



# *Pipes Along the Rockies*

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

*December, 2008*

*Information Line: 303-466-3330*

## *December Club Social*

### **Christmas Gathering**

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm**

**Holiday Hills Ballroom**

Our "members only" Christmas Social will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm in the Holiday Hills Ballroom. If you plan to attend, please call, by December 5<sup>th</sup>, Nina Edwards at **303-650-0255**.

The event will be pot luck, with the club providing ham, drinks, plates, silverware and napkins. Members will provide salads, main dishes, relish trays, vegetables or dessert. When you call with your reservations, let Nina know what you plan to bring..... that will help us 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 the gift exchange procedure. A Christmas sing-along will be part of the festivities. See you there!

## *Start Practicing*

### **Everyone's A Musician**

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm**

**Holiday Hills Ballroom**

**Everyone is welcome; No charge**

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 for performers are:** Perform on or with anything musical. Play or sing a minimum of 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 to January 18<sup>th</sup> .... providing an extra week for participant preparation. To sign up to perform and/or arrange for rehearsal time on the theatre organ or grand piano, call Lee Shaw:

**303-530-2421** or **dpsys.west@comcast.net**

## *Plan to be at Paramount In February....*

### **Pipes & Stripes III**

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm**

**Denver Paramount Theatre**

**No admission charge, all are welcome**

Once again the twin consoles of the Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer join forces with the 101<sup>st</sup> Army Band in a fun-for-the-whole-family musical event.

Once again this event is sponsored by Kroenke Sports Enterprises, Live Nation and RMCATOS. As a result, there is no admission charge and no tickets are needed.

Once again this is an RTD Senior Ride event and RMCATOS has reserved a number of seats on a RTD bus that will provide round-trip transportation from Holiday Hills to the Paramount and back. The RTD fare, paid upon boarding the bus, will be \$2 for those 65 and older and \$4 for all others.

To reserve a seat on the RTD bus, call Lorna Koelme at **303-430-4335**. Reservations must be made by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## *The feet were flying....*

### **Footloose II**



Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> slightly more than 900 feet found their way to the Denver Paramount for a delightful afternoon of Mighty Wurlitzer



music and exhibition dancing. The marching feet of the Boy Scout Troop 41 Color Guard got things started off “on the right foot”.



Dave Wickerham was his normal wonderful self playing ragtime, semi-classical, show and hymn tunes in addition to lively accompaniment for 23 Skidoo! Jitterbug and Swing dancing and the Broadway dance routines of the Rockettes (ages 47 to 87).



Additional photos can be found on the RMCATOS web site: [www.RMCATOS.org](http://www.RMCATOS.org) Easiest way to locate the photos is to go to the “What’s New” page.



DVD’s of the performance are available for \$15 at any RMCATOS function. The DVD has already been aired four times on Longmont’s Channel 3.



*Hallelujah ....*

## Got Gospel?

A crowd of just under 160 gathered, not by the river, but at the Holiday Hills Ballroom for theatre organ and grand piano music with a gospel flair.

Two organs, a grand piano and a Wurlitzer Brass Horn, along with outstanding artists and a robustly vocal audience, provided the music.



Irene Shaffer and Annette Cash opened with a classical organ/piano duet. Member Joel Bacon, chair of organ and liturgical studies at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, performed some unique gospel related compositions on both the grand piano and the theatre organ.



Members Ken Mervine, organist for the Colorado Symphony, and his wife Barbara, provided organ, vocal and audience participation music for the second half of the afternoon’s program.



Each half of the program included a hymn sing led by Don Bullock. Hymn descants were played on the Wurlitzer Brass Horn by Jim Calm. The crowd, at



one time, with leadership by Don, Janice Blakney, Johnnie Cash and Lee Shaw broke into four groups and sang the Tallis Canon as a round.



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*Same low annual fee!*

## Dues are Due!

Annual dues of \$15 per household, January to December, are now due for year 2009.

Save 42 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

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*The first commercial recording....*

## Paramount CD

The new Ken Double/Bob Castle CD recorded at the Denver Paramount, called "*Paramount Double Bill*", is available for sale, at \$15 each, at any club event. It would make a great gift!

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*To all our volunteers.....*

## Time to say Thanks

RMCATOS has had another year of growth. Our happy family now includes 302 households! This would not be possible without members volunteering to pitch in and handle some of the support tasks.

