Tickets purchased in advance will be valid for either date so if you have a last-minute schedule change you can switch performances without having to exchange tickets.

They “weathered the storm”.....

Theatre Organ & Ragtime Piano with Brett & Dick

The day following the Spring Blizzard that caused the cancellation of “Hot Pipes, Hot Tomatoes” at the Paramount, Brett Valliant and Dick Kroeckel showed up at the Holiday Hills ballroom and gave a snow-melting performance of theatre organ and ragtime piano.

About 75 hearty souls braved the snowy streets and their perseverance was richly rewarded by a most enjoyable afternoon of theatre organ, ragtime grand piano, separate and together and an added treat of some piano duets!

Brett & Dick’s concert was video taped by Longmont’s Public Access TV station, Channel 3, and the program will be broadcast on Friday, June 3rd at 9 p.m.; Wednesday, June 8th at 10 a.m.; Saturday, June 11th at 9 p.m.; and Monday, June 20th at 10 p.m.



Only if you are on Longmont cable will you be able to see the program. However, Brett, Dick and Channel 3 have agreed to allow RMCATOS to make available to its members a DVD of the TV airing.

Call Lee Shaw, 303-530-2421 if you are interested in a copy of the DVD. The cost is \$10 each.

Doors Open Denver.....

The Paramount’s Mighty Wurlitzer, Non-Stop

On April 16th and 17th the City of Denver initiated its first “Doors Open Denver” event designed to celebrate architecture and design. 82 locations were open to the public, including the Paramount Theatre.

The folks at the Pepsi Center, who own the Paramount Theatre, contacted RMCATOS just a few

days prior to the event and asked if it might be possible for us to give a short theatre organ concert each of the two days. The buildings would be open to the public from 10 am to 4 pm each day.



RMCATOS responded that we would provide “*The Mighty Wurlitzer, Non-Stop*” six continuous hours of theatre organ music each of the two days.

The response from the public was fantastic! Most of the visitors did not even know the theatre had an organ, and a few were so impressed with the music and the theatre tours that were given that they returned the second day to enjoy it all one more time.

A few less than 1,100 individuals visited the Paramount. That was about four times the average number of visitors for the other 81 locations.

Our special thanks to the RMCATOS members who played the organ and made *The Mighty Wurlitzer, Non-Stop* a reality: Bev Bucci, Bob Castle, Jim Calm, DeLoy Goeglein, Doug Thompson, Lee Traster, Kevin Utter and Harry Ferguson.

A Wonderful Musical Experience.....

Oh Boy! for O’Boyle!

The Tom O’Boyle social on May 15th kept everyone sitting on the edge of their seat as Tom displayed his various musical talents and gave us all additional insight into various pieces of music and the composers who created them. By the end of the program there was no doubt why Tom is a living legend in the Colorado Springs area.

Tom's background as a classical pianist shone brightly as he played compositions such as *The Submerged Cathedral* by Debussy and *The Union* by Gottschalk without hardly even giving "Victor", our grand piano, a chance to catch its breath!



Tom demonstrated what makes ragtime "ragtime" and even included a vocal that made one feel you were there experiencing the birth of the blues!

"Victor" was given a rest while Tom moved over to "George" and continued with more great music, musical history, and interesting stories.

Following a standing ovation and applause that wouldn't quit, Tom returned for "Nola". We are looking forward to a return engagement from Tom in 2006.

In cooperation with the Denver AGO...

Pipe Organ Encounter

The Denver chapter of the American Guild of Organists, in June, is hosting an AGO Pipe Organ Encounter for young musicians. About 20 teenage pianists and organists from eight states will attend workshops, concerts, tours and special training all related to pipe organs.

RMCATOS has been asked to provide a theatre organ experience for the group. The folks that run the Paramount Theatre have given us free access to the Paramount for our session.

