



# *Pipes Along the Rockies*

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

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## *No April event for RMCATOS... Doors Open Denver not for Paramount **Paramount not Open***

We have been informed by the Paramount Theatre management that they have changed their mind and the Paramount Theatre will **NOT** be participating in Doors Open Denver this year.

No reason was given, but the Paramount has an event booked both nights of the open house dates so that is most likely the cause of the change.

Due to a number of factors... one being Holiday Hills is not available on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be no RMCATOS event in April.

It is our hope that next year the Paramount will again participate in Doors Open Denver and our two days of six hours of non-stop Wurlitzer will resume.

## *“George” heads to South Carolina... **“George II” arrives***

George, the custom George Wright 319EX digital theatre organ that has given us so much enjoyment over the past few years, is no longer here! George is now residing in Hilton Head South Carolina.

George II, or George The Second, a custom George Wright IV, Quantum digital theatre organ model, is now housed in the Holiday Hills ballroom and is available for use by RMCATOS and its members.

George had 3 manuals, 23 ranks and 12 speakers. George II has 4 manuals, 33 ranks and 16 speakers. George was a standard console w/20 general pistons. George II is a French console w/30 general pistons. George had main and solo digital pipe chambers. George II has main, solo and percussion chambers.

George II is the organ used to make the recording “Let George Do It.... Again” and George II was the Allen Organ “poster child” for several years.

Some of George II’s custom features include: A French Horn rank, the Wurlitzer “D” trumpet rank unified and labeled as a Harmonic Tuba (as George Wright had done), a Lyn Larsen wind chime, an Accompaniment Traps to Pedal coupler, a Splash Cymbal and stereo headphones.



Many members have been involved with the work required by the change of instruments. Rich Brooks, Jim Calm, Bob Koelmel, Leroy Moss, Jud Murphy, Vincent Mirandi and Lee Shaw along with Allen organ dealer Mark Horning and Allen technician Mike Barnhill have all participated in the exit of George and the arrival and installation of George II.

The size of the new instrument has required modifications to a new storage location, new casters on the platform and additional speaker wiring. New back-drop drapes are being sewn by Priscilla Arthur. In May, Walt Strony will be voicing the instrument.

Needless to say, additional costs have been incurred and it is hoped that RMCATOS members will participate in helping the club meet those needs.

See the **“Do It For George”** article later in this issue for details on how you can help.

## *The George II Inaugural Concert...*

### **Dwightful Diversions**

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm**

**Holiday Hills Ballroom**

**Members, no charge; all others, \$5**

Dwight Beacham, George II's previous owner, will present the inaugural concert featuring George II at the club social on Sunday afternoon, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm in the Holiday Hills Ballroom. (DeLoy Goeglein's social has been moved to July 16th.)

Dwight is Vice-president of Product Development at Allen Organs and is an accomplished organist in addition to a first class engineer. Dwight has performed internationally, at ATOS conventions and has a number of recordings to his credit. In July, Dwight will be moving to Hawaii, so this will be the last time he sees (and plays) George II for a while.

Light refreshments will be served.

## *Theatre Organ Workshop...*

### **Digital with Dwight**

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm**

**Holiday Hills Ballroom**

**Members, no charge; all others, \$10**

While he is in the area, Dwight Beacham, the Allen Organs mastermind, has volunteered to conduct for our club a digital theatre organ workshop.

Saturday afternoon, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm at the Holiday Hills Ballroom, Dwight will use George II to demonstrate theatre organ registration guidelines, playing techniques and the use of MIDI.

Even if you are not a "player", attending this session will give you interesting insight into what a theatre organist must consider in preparation and execution of a theatre organ performance.

## *George II has some needs...*

### **Do It For George!**

George II, the new 4-manual digital theatre organ at the Holiday Hills ballroom is available for use by RMCATOS and its members. The installation has many associated costs and for the first time in recent history, the club is asking the membership for dona-

tions to help cover the expenses associated with giving the instrument a new home.

