



Pipes Along the Rockies

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

December, 2006

Information Line: 303-466-3330

This should be a blast.....



Pipes & Stripes

Sunday, February 11th, 2 pm

Denver Paramount Theatre

No admission fee. No ticket is needed.

The Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer and its twin consoles joins forces with the Colorado National Guard's 40-piece 101st Army Band's Concert Ensemble and their 9-piece Dixieland group for a spectacular afternoon of enjoyable, inspiring and no-charge-to-attend music.

The 101st Army Band consists of citizen-soldiers who come from as far away as Montrose and Scottsbluff, Nebraska to train intensively each month at Buckley AFB.

At the Mighty Wurlitzer console will be a variety of RMCATOS members.

The event is sponsored by Kroenke Sports Charities, Live Nation and RMCATOS. The concert is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

What a wonderful opportunity to invite all your friends, relatives, grand children and neighbors to share in the musical excitement in Denver's historic Paramount Theatre. Let's fill the house!

Pipes & Stripes is an RTD Senior Ride event.

Don't like driving into Denver?

Take the Bus!

RMCATOS will be reserving seats on an RTD Senior Ride bus that will provide round trip transportation from Holiday Hills to the Paramount Theatre for Pipes and Stripes on February 11th.

A person of any age can take the Senior Ride. For those 65 or older the round trip fare is \$1.50. For all others, \$3.00 per round trip. You pay when you board the bus at Holiday Hills.

Seating is limited, so reserve your bus seat early. Call Lorna Koelmel, **303-430-4335**.

Be "up beat", not a "dead beat"!

Dues are Due!

Annual dues of \$15 per household, January to December, are now due for year 2007.

Save 39 cents by paying, in person, at the December social at Holiday Hills, or....

Send a check for \$15 payable to RMCATOS to:

Richard Brooks

1301 Dahlia St.

Denver, CO 80220

Prompt payment makes life easier for all us. Thanks.

December Club Social

Christmas Gathering

Sunday, December 10th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Our “members only” Christmas Social will be held on Sunday, December 10th, at 2 pm in the Holiday Hills Ballroom. If you plan to attend, please call, by December 7th, Doris Beverly at **303-466-3330** or Joann Collins at **303-933-7412**.

Doris and Joann are also looking for volunteers for set-up and clean-up.

The event will be pot luck, with the club providing ham, turkey, drinks, plates, silverware and napkins. Members will provide salads, main dishes, relish trays or dessert. When you call with your reservations, let Doris or Joann know what you plan to bring..... that will help them make sure that everyone doesn't bring broccoli or cheese cake!

Each person attending is asked to bring a wrapped White Elephant item to be exchanged during our ever-popular bingo game. A Christmas sing-along will be part of the festivities. Last year's party was great!. This year's promises to be even better!

Start Practicing

Everyone's A Musician

Sunday, January 21st, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

All during the year we watch and listen to others perform and once a year *everyone* gets to perform. In addition to the opportunity to hear and see individual performances by some of our more “timid” members, several “everyone participates” activities are being planned.

The simple rules are: Perform anything musical. Play or sing at least 8 measures of just one song.

Performers are limited to those who did not perform last year or those that did perform last year but on a different instrument or in a different capacity.

To sign up to perform and/or arrange for rehearsal time on “George II” or “Victor”, call Lee Shaw: **303-530-2421** or **dpsys.west@comcast.net**

From somewhere near the Arctic Circle

Northern Exposure

What a delightful program on October 22nd was provide by our members from “up north” (all live in the Fort Collins area).

Phyllis Ferguson got things off to a good start with some Halloween music and keyboard hosiery. (Check out the “Joy of Sox” photo on our web site.)



Kevin Utter and his seeing eye dog, Jaylee, played a wide variety of theatre organ favorites. Actually, Kevin did all the playing, Jaylee was there as a “measure” of support.

Harry Ferguson (aka Doc Fergy), a retired surgeon who plays a variety of saxophones, joined Kevin for a group of nostalgic and swing melodies.

Two pianists, living in the same block, Ben Favre and Dan Fahrlander enjoyably played both solo and duo performances on Victor.



Doug Thompson, probably the only Teamster 18-wheeler driver who can “deliver the goods” both

with a truck and on a number of keyboards, closed the afternoon playing familiar selections both solo and with Doc Fergy on the sax.

Another performer that afternoon from Fort Collins was Bill Kwinn, our official photographer. Although an organist himself, Bill did his playing this time with f-stops and zooming lenses.

Our thanks to all the "northerners" for a most enjoyable program.

A sampling of heaven perhaps?

Got Gospel? Got Great!

What fun and what fantastic music resounded off the walls of the Holiday Hills Ballroom on Sunday, November 12th for ***Got Gospel?*** We were treated to



vocalists, instrumentalists, keyboard artists and community hymn singing. Everyone Got Gospel!