With so many volunteers to thank, listing names is always dangerous for fear that some name or names might be omitted, unintentionally. That being said, we'll take the risk and offer our thanks to the following members (in no particular order) for their time, trouble and cooperation during the past year.

**Nina Edwards** has captained the "light refreshments" with help from **Elsie Johnson** and **Roberta Farnan**. **Nina & Doris Beverly** coordinate the annual Christmas Potluck. Additional assistance for the Christmas Potluck is provided by **Lois Cady**, **Janice Blakney**, **Darlene Briggs**, **Bernice Lesser**, **Judith Halverson**, **Hugh Doolittle**, **Jud Murphy**, **Elsie & Don Johnson**. Many of the above plus **Phil & Mae Smith**, **Bruce & Kitty Spangler** and **Pat Gower** have also worked in the lobby for Paramount shows.

Those who assist at the "administrative table" at each of our events include: **Rich Brooks**, **Doris Beverly**, **Carole Ann Ball**, **Kathy Brayton**, **Priscilla Arthur**, **Lois Cady** and **Owanah Wick**.

Our wonderful photos are the work of **Bill Kwin**. Video taping support is by **Bill & Marilyn Decker**. **Terry Cutshall** provides audio recordings.

Did you ever wonder how our newsletter gets prepped for mailing? Meet the folks who fold, sticker, tape and stamp (and once a year, insert).



Left to right above, **Thelma Reed**, **Sandy Wadding**, **Kay Diehl**, **Joan Wadding**, **Lillian Oliver**, **Rich Brooks** and **Nina Edwards**. Not pictured, **Maxine Mulliniks**, **Lorna & Bob Koelmel**.

Pre-program prep at the Holliday Hills Ballroom is done by **Bob Koelmel**, **Jud Murphy**, **Rick Knoll**, **Harold Young**, **Bruce & Kitty Spangler**. **Mike**

**Schuh** sets up and controls the sound and light control systems.

Clean up time finds the prep folks and the back table folks plus **Carl Hoff, Alan Elder, Bob Straus, Don Bullock, Jim Hunter, Pat Gower** (and others we have probably overlooked) putting the Ballroom back to its natural state.

The RTD Senior Ride bus arrangements are coordinated by **Lorna Koelmel**. Advance ticket sales for “fee” events are handled by **Doris Beverly**.

Led by **Carl Hoff**, the monthly “reminder” callers include **Tanya Cleaver, Vera Jones, Joel Glessner, Barbara Marine, Estelle Langston, Jackie Bembenek, and Jackie Howland**.

We are indebted to **Bob Castle, Bev Bucci, Lee Traster, Jim Calm, DeLoy Goegelein, Joel Bacon, Ken & Barbara Mervine, Irene Shaffer and Annette Cash** for 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 heart-felt thanks to all the volunteers!

### Welcome New Members

Carol Conilogue, Niwot  
Pat Harris, Lakewood  
Mary Hemmerle, Westminster  
Pearl Lomas, Westminster  
Dorothy Roy, Denver  
Sead Saradzic, Denver  
Fred Schimpf, Denver  
Jim & Colleen Snider, Arvada  
Joan Snyder, Golden  
Sunrise Sr. Living, Denver (6 memberships)  
Jeff Underwood, Westminster  
Joseph & Phyllis Vrbas, Denver

### RMCATOS Officers for 2008

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

### George Beverly Memorial

Several donations have been made to RMCATOS in memory of George Beverly. Some of those funds have been used to purchase and install a new crash cymbal for the Mighty Wurlitzer at the Paramount Theatre. Our thanks to all who contributed.

### Need a tax deduction?

RMCATOS is solid financially, but there are always projects and programs that could use some additional funding.

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

### RMCATOS Events Calendar

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** – (Sun) – **Holiday Pot Luck**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Members only.

**Jan 18<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 8<sup>th</sup>** – (Sun) – **“Dancing Without the Stars”**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Live music & live dancing!  
Members, no charge; others, \$5

**Apr 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>** – (Sat & Sun) – **“Doors Open Denver”**

(Pending Paramount Availability)  
Denver Paramount Theatre  
Live Wurlitzer 10 am to 4 pm each day  
Everyone is welcome ... no charge

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**[WWW.RMCATOS.ORG](http://WWW.RMCATOS.ORG)**