Transportation and installation will be about \$2,500. Voicing is roughly another \$2,000 and there are costs associated with upgrading the facilities.

Here are the opportunities to help with the funding.

Cuddle a Caster - \$25 – 8 available

Pamper a Panel - \$25 – 12 available

Re-voice a Rank - \$60 – 33 available

Move George II 100 miles - \$100 – 25 available

Wishing (all is) Well – any size donation

Donate for a single item or for multiples.

RMCATOS is a federal 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and any donations to the club are deductible on your income tax as a charitable contribution.

Contributions should be sent to:

Doris Beverly

P.O. Box 158

Broomfield, CO 80038

## *Largest Holiday Hills crowd...*

### **Thomas Alexander**

The two Thomas Alexander concerts on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> were both a success. For the Sunday show we had the largest crowd for any Holiday Hills event. The Monday show was video taped by DoubleUncle Productions and is available on DVD.



The visit by our very own Impromptu Polka Band was a surprise to everyone, but Thomas took it in stride and everyone loved the results.

Our thanks to members Bill and Marilyn Decker for providing the "live" video coverage.



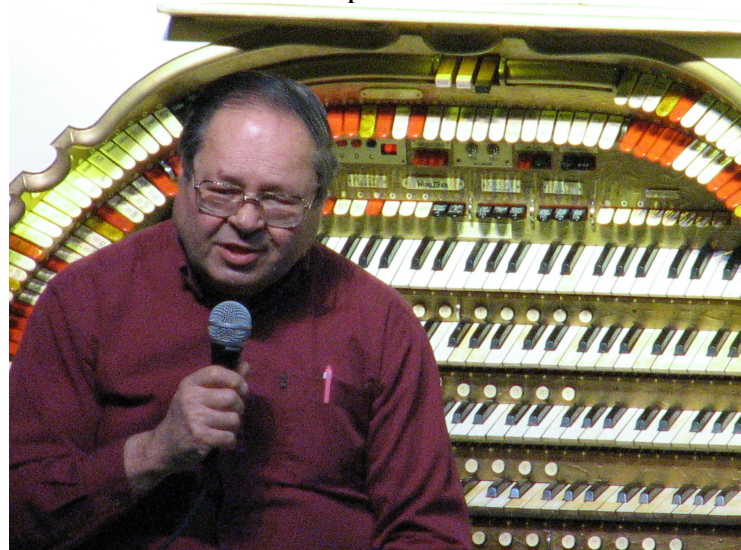
The Sunday, after the show reception for Thomas, arranged by Sue Loomis, was enjoyable musically and socially.

*It snowed, but 80 members attended...*

## Bob's Castle

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the snow didn't stop lovers of the Mighty Wurlitzer from entering Bob's Castle.

Bob Castle presented a varied program of great Wurlitzer music and many members had the opportunity during open console to "play the Paramount". The music kept going and last person didn't leave the theatre until about 6 pm.



One of the open console players was Ingrid Gardner. Word leaked out about her participation and she was featured on [www.yourhub.com](http://www.yourhub.com). (Select the Golden, Colorado neighborhood and check out stories dated March 27<sup>th</sup>.)

## RMCATOS Awards presented

*By Priscilla Arthur, RMCATOS Secretary*

One of the special happenings at our recent Social "BOB'S CASTLE" at the Paramount, was the presentation of awards by Lois Cady to two VVIP's of RMCATOS. (very, very important persons).

These two VVIPS are the veritable heart and soul of our chapter. Together they form the nuts and bolts as well as the artistic direction of all the music that we are privileged to enjoy at our concerts and socials.

Soooo, to you Bob Castle, Artist, Technician extraordinaire, Consultant and Music Encyclopedia in your head, and to Lee Shaw, Producer, Director,

Stage Hand, Lighting tech., Artists Liaison, Sun Tea maker and the hundreds of other things you do for this Chapter, on behalf of RMCATOS .....

We Thank You!

The awards presented were a striking Cut Crystal Plaque and we sincerely hope that it conveys the message that we are very glad to have you both.

*Paramount Wurlitzer on Cable TV...*

## Comcast TV Segment

The TV camera crew that was present at "Bob's Castle" was taking footage for a 5 or 6 minute segment of MetroBeat Magazine shown on all Comcast Cable Denver metro area Channel 8's.

MetroBeat Magazine airs Thursday nights at 8 pm (except in Boulder) and Sundays at noon. If you have Comcast digital "On Demand", you can view the program anytime after it's initial airing date.

The Paramount Wurlitzer segment will be the first segment of the show which will run weekly from April 20<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup>. To see a preview, April 20<sup>th</sup> or later, go to [www.metrobeat.tv](http://www.metrobeat.tv) and click on MetroBeat Magazine.

The segment features the Mighty Wurlitzer, its music, scenes from the Paramount and interviews with Bob Castle, Don Wick and Frank Perko. For those who were in the audience at Bob's Castle and are looking forward to seeing themselves on TV as an "interesting face" ....sad news..... all audience shots ended up on the cutting room floor!

MetroBeat Magazine is shown on Comcast Cable Channel 8 in the following Colorado communities:

Adams County	Federal Heights
Aurora	Glendale
Arvada	Golden
Boulder	Greenwood Village
Brighton	Lakewood
Broomfield	Lone Tree
Castle Rock	Northglenn
Centennial	Parker
Columbine Valley	Sheridan
Commerce City	Thornton
Denver	Westminster
Douglas County	Wheat Ridge
Erie	

## ***A RMCATOS First!...***

# **Memberships in Mass**

Would you believe..... six new members, all joining at the same time, all living in the same complex! Welclome!

## ***In the Colorado Springs area...PPATOS***

### ***Pikes Peak Chapter Events***

#### **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm**

All members of RMCATOS are invited to a potluck and open console at Joel's Organ Barn in Kiowa. Bring a dish to pass and your own tableware. Joel's barn has a 4/36 Wurlitzer hybrid theatre pipe organ.

#### **Starting May 11<sup>th</sup> & every Thursday thru August**

Sack Lunch Serenade, noon to 1 pm

Colorado Springs City Auditorium

#### **Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm**

Ron Rhode at Joel's Organ Barn, (picnic follows)

\$10 concert & \$5 picnic, advance sale

\$12 concert & \$7 picnic at the door

#### **Friday, July 21, 10 am**

Jelani Eddington Seminar: Registration & Phrasing

Mount St. Francis Auditorium

\$50 includes box lunch and open console

#### **Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3 pm**

Jelani Eddington at Joel's Organ Barn, (picnic follows)

\$10 concert & \$5 picnic, advance sale

\$12 concert & \$7 picnic at the door

#### **Additional Information & Package Deals**

Call Owanah Wick: 719-488-9469

#### **Directions to Joel's Organ Barn in Kiowa**

To get to the organ barn, drive to beautiful downtown Kiowa, Colorado. Proceed to the east edge of town and turn south on County Road 45 (across from the high school, by the water tower). The pavement will end after a mile or so and then the road will turn to the east, keep going.

Look for the tall radio antenna. Keep going east until you come to County Road 49. Turn right (south) and proceed to the top of the hill. When you are even with the radio antenna, there is a driveway to the right with a mailbox (28451 or 28453).

Enter this driveway and go past the first house, bear to the right and go up over the hill, come down the back side and you will see the barn on your left.

## **Recordings**

Several club events have been video taped or recorded and are available to members only.