Our thanks to Bev Bucci, Don Bulloch, Jim Calm, Annette Cash, Bob Castle, Linda Eberhardt, Jack Frederickson, Kathi Gallagher, DeLoy Goeglein, Butch Hause, Irene Holloman, Ken & Barbara Mervine, Irene Schaffer, Virginia Scott and Lee Traster for their super performances.

Got Gospel? has become an annual event. This year's edition had several firsts: Our first singing dentist (Irene Holloman), our first yodeler (Virginia Scott), our first flute player (Kathi Gallagher), our first hymn sing doing a four-part canon!



Got Gospel closes with some foot-taping Dixieland

For Sale

Several hundred 12" LPs, priced to sell. Excellent condition. Pick and choose..... or take all. Includes opera, popular, western, classical, etc. Call Robert Straus, **303-757-5388**.

Conn Organ pipe speakers, 1 pair of model 145 Conn Pipe Speakers in very good condition. Speakers are 1 right elevation and 1 left. Pipes are gold anodized with walnut finish base. Each is 48" W x 34" H. Will not sell individually, only as a set. Call Jud Murphy, **303-774-8552**, Longmont.

In Memoriam

We have learned of the death of the following members of our chapter:

Joan Ames, Littleton

Richard Robinson, Federal Heights,
husband of Carol

Our sympathies to their families

Wish List for 2007

- 1) *Refreshment chairman*. Carol Robinson is retiring from the position after two successful years of duty. We need a replacement.
- 2) *CD Coordinator*. A person who will take responsibility for managing the CD inventory and the sale of club CDs at club events.
- 3) *Events Coordinator*. A person who will take responsibility for scheduling and implementing a few of the club socials during the year.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above positions, contact any of the club officers. (Officer names and phone numbers are listed later in this newsletter.)

Year 2006 in Review

The year 2006 was a year of variety, excitement and growth for RMCATOS.

We enjoyed club socials featuring our membership (*Everyone's a Musician, Bob's Castle, Designed for Dancing, DeLoy Does DeMusic, Northern Exposure, Got Gospel?*) and our friends (Dwight Beacham's *Dwightful Diversions* and Warren York's *Silents Please*).

We marveled at the skills of the from-out-of-town professionals: Thomas Alexander and Walt Strony.

We were sorry to see "George", our 3-manual 23-rank GW319-EX head to South Carolina, but embraced the replacement, a GW4-Q 4-manual 33-rank instrument, "George II."

Our number of household memberships increased by 64 to 263. This is healthy and necessary if we are to keep membership dues at their current low level. It is hoped our current members will continue to introduce prospective new members to our fun-filled, non-threatening, musically-enjoyable, family-friendly monthly socials and public events.

CD News

Thomas Alexander has just released a new CD, *Imperial Improvisations*. After his two concerts for us last February, Thomas headed up to the home of member Bert Braecher near Black Hawk and recorded the CD using Bert's Bösendorfer Imperial grand piano. Terry Cutshall, also a club member, did the technical work and is the CD producer.

Copies of the new CD are available for \$15 at club functions or through the mail for \$20.

The CDs of *Bob's Castle* and *Dwightful Diversions* are slowly getting their production problems resolved and should be available soon for \$10 each.

Welcome New Members

Daniel & Donna Fahrlander, Ft. Collins
Sandra Hail, Brighton
Irene Holloman, Thornton
Leroy & Cornelia Matkin, Northglenn
Lynn Morehouse, Denver
Helen Siert, Brighton
Marilyn Sinnard, Northglenn
Lavena Thompson, Brighton

RMCATOS Officers for 2007

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

RMCATOS Events Calendar

Dec 10th – (Sun) – **Annual Christmas Social**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

No charge, members only

Jan 21st – (Sun) – **Everyone's A Musician**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

No charge, everyone invited

Feb 11th – (Sun) – **Pipes & Stripes**

Denver Paramount Theatre – 2 pm

No charge, everyone invited

This is an RTD Senior Ride event

Mar 11th or 18th – (Sun) – **Pending**

About to be confirmed

No charge, members; all others \$5

Apr 14th – (Sat) – **Doors Open Denver**

(Pending Paramount Availability)

Paramount Theatre – 10 am to 4 pm

Six hours of non-stop Wurlitzer

No charge, open to the public

Apr 15th – (Sun) – **Doors Open Denver**

(Pending Paramount Availability)

Paramount Theatre – 10 am to 4 pm

Six hours of non-stop Wurlitzer

No charge, open to the public

Aug 9-12th – (Thur -Sun) – **Wickerham Weekend**

(Pikes Peak Chapter, Colorado Springs)

Dave Wickerham at a series of events in the Colorado Springs area.

See the newsletters in Color!
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www.RMCATOS.ORG