

Pipes Along the Rockies

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter American Theatre Organ Society, Inc. August, 2006

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You are in for a treat.....

Walt the Wurlitzer Wiz

Saturday, August 5th, 10 am (Workshop) Sunday, August 6th, 2 pm (Concert) Monday, August 7th, 2 pm (Concert) Holiday Hills Ballroom

(Workshop) Members, no charge: all others, \$10 (Concerts) Adults \$10, Students \$5

Both concerts are RTD Senior Ride Events



One of the world's top theatre organ artists, Walt Strony will join us for a theatre organ workshop and two concert performances at Holiday Hills playing our newly installed Geroge II digital theatre organ.

Walt was in town in May to voice our new 4-manual, 33-rank instrument and he now returns to give George II a real workout!

Walt, currently a Las Vegas resident, has years of pizza parlor experience at the Organ Stop in Phoenix plus a solid background in classical organ literature. He has been a featured artist this year at both the ATOS (theatre organ) and AGO (classic organ) national conventions.

A "Workshop with Walt" will be held on Saturday morning, August 5th at 10 am in the Holiday Hills Ballroom. Come and receive some excellent insight into theatre organ playing and registration. Walt has authored a popular theatre organ registration book.

Walt will be "in concert" on Sunday and Monday, August 6th and 7th, 2 pm, at the Holiday Hills Ballroom. Be prepared for a real theatre organ treat!

For installation fund donors only....

Reception for Walt

Following the August 6th concert, there will be an informal reception for Walt Strony in the Ballroom.

This will be an excellent opportunity to meet Walt and get to know him better on a personal basis. A light snack buffet will be provided.

The reception is to honor those who have contributed to the George II installation fund and attendance will be limited to donors only. Want to be a part of the festivity? There is still time to contribute! (More info about the fund on the next page.)

Warren York at the George II console

Silents Please!

Sunday, September 17th, 2 pm Holiday Hills Ballroom Members, no charge: all others, \$5

How lucky we are to be able to catch Warren York while he is passing through Colorado

Warren is the house organist for the Virginia Theatre in Champaign, Illinois. He is well-known through-



out the Midwest and is a frequently featured theatre organ artist. Fortunately for us, Warren has a sister who lives in Longmont!

Warren is a silent film fan and he will be bringing with him his own, special, silent film projector and two short silent films: Teddy at the Throttle staring a young Gloria Swanson and a 34-minute condensed version of Douglas Fairbanks (graduate of Denver's East High School) staring in *The Black Pirate*.

Warren will also play some theatre organ favorites and there is a rumor he may team up with our own Bob Castle for some theatre organ and piano duets!

What an opportunity for friends, family (and grand kids) to witness classic silent films shown and accompanied as they were meant to be.

Popcorn will be provided, but if you can't watch a film without JuJuBes, JujyFruits, Milk Duds or a licorice stick...feel free to bring your own!

Moving feet...on and off the dance floor!

Designed for Dancing

About 120 members and visitors were on hand for the June 25th "Designed for Dancing" club social. A great turnout for a great program.

We were fortunate to have drummer Don Rea be a part of the musical afternoon. Members Bev Bucci (playing George II) and Lee Traster (playing Victor) were joined by Don for the opening set that included a variety of danceable tunes.



New member Chris Rouse was next playing Slovenian accordion music accompanied by Bev and Don. Chris got everyone to participate both audibly and physically with some polkas and "The Chicken".

It was then time for swooning to the crooning of member Rolf Dale singing a few Frank Sinatra songs accompanied by member Jim Calm.



After the break it was Dixieland time. Bev played trombone, Jim Calm banjo, Lee was at Victor, Don on the drums and they were joined by clarinetist George Sawaya.



Bev picked up an accordion, Jim Calm moved to tuba, Chris Rouse joined in and suddenly we were listening to our very own Impromptu Polka Band.

Bev at George II and Chris on the accordion closed out the fun-filled afternoon.

It was 102 for all!

DeLoy DID DeMusic

The weather forecast was 102 degrees, member Lucille Brooks recently celebrated birthday 102 and would you believe, attendance was 102!

It may have been hot outside (it actually reached 103), but inside the Holiday Hills Ballroom things were "cool", both physically and musically.

Member DeLoy Goeglein presented a delightfully diverse program of memory-filled favorites, some religious selections, marches, polkas and some audience participation.

With seven years of experience at the Organ Grinder pizza parlor console, DeLoy was right at home on the four manuals of George II. DeLoy even included the ever-popular "Happy Birthday" song.... which he used to play 102 times a week!



Thanks, DeLoy, for an entertaining afternoon.

Campaign closing...

George's Installation Fund

Our thanks to the club members who have responded to the need and contributed to the George II installation fund. We are now at about 75% of our goal and would like to close the campaign.

The club does not own the instrument, but has agreed to assist with the installation expenses.

If you enjoy club events, would like to show your financial support for club activities and have not yet made a donation, now is the time to write that check. Any amount is appreciated.

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

In Memoriam:

Our sympathies to member Beverly Henry whose husband, Robert, passed away in June.

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Welcome New Members:

Robert & Jackie Bembenek, Lakewood Eileen Bonita, Commerce City Janette L. Jarvis, Denver Richard Walden and Virginia Markl, Broomfield Steve & Nancy Jean Nason, Thornton Donna Piazza, Lakewood Chris Rouse, Longmont Donald Near, Garden Grove, CA

RMCATOS Events Calendar

Aug 5th – (Sat) – Workshop with Walt Holiday Hills Ballroom – 10 am Walt Strony, internationally known artist. Members, no charge; all others \$10

Aug 6th – (Sun) – Walt the Wurlitzer Wiz
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
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\$10 adults, \$5 students
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Aug 7th – (Mon) – Walt the Wurlitzer Wiz
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Aug 13th – (Sun) – Hector Olivera

St. Andrew United Methodist – 4 pm
3350 White Bay Drive, Highlands Ranch
(Pipe/Digital dedication, free will offering)

Sept 17th – (Sun) – Silents Please
Holiday Hills Ballroom - 2 pm
Warren York, silent films & more
Members, no charge; all others \$5

Oct 22nd – (Sun) – Northern Exposure

Holiday Hills Ballroom - 2 pm

Performers from "up North", including

Kevin Utter & Doc Fergy, Ben Favre,

Doug Thompson, Phyllis Ferguson & more!

Members, no charge; all others \$5

Nov 12th – (Sun) – Got Gospel? II Holiday Hills Ballroom - 2 pm Organs, Piano, Instruments, Vocal Members, no charge; all others \$5

Dec 10th – (Sun) – Holiday Social
Holiday Hills Ballroom - 2 pm
Pot Luck, Bingo, Music, Merriment
No charge, members only.

RMCATOS Event Recordings

Several club events have been video taped (on DVD) ... or recorded (on CD) 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, CD - \$10 Dwightful Diversions, 2-CD set - \$10

2006 RMCATOS Coming Events

(All at the Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2000 W. 92nd Ave, Federal Heights)

Walt Strony - August 5th, 6th, 7th
Silents Please - September 17th
Northern Exposure - October 22nd
Got Gospel ? II - November 12th
Holiday Gathering - December 10th