On Thursday evening, June 23rd, the students will have the opportunity to experience the Mighty Wurlitzer rising from the pit, the excitement of a si-

lent film with theatre organ accompaniment, the inner workings of a professional theatre, an introduction to the theatre organ and their own individual moment of stardom playing the Mighty Wurlitzer!

Bob Castle will be the organist, Corky Carlson will provide the equipment for the short section of silent film, Don Wick will assist in the explanation of the differences between a classical and a theatre organ, and Lee Shaw and Owanah Wick will provide theatre history and theatre tours.

This will be a "closed" event for the students and their advisors only and will not be open to the public nor to RMCATOS members.

Six of the students are from the Denver area and they have been given complementary tickets to our June 9th "Hot Pipes, Hot Tomatoes" concert.

Theatre Organ Workshop At Colorado State University

August 7th thru August 11th, 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 11th. 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

Very Valliant Weekend

The Pikes Peak Chapter of ATOS in Colorado Springs is sponsoring a weekend of theatre organ music with artist Brett Valliant.

Brett plays for the Thursday, September 1st Sack Lunch Serenade and then on Friday & Saturday evenings at Mt. St. Francis (Saturday with Tom O'Boyle) and on Sunday, September 4th, following a picnic lunch at Joel's Organ Barn in Kiowa.

There is a weekend package rate of \$49. For additional details call Owanah Wick @ 719-488-9469.

Looking for Music

Member Jud Murphy is interested in purchasing Organ music books by Porter Heaps..... well-used and tattered condition is not a problem. If you have any information about where Jud might be able to find this music, give him a call: 303-774-8552.

Keyboards for sale

We are saddened to learn of the passing of two of our members: Pearl (last December) and Melborne (this May) Reeves.

The Reeves' organs and keyboards are now for sale. Included are Technics GA3 and GN7, Gulbransen Theatrum, Story and Clark organs, a Yamaha KN 6100 and some Casio keyboards.

For more information and pricing call or email Sandra Lewis (daughter) sl@designers.com (201-445-7090), or contact member Margaret Scribner at the house (303-237-2416) for an appointment to see the instruments.

Welcome New Members:

George & Erma Brayton, Federal Heights

John & Annette Cash, Federal Heights

Ben & Phil Favre, Fort Collins

Judy & Jack Fredericksen, Aurora

Joel Glessner, Denver

Jim Hill, Denver

Jenny Leiper-Coble, Wheat Ridge

Guy Mercer, Denver

Jim & Johnnie Murphy, Aurora

RMCATOS Events Calendar

Jun-Aug – Sack Lunch Serenade, Thursdays@ noon
Colorado Springs City Auditorium

Jun 9th – (Thur) **“Hot Pipes, Hot Tomatoes”**
Paramount Theatre, 7 pm
Adults \$10; Students \$5
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Jun 12th – (Sun) **“Kevin, Doc & Big George”**
Kevin Utter and Harry Ferguson
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
Members free; non-members \$5

July 17th – (Sun) **Pizza & Pipeless**
Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
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Aug - 75th anniversary of the Denver Paramount

Aug 7-10th – **Theatre Organ Workshop**, CSU

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

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

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

Aug 11th – Colorado Springs Organ Crawl - \$50

Aug 14th – (Sun) Jonas Nordwall Concert & Picnic
Joel's Music Barn, Kiowa, 1 pm, \$15

Sept 2-4 – **Very Valliant Weekend**
Sponsored by Pipes Peak Chapter
Colorado Springs (719-488-9469)

Sept 2nd – Brett @ Mt. St. Francis, 7 pm

Sept 3rd – Brett & Tom O'Boyle @ Mt. St. Francis 7 pm

Sept 4th – Brett @ Joel's Organ Barn, Kiowa
Lunch 1:00 pm, Program 2:30 pm

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

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Nov 13th – (Sun) **“Got Gospel?”**
A wonderful afternoon of Gospel music
Theatre organ and grand piano
Members and guest artists
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Dec 4th – (Sun) – Annual Christmas Potluck
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm