



Pipes Along the Rockies

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

June, 2009

Information Line: 303-466-3330

A fun afternoon of surprises!

"Jammin' in June"

Sunday, June 7th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Members, No Charge; All others, \$5

A "Jam" is a musician's social "happening" of musical spontaneity, creativity and individual expression. And that's just what's in store for us on Sunday, June 7th, 2 pm at the Holiday Hills Ballroom.

We will be "sitting in" on a jam session with **Dick Kroeckle** (grand piano – ragtime, etc.), **Jim Calm** (theatre organ – rag & other times) and **Lance Christensen** (you name the instrument – he has one and can play it).

This will be a musical experience you and your friends will not want to miss! Light refreshments will be served.

An original musical....

"Adventure on the High C's"

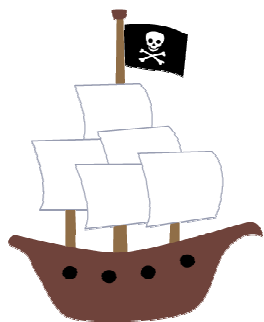
Sunday, July 12th, 2 pm

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If you are interested in pirates and "high C's" adventure, no need to go to Somalia! Member Janice Blakney and her "C-worthy" crew have put together a delightful, "captivating" original musical that includes drama, theatre organ, grand piano, and vocal components ... plus... a bit of audience participation!

A tropical paradise awaits you on Sunday, July 12th, 2 pm at the Holiday Hills Ballroom. Light refreshments (might be hardtack) will be served.



It was a week-end of enjoyment...

Theatre Organ Spectacular

Saturday afternoon, May 16th, 26 "students" gathered for a four-hour Theatre Organ workshop with Jelani Eddington teaching fundamentals, registration and theatre organ philosophies.



Sunday afternoon, May 17th, a crowd of 135 was treated to a wonderful afternoon of a wide variety of music. Many were surprised at Jelani's expertise on both the theatre organ and the grand piano!

A large rear-projection video screen kept everyone in the audience right "on top" of all keyboard and pedal-board activity



Monday afternoon, May 18th, the 85 in attendance ... (some whom were Sunday repeats) enjoyed Jelani's meticulous technique and expressive original arrangements and transcriptions. We were fortunate to have had three days with this world-class artist.

What an interesting experience!

Doors Open Denver

The Denver Paramount's participation in Doors Open Denver was pretty much a public secret due to the fact that the Paramount's one-day availability for the event was not confirmed until just a few days prior.

What a surprise then to host 276 interested visitors!



Jud Murphy had a constant stream of folks interested in his lobby demo "How a pipe organ works".

Owanah Wick and Lee Shaw led tours of the theatre. An added treat was the visit from Jim Wagoner, former Paramount projectionist, who had great projection booth stories to tell of the Paramount in the 70's.



All the while members Bob Castle, Doug Thompson, Jim Calm and DeLoy Goeglein were rotating shifts at the console(s) and delighting the visitors with seven hours of live, non-stop, Mighty Wurlitzer music!

DeLoy Goeglein and Jim Calm took the Mighty Wurlitzer's twin consoles for a spin much to the surprise (and joy) of those in the audience.

Hopefully next year we'll be able to host at the Paramount for two days of Doors Open Denver.



Club members will be able to return to the Paramount for more (free) Mighty Wurlitzer music on the afternoon of August 9th during our members-only day.

President's Corner

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society is an amazing and active organization, and I am humbled and honored to be your new president.

The RMCATOS board members and many volunteers worked very hard to organize and produce the Theatre Organ Spectacular with Jelani Eddington. I have seen this outstanding and talented musician perform in Illinois a number of times, and he never ceases to astonish me with his world-class ability to use the theatre organ to its fullest potential.

Jelani is a true gentleman with deep respect for both his music and his audience, and we were treated to an awesome weekend with a true theatre organ legend.

Many thanks to all who attended one or more of the events, and to the dedicated team of volunteers who made it all happen. And a big THANK-YOU! to Owanah Wick, Rich Brooks and "the Man behind the Curtain." You are all greatly appreciated.

Jim Calm

Welcome New Members

Kem Barney, Aurora
Bruce & Ardeth Fowler, Westminster
Wayne & Mardie Van Arsdale, Arvada
Robert Webber, Arvada



RMCATOS Officers for 2009

President: **Jim Calm** (303) 989-3671

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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.

In Memoriam

Word has just been received of the February, 2009, death of long-time member Don Coover. Our sympathies to Don's friends and relatives.

Home organ available

Don Coover's sister would like to find a good home for Don's home organ. The organ is available to anyone or any organization that can provide transport.

The instrument is a 1960's era Gulbransen Rialto model theatre organ. Solid State. Horseshoe stop board, two 61-note keyboards and a 25-note pedal board. Anyone who is interested in the instrument should call Lee Shaw (303-530-2421) and he can give instructions for getting the instrument.

Check out RMCATOS on YouTube

RMCATOS has a number of video clips posted on the YouTube web site: www.YouTube.com

You do not have to be a member of YouTube to view the clips. Once on the YouTube site just do a search on "RMCATOS".

A list of our video clips will be displayed plus the names of one or two YouTube members who have included RMCATOS in their personal play lists.

Click on the thumbnail photo of the video clip you would like to see and hear. Use of external speakers or headphones is recommended if you want decent quality sound. Here is a list of our most popular clips and the number of viewers they have had.

Flight of the Bumble Bee – Frank Perko 21,462

Battle Hymn of the Republic – 101st Band . . 16,972

Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue – Frank Perko . 14,547

Tiger Rag – 101st Dixieland Band 9,067

Other clips feature Bob Ralston & Thomas Alexander, Dave Wickerham, Ken Double, Jim Calm and

various musical ensembles of the 101st Army Band playing at Pipes & Stripes over the past few years.

Once you bring up a video clip, you can scroll down the screen and read comments on the clip from those who have viewed it.

RMCATOS also has its own web site that contains photos of our events, a calendar of events, copies of the newsletters, membership details and other historical information.

www.RMCATOS.org

If you haven't had a chance to check out the web site, take a look. There you will find the most recent RMCATOS news.

RMCATOS Events Calendar

June 7th – (Sun) – **“Jammin’ In June”**

Calm, Christensen & Kroeckel

Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm

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July 12th – (Sun) – **“Adventure on the High C's”**

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August 9th – (Sun) – **“Triumvirate on the Tibias”**

Castle, Goeglein & Thompson

followed by open console time

Our “free” day at the Paramount

Denver Paramount Theatre, 2 pm

Members Only. No charge.

September 13th – (Sun) – **“Cabaret Day”**

Come to the Cabaret!

Table seating. Theatre Organ, Piano,

Dancers & more!

Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm

Members, No charge; all others \$5

Pikes Peak Chapter Events

May-Aug – (Thur) – **Sack Lunch Serenade**

(ongoing) (Pikes Peak Chapter event – 719-488-9469)

City Auditorium, Colo Spgs – Noon

Every Thursday through August @ noon

One hour of live Wurlitzer & usually a short silent film.

Donations accepted



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