



# *Pipes Along the Rockies*

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

*April, 2008*

*Information Line: 303-466-3330*

*Can't get enough Mighty Wurlitzer?*

## **Doors Open Denver**

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 4 pm – (5 pm)**

**Denver Paramount Theatre**

**Everyone is welcome, no charge**



The annual Doors Open Denver event, where many of Denver's famous buildings are open to the public, is scheduled for Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Paramount will not participate on the 12<sup>th</sup> because of a confirmed theatre booking but the theatre will be available for our 6 hours (or more) of live non-stop Wurlitzer music on Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone may stop by whenever they wish and stay as long or as short as they wish. Tours of the theatre will be available and we hope to have a "this is how a pipe organ works" demo in the lobby.

Organists rotating half-hour time slots throughout the day will be Jim Calm, Bob Castle, DeLoy Goeglein and Doug Thompson.

Doors Open Denver officially ends at 4 pm, but anyone in the theatre when the doors close may remain for up to one more hour of "afterglow" live Mighty Wurlitzer music.

For information regarding Doors Open Denver, including a list of all the buildings that will be open,

see: [www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver/](http://www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver/)

There will also be an insert in both Denver newspapers the weekend of the event.

*Getting to the Paramount.....*

The Denver Paramount is located on Glenarm, next to Marlow's, just Northeast of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall.

There are several parking lots and parking garages in the area. Parking on Sunday in downtown Denver is usually \$5 or \$6 per day.

Public transportation is an easy (and inexpensive) way to get to the Paramount. Drive to a RTD Park-N-Ride location, take a bus to either end of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall (Union Station or Market St. Station at one end or Civic Center Station at the other), then take the free 16<sup>th</sup> St. Mall Shuttle to Glenarm.

Or take the light rail to the 16<sup>th</sup> street mall and walk a few blocks to Glenarm or take the free shuttle.

For details on your specific travel requirements, call RTD information at **303-299-6000**

*That name rings a bell.....*

## **Ding Dong w/DeLoy**

**Sunday, May 18, 2 pm**

**Holiday Hills Ballroom**

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

DeLoy Goeglein has a love for organ ... classical and theatre ... and for hand bells and hand chimes. On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Hills ballroom, DeLoy will share those loves with us all.

DeLoy will be joined by the Reflection Ringers..... Shirley Wichern & Valerie Saker from Evergreen... in an afternoon of hand bells and organ.... playing separately and together. DeLoy has also promised a sing-a-long plus additional surprise or two.

This is a program that will be "a-pealing" to all! Light refreshments will be served.



## ***A good crowd & a good time...***

### **Pipes & Stripes II**

"Pipes & Stripes II", February 10<sup>th</sup>, was the second consecutive year the twin consoles of the Denver Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer joined forces with the Colorado National Guard's 101<sup>st</sup> Army Band.



The crowd of just under 1,500 enjoyed Wurlitzer artists Bob Castle and Jim Calm playing individually and in concert with the 101<sup>st</sup> Concert Ensemble, Big Band and Dixieland Band. The response was terrific! This may become an annual event.

Additional color photos of the event can be seen on the "Gallery: Public Events" page of the club web site: [www.RMCATOS.org](http://www.RMCATOS.org).

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## ***Who needed the "Stars"?***

### **Dancing ....Without the Stars**

With an attendance of about 180, the March 9th "Dancing... Without the Stars" was the largest turnout we have ever had for a Holiday Hills event! Our thanks to Bev Bucci for organizing the program and the musicians in addition to Bev: Lee Traster, Don Rea, Roger Topliff, Jerry Bucci and Jim Calm.



What a wonderful time was enjoyed by all those who were there.... dancers and non-dancers alike.

Additional color photos of the event can be seen on the "Gallery: Club Events" page of the club web site: [www.RMCATOS.org](http://www.RMCATOS.org).

See the cover sheet of this newsletter for a preview of some of the additional photos.

## **A word about the Paramount**

There have been a number of comments on the membership renewal forms, both this year and last year, suggesting we do more "big name organist" events at the Paramount.

Here is a quick review of our working environment relative to the Paramount.

The Denver Paramount is owned and operated by Kroenke Sports Enterprises. We have an excellent relationship with the Kroenke folks. However, the booking rights to the theatre have been leased to Live Nation, a subsidiary of Clear Channel.