*Hot Pipes, Hot Tomatoes*, DVD - \$15

*Cool, Calm & Collectible*, DVD - \$15

*Thomas Alexander Concert*, DVD - \$15

*Bob Ralston Concert*, DVD - \$15

*Bob Ralston Concert*, 2-CD set - \$10

*Got Gospel?*, 2-CD set - \$10

*Bob's Castle*, 2-CD set - \$10

Prices are for pick-up at a club function. For mail delivery, add \$2. To place an order for pick-up or mail, call Joann Collins: **303-933-7412**

## **In Memoriam**

We have learned of the death of two members:

Al Ames, Betty Coover

Our sympathies to their families and friends.

Tom Hazelton, well known theatre and classical organist, died unexpectedly in March. Tom and his talent will be greatly missed.

## **Welcome New Members:**

Marguerite Baker, Lakewood

Jack & Char Barker, Littleton

Carole Berggren, Lakewood

Bill & Marilyn Decker, Longmont

Hugh J. Doolittle, Jr., Westminster

Braxton & Sophie Griffith, Denver

Pat Gower, Greenwood Village

Eleanor Johnson, Lakewood

Janet Johnson, Mike, Sherri & Russell, Lakewood

Margaret Leberer, Lakewood

Beverly Lyons, Broomfield

Caroline Majhanovich, Lakewood

Vincent Mirandi, Thornton

Eileen Schwindaman, Denver

Betty Shropshire, Arvada

John Shelley & Jaimie Vargas, Denver

Millie Vogt, Westminster

JoAn Westmoreland, Lakewood

## **RMCATOS Officers for 2006**

President: **Jim Burt** (970) 385-9490

VP: **Sue Loomis** (303) 410-1684

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

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

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



## RMCATOS Events Calendar

- May 6<sup>th</sup>** – (Sat) – **PPP (Pikes Peak Potluck)** (PPATOS)  
Joel's Organ Barn, Kiowa, 3 pm  
RMCATOS is invited. Open Console.
- May 11<sup>th</sup>** – (& every Thurs after) **Sack Lunch Serenade** (PPATOS)  
City Auditorium, Colorado Springs, Noon
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** – (Sat) - **Digital with Dwight**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Theatre Organ Workshop w/Dwight Beacham  
No charge, members; \$10 all others
- May 21<sup>st</sup>** – (Sun) – **Dwightful Diversion**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Dwight Beacham plays the GW-4Q  
No charge, members; \$5 all others
- Jun 17<sup>th</sup>** – (Sat) – **Ron Rhode at the Barn** (PPATOS)  
Joel's Organ Barn, Kiowa, 3 pm  
\$10 concert, \$5 picnic, advance sale  
\$12 concert, \$7 picnic, at the door
- Jun 25<sup>th</sup>** – (Sun) – **Designed for Dancing**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Organ, Piano, Instruments, Vocal  
No charge, members; \$5 all others
- July 16<sup>th</sup>** – (Sun) – **DeLoy Does DeMusic**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
DeLoy Goegelein entertains!  
No charge, members; \$5 all others
- July 21<sup>st</sup>** – (Fri) – **Seminar with Jelani** (PPATOS)  
Mt. St. Francis, Colo Spgs – 2 pm  
\$50 includes box lunch & open console
- July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – (Sat) – **Jelani Eddington at the Barn** (PPATOS)  
Joel's Organ Barn, Kiowa, 3 pm  
\$10 concert, \$5 picnic, advance sale  
\$12 concert, \$7 picnic, at the door
- Aug 6<sup>th</sup>** – (Sun) – TBA  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>** – (Sun) – **Frankly, Perko**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom - 2 pm  
Frank Perko Presents  
No charge, members; \$5 all others
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** – (Sun) – **Got Gospel? II**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom - 2 pm  
Organs, Piano, Instruments, Vocal  
No charge, members; \$5 all others
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** – (Sun) – **Holiday Social**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom - 2 pm  
Pot Luck, Bingo, Music, Merriment  
No charge, members only.

## More Photos from Bob's Castle



Jim Calm & Micah Bisson



Frank Perko



Ingrid Gardner