



# Pipes Along the Rockies

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

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## The Mighty Wurlitzer....

# Footloose II

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm**  
**Denver Paramount Theatre**  
**Age 18 & over, \$12; All others, no charge.**

Theatre organ artist Dave Wickerham from the Milhous Music and Auto Museum, Boca Raton, Florida will headline this feat of a fete for the feet!



There will be keyboard feet, tapping feet, swing feet, kicking feet, jitterbug feet, marching feet ....

There will be guest appearances by the swing dance group 23 Skidoo, performances by the Rockyettes dance troupe from the Arvada Senior Center plus a Boy Scouts color guard.

Tickets for adults (18 and older) are \$12. Anyone under the age of 18 will be admitted at no charge!

Don't get cold feet. This promises to be a musical experience in an architectural treasure that you, your friends, neighbors, children, grandchildren (and your own two feet) will not want to miss!

Doors open at 1 pm. General admission seating.

This is an RTD Senior Ride event.

## Don't like driving into Denver?

# Take the Bus!

RMCATOS has reserved 30 seats on an RTD Senior Ride bus that will provide round trip transportation from Holiday Hills to the Paramount Theatre for Footloose II on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

A person of any age can take the RTD Senior Ride. For those 65 or older the round trip bus fare is \$1.75. For all others, \$3.50 per round trip. The bus fare is paid when you board the bus at Holiday Hills. Tickets for the show are purchased separately in advance or at the door.

RTD reservations must be made by October 6<sup>th</sup>. If more than 30 sign up for the trip, additional seats may be available after group confirmations on the 6<sup>th</sup>. To reserve your RTD bus seat, call: Lorna Koelmel, **303-430-4335**.

## Our annual event....

# Got Gospel?

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm**  
**Holiday Hills Ballroom**  
**Members, no charge; All others \$5.**

For the past several years our November club social has been dedicated to "Gospel" music ..... the definition of "Gospel" is stretched a bit to include all religious music. In 2008 we will do it again.

Local musicians will be providing "Gospel" music on the organ (actually, two organs), grand piano, other instruments and voice. The program will also include our traditional hymn sing.

Not to worry... there will be no sermon and no offering will be collected!

Light refreshments will be served.

See you there. Hallelujah!

*It was just that....*

## Magical Music

Our “free” day at the Paramount featured “walk in music” of cuts from the new Ken Double/Bob Castle “Paramount Double Bill” CD, a live Wurlitzer



performance by club member and Paramount house organist Bob Castle, the magical wizardry of Bruce and Kitty Spangler and after the show, an open console time for club members. Our thanks to Bob and the Spanglers for providing an enjoyable afternoon of music and magic.

For those who were unable to attend, you will be happy to know that the illusions remained in tact and no magical secrets were revealed to the 90 members that were in the audience!



Our thanks also to Kroenke Sports, Allison Hamilton and Dave England for providing the theatre and facilities for us at no charge.

*Will this become a family tradition?*

## All is Calm

A musical family reunion occurred at our September 14<sup>th</sup> Social. 125 members and guests watched and listened as Jim Calm performed on George II and other Calm family members joined in on other instruments and/or presented a radio show clip.



Jim was joined musically by sister Janice, daughter Christine Myers and son-in-law Rob Myers. Jim's parents, Bill & Mary Calm, presented a cut from the radio show “The Bickersons” with theatre organ “mood music” provided by their son.



It was a fun and enjoyable afternoon. We hope the Calms will again rev up another storm for us soon.

*The first commercial recording....*

## Paramount CD

The new Ken Double/Bob Castle CD recorded at the Denver Paramount, called “*Paramount Double Bill*”, will be available for sale, at \$15 each, at any club event including Footloose II.



## **"Everyone's A Musician" coming soon**

It is never tooooooo early to start practicing for our annual "Everyone's a Musician" tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

For those new to RMCATOS, every January our club social is composed (no pun intended) of members performing anything musical. (In the past, in addition to piano, organ, guitar, keyboard, vocal, etc., we've had steel drums, water harps, tuned plastic tubes, and assorted percussion.)

This is the opportunity for "timid" members to "do their thing". Every participant will be cheered onto new heights. The "I'm not good enough" excuse will not be tolerated. Use this wonderful mix of the Ted Mack Amateur Hour, the Gong Show and American Idol as a vehicle to "show your stuff"!

There are just a few simple rules:

- 1) Performers must be club members
- 2) At least 8 measures must be performed.
- 3) You cannot do the same type of event you did last year.
- 4) The rules do not apply to accompanists.

Contact Lee Shaw .. **303-530-2421** and reserve a spot on the program. With Lee you can also make arrangements to rehearse on George II if needed.

## **Welcome New Members**

Rodney & Andrea Brewer, Arvada  
Joseph & Sheila Derosa, Centennial  
Fern Jones, Denver  
Kenrick & Barbara Mervine, Centennial  
Dr. Peter & Heddy Monheht, Denver  
Monte & Rebecca Pescador, Northglenn  
Dr. Earl & Mary Reum, Denver  
Charles & Thelma Shaeffer, Lakewood  
Dottie Vonfeldt, Westminster  
Sherry Williams, Centennial

## **New & Used organs available**

Members Ken & Barbara Mervine are consultants with Southwest Church Organs and have several new and used classical and theatre organs available for demonstration in their Centennial showrooms.

Current inventory includes a 2-manual MDC theatre organ, self-contained with a smaller pedal board. Also a Theatre III model, 3-manuals, full pedals, 4 external speaker cabinets and Lexicon reverbs. Contact Ken or Barbara at: **720-937-9436**.

## **RMCATOS Officers for 2008**

President: **Jim Burt** (970) 385-9490  
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Secretary: **Priscilla Arthur** (303) 671-8333  
Treasurer: **Rich Brooks** (303) 322-8586  
Tickets: **Doris Beverly** (303) 466-3330

*If you have comments about club activities or would like to attend a board of directors meeting, contact one of the officers.*

## **In Memoriam**

Two of our members passed away in September.

George Beverly, husband of Doris Beverly.

Joan Cope, wife of Frank Cope.

Our sympathies to each spouse, their families, friends and relatives for the their loss.

## **RMCATOS Events Calendar**

- Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **"Footloose II"**  
Denver Paramount Theatre – 2 pm  
Dave Wickerham at The Mighty  
Wurlitzer plus dance troupes:  
Rockyettes & 23 Skidoo  
Adults, \$12; Those under 18, no charge  
*This is an RTD Senior Ride Event*
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **"Got Gospel?"**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Our annual Gospel bash.  
Members, no charge; others, \$5.
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **Holiday Pot Luck**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Members only.
- Jan 11<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **"Everyone's a Musician"**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Our "hidden talent" extravaganza.  
Everyone welcome, no charge.
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **"Pipes & Stripes III"**  
Denver Paramount Theatre – 2 pm  
The twin consoles of the Paramount's  
Mighty Wurlitzer join forces with the  
101<sup>st</sup> Army Band & Ensembles for another memorable musical experience.  
Everyone is welcome, no charge.  
*This is an RTD Senior Ride Event*
- Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** – ( Sun) – **"Dancing Without the Stars"**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Live music & live dancing!  
Members, no charge; others, \$5



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**Waiting for things to begin at “All is Calm”**  
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