



Pipes Along the Rockies

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter

American Theatre Organ Society, Inc.

December, 2007

Information Line: 303-466-3330

Remember how great this was last year.....



Pipes & Stripes II

Sunday, February 10th, 2 pm

Denver Paramount Theatre

No admission fee. No ticket is needed.

The Denver Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer and its twin consoles joins forces with the Colorado National Guard's 101st Army Band's Concert Ensemble, Dixieland Band and Big Band for a spectacular afternoon of enjoyable, inspiring and no-charge-to-attend music. There is no reason not to attend!

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 consoles will be RMCATOS members Jim Calm and Bob Castle.

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 II 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 II on February 10th.

A person of any age can take the Senior Ride. For those 65 or older the round trip fare is \$1.75. For all others, \$3.50 per round trip. You pay when you board the bus at Holiday Hills.

RTD reservations must be made by January 18th. 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 2008.

Save 41 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 9th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Our “members only” Christmas Social will be held on Sunday, December 9th, at 2 pm in the Holiday Hills Ballroom. If you plan to attend, please call, by December 7th, Nina Edwards at **303-650-0255** or Doris Beverly at **303-466-3330**.

Nina and Doris 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, vegetables or dessert. When you call with your reservations, let Nina or Doris 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 that will be used during our new and exciting gift exchange procedure. Because of the ever-increasing attendance, it was decided a non-bingo game might move faster. A Christmas sing-along will be part of the festivities. See you there!

Start Practicing

Everyone's A Musician

Sunday, January 20th, 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.

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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.

The date has moved back to January 20th providing an extra week for participant preparation. 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**

Whet a fun afternoon.....

Whistle While you Wurlitzer

With performances on both October 14th and 15th, the public was invited to attend our Fall theatre organ event at the Holiday Hills Ballroom, “Whistle While You Wurlitzer”. The program featured John Ledwon, theatre organ artist at Disney's El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood, playing the 4/33 George Wright digital Wurlitzer. He was joined by Sandra Henzler, two time international whistling champion. As a team they provided a wonderful Wurlitzer whistle whetting workout!



What was unique about John's musical selections, and was mentioned in many of the overwhelming number of accolades he and Sandra received, was the fact that none of the songs John played were more than thirty to fifty years old: Broadway tunes, movie themes, scary Halloween music and some Disney melodies.

John accompanied Sandra for her whistling solos and together they led the crowd (which included a

few bus loads of RTD Senior Ride attendees) in a rousing Whistle-a-long (for those souls gifted with whistling genes). It was fun and unique entertainment on a beautiful Colorado Fall afternoon.

A sampling of heaven perhaps?

Got Gospel? Got Great!

What an enjoyable, fun & inspiring afternoon with fantastic music resounding off the walls of the Holiday Hills Ballroom on Sunday, November 18th for our (now annual) *Got Gospel?* club social.



Ed Wagner, from Mariposa, California was the featured artist playing both the theatre organ and the grand piano sometimes at the same time.

Ed was joined at times by Bev Bucci on the organ and accordion and by JoAnn Herrington on the piano. During the hymn sings, Jim Calm played the Wurlitzer Brass Horn.

The afternoon was recorded with both video and audio and we hope to have CDs and DVDs of the event available sometime in the near future.

Hector Olivera Concerts

Hector Olivera, internationally known theatre and classical organist, will be performing twice in Colorado during the coming months.

- **Thursday, December 13, 2007, 7:30 PM**
St. Philip Lutheran Church
7531 S. Kendall Blvd., Littleton
A free will offering will be taken
- **Sunday, May 18, 2008, 2:30 PM**
St. Mary's Cathedral
22 W Kiowa Street, Colorado Springs

RMCATOS now on YouTube

If you (or your friends) would like to see some video clips from RMCATOS events, go to:

www.youtube.com

Then enter "RMCATOS" in the "search" box. Select the clip you want to see. All clips have been viewed by over 200 individuals in the three weeks they have been posted.



Welcome New Members

Danette & Gary Belk, Denver
Emmabel Boden, Longmont
Carol Brooks, Denver
David Burt, Broomfield
Russ & Carol Carlton, Longmont
Mary Jones, Broomfield
Esther LeMaster, Golden
Pat McIntire, Westminster
Anna Miller, Northglenn
Dale & Starlee Miller, Johnstown
Bonnie Moreno, Westminster
Phil & Mae Smith, Castle Rock
David & Janice Wheelock, Longmont
Rosemary Williams, Westminster
Rowland & Marilyn Wimmer, Arvada

Thanks to our volunteers

RMCATOS has finished another successful year. Club membership is now 276 households.

Our special thanks to the folks who helped make each event an enjoyable experience:

Beverly Wyatt stepped in as interim refreshment chairperson; **Nina Edwards** accepted the full-time job. **Elsie Johnson** augments the refreshments.

Carol Robinson still assists with beverages. **Kathy Brayton** helps with refreshments and at the CD table. Also at the "back table", **Rich Brooks, Doris Beverly, Priscilla Arthur, Lois Cady** and **Owanah Wick**.

Bob Komel, Jud Murphy, Rick Knoll & Harold Young all help with site preparation the day of the event. **Mike Schuh** sets up and runs the sound and light control systems.

Clean up time finds the prep folks plus **Carl Hoff, Alan Elder, Bob Straus, Rich Brooks** (and others we have overlooked) putting the Ballroom back to its natural state.

Our wonderful photos are the work of **Bill Kwinn**.

The newsletter mailing crew varies, but includes **Doris Beverly, Rich Brooks, Joe Conway, Maxine Mulliniks, Lillian Oliver, Delores O'Neil, Sally Peterson, Thelma Reed & Clark Schrack, John Shields & Bob Castle** have done most of our audio recording.

Video taping support is by **Bill & Marilyn Decker**.

Taking the RTD Senior Ride is coordinated by **Lorna Koemel**. This year's Christmas potluck social is thanks to **Nina Edwards & Doris Beverly**.

We are indebted to **Bob Castle, Bev Bucci, Lee Traster, Jim Calm, Frank Perko & DeLoy Goelein** for always being there when their musical talents are needed.

We have a wonderful organ maintenance crew that keeps the Paramount Wurlitzer in working condition: **Don Wick, David Charles & Ryan Kroll**.

Our apologies to those folks who, should have been listed, but inadvertently, may have been left out.

Need a tax deduction?

RMCATOS is solid financially, but we will finish 2007 having spent more than we have taken in. This is because of low attendance at our public events and the increased cost of our club socials for bringing in artists from out of town.

Because RMCATOS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, any donation is tax deductible.

Thanks for considering to help fund our monthly and public programs.

RMCATOS Events Calendar

Dec 9th – (Sun) – **Christmas Pot Luck**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Members Only: no charge

Jan 20th – (Sun) – **Everyone's A Musician**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Everyone welcome: no charge

Feb 10th – (Sun) – **Pipes & Stripes II**

Denver Paramount Theatre – 2 pm
The Mighty Wurlitzer and the 101st
Army Band & Ensembles

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This is an RTD Senior Ride Event

Mar 9th – (Sun) – **Dancing Without the Stars**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Organ & instruments.

Members: no charge; all others, \$5

Apr 12th & 13th – (Sat & Sun) – **Doors Open Denver**
(Pending Paramount approval)

Denver Paramount Theatre – 10 am to 4 pm
Non-stop live Wurlitzer music daily
Everyone welcome, no charge