Because RMCATOS maintains the Paramount's Wurlitzer, we get a special rate from Kroenke if we rent the theatre. However, since this makes us a "no revenue" event for Live Nation, they normally will not confirm an open date for us any closer than 75 days before an event. They do not want to turn away a "revenue" booking because a "non-revenue" event is using the theatre. This makes it very difficult for us to book talent and give them a firm performance date when we can offer them so little advance notice.

Because we have a large following of folks who use RTD Senior Ride, we also have to find a date when Senior Ride will be available. There is no Senior Ride on dates with home professional baseball or football games. Thus, we must wait for those schedules before we can start looking for our dates.

Although we have a low rental rate at the Paramount, we are required to pay for ushers, a fireman, stage crew, professional theatre cleaning, sound, etc. It usually costs us between \$4,000 and \$5,000 just to open the doors for a given performance.

The turn out for our fee events is usually low.

Some shows we break even, some shows we go in the red. That is why we only do one or two events a year at the Paramount. For Pipes & Stripes we cannot charge admission since it involves an Army band. The event is subsidized by Kroenke Sports and Live Nation, but it still costs us about \$300 to produce that show.

For an additional cost of \$3,000 we could book the Paramount anytime we wanted but we would still probably want to consider RTD Senior ride availability..... any questions?

## Welcome New Members

Lee & Elizabeth Belisle, Parker  
Dorothe Bence, Centennial  
Allen Christiansen, Denver  
Duke & Betty Dukart, Denver  
Herman T. Hagenstein, Denver  
Becky James, Broomfield  
DeAnna Johnson, Thornton  
Pat & Debby Johnson, Arvada  
Joseph Keeley, Wheat Ridge  
Gerry Lemmons, Denver  
Elton "Moni" Monismith, Denver  
William Reneau, Arvada  
Jack & Joanne Skeen, Wheat Ridge  
Vera Thorne, Denver  
Michael Tricarico, Denver  
Myron & Joan Wadding, Denver  
Bernie & Doris Whitchurch, Westminster  
Helene Youmans, Denver  
Carol Young, Golden

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## In Memoriam

Bob Carvarra, retired organ professor at CSU.  
Bob Decker, long-time member. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

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## RMCATOS Officers for 2008

President: **Jim Burt** (970) 385-9490  
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*If you have comments about club activities or would like to attend a board of directors meeting, contact one of the officers.*

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## Pikes Peak Chapter Events

**Apr 6<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **New Sax Rank Introduction**  
( Pikes Peak Chapter event – 719-488-9469 )  
Mount St. Francis, Colo Spgs – 2 pm  
Organists: Bob Lilie, Tom O'Boyle,  
Bob Castle, Jim Calm  
Donations accepted

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** – ( Thur) – **Sack Lunch Serenade**  
(ongoing) ( Pikes Peak Chapter event – 719-488-9469 )  
City Auditorium, Colo Spgs – Noon  
Every Thursday @ noon through August  
Donations accepted

**Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>** – ( Sun) – **Brett V. & Tom O'B**  
( Pikes Peak Chapter event – 719-488-9469 )  
Mount St. Francis, Colo Spgs – 3 pm  
Brett Valliant & Tom O'Boyle  
Everyone, \$10

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Everyone welcome, no charge

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Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Theatre Organ and Hand Bells  
DeLoy Goegelein & Reflection Ringers  
Members, no charge; all others, \$5

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – ( Sun) – **"Howdy Dieu"**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Get acquainted with Salt Lake City  
artists Douglas Dieu (organ) and Kay  
Graham (piano)  
Members, no charge; all others, \$5

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **"Pizza & Pipeless"**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Re-live theatre organ pizza parlor days.  
Includes pizza and a soft drink.  
Everyone, \$10.  
*This is an RTD Senior Ride Event*

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** – ( Mon) – **"Pizza & Pipeless"**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Re-live theatre organ pizza parlor days.  
Includes pizza and a soft drink.  
Everyone, \$10.  
*This is an RTD Senior Ride Event*

**Aug 10<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **"Magical Music"**  
Denver Paramount Theatre – 2 pm  
Our "free" day at the Paramount.  
Music by Bob Castle.  
Magic by Bruce & Kitty Spangler.  
Members only. No charge.

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **"All is Calm"**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
A variety of musical excitement with all  
performers named Calm.  
Members, no charge; others, \$5

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **Holiday Pot Luck**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Members only.





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### **“Dancing Without the Stars”**

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