



Pipes Along the Rockies

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

February, 2010

Information Line: 303-466-3330

"Never on Sunday"

Sunday, February 7th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Everyone welcome. No charge.

Our February social will be a joint meeting of the Denver Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and the Rocky Mountain Chapter American Theatre Organ Society (RMCATOS).

The program will feature artists Bob Castle, Bryan Dunnewald, Barbara Mervine, Ken Mervine and Frank Perko performing piano, theatre organ and vocal selections in varying combinations.

Bob Castle has been the house organist on the Mighty Wurlitzer at the Denver Paramount theatre since 1947. **Bryan Dunnewald** is an 8th grade student at Oberon Middle School in Arvada and assistant organist at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Barbara & Ken Mervine are known for their PDQ Bach performances and both are on the staff at St. Thomas Moore Catholic church. Ken is organist for the Colorado Symphony & Temple Emanuel and is on the faculty of Metro State College.

Frank Perko is Director of Music for First Plymouth Congregational Church in Denver.

Light refreshments will be served.

NOTE: Yes, February 7th is Super Bowl XLIV. Kickoff time is 4:28 pm. You should be able to attend this special social and still get home in time to watch the pigskin frolics and the commercials.

For those who forgot to renew...

Dues are (past) Due!

Annual dues of \$15 per household, January to December, are now past due for year 2010.

If you have not paid your dues for 2010, do so quickly or this will be your last newsletter.

You may renew at our February 7th social "Never On Sunday", or even better, before you forget, send a check now for \$15 payable to RMCATOS to:

Richard Brooks

1301 Dahlia St.

Denver, CO 80220

Your cooperation in getting 2010 off to a good start is greatly appreciated.

"Wurlitzer & Wiz Kids"

Sunday, March 7th, 2 pm

Denver Paramount Theatre

Adults: \$12; Students, \$6

They've sung around the world for Presidents, Popes, Kings and Queens and on March 7th the **Colorado Children's Chorale** will be singing at the Denver Paramount with the **Mighty Wurlitzer!**



At the theatre organ console will be **Martin Ellis**, theatre organ artist, accompanist and published musical arranger for the Indianapolis Children's Choir.

Martin will be performing alone and also accompanying the Chorale's Paramount debut.

“Wurlitzer & Wiz Kids” is truly a performance you should not miss and will not soon forget.

This is an RTD Senior Ride event.

RMCATOS has reserved an RTD Senior Ride Bus. Round trip bus fare is \$2 for those 65 and older, \$4 for all others. Reserve your bus seat now, call:

Lorna Koelmel at 303-430-4335

(Depending on the number of reservations, the bus will be leaving from the Thornton Park & Ride or the Holiday Hills parking lot. Lorna has the details.

Keep your fingers crossed....

**Doors Open Denver ... maybe
Sunday, April 18th**

**Denver Paramount, 10 am to 4 pm
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 April 17th & 18th, 2010.

The Paramount is booked for the 17th (Glen Miller Orchestra) and the 18th is being held for potential bookings. If Sunday, the 18th, becomes available, RMCATOS will provide non-stop, live Wurlitzer music, theatre tours and organ pipe demonstrations.

Final word on Paramount access will be published in the April RMCATOS newsletter.

Ho Ho Ho....

Christmas Gathering

Our December Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 6th, in the Holiday Hills Ballroom.



We enjoyed a delightful pot-luck luncheon with lots of festive and delicious treats. This year “music for dining” was provided by the **Bill Jacques Jazz Trio** with **Bill** at the piano, **Roger Topliff** on the clarinet & sax and **Jenny Karel** on the bass.

Santa was there, of course. Each person attending brought a wrapped white elephant item that was used during our interesting gift exchange procedure choreographed by **Joe Conway**. A Christmas sing-along led by **Don Bullock** and accompanied by **Bob Castle** and the jazz trio wrapped up a fun afternoon.

Our thanks to **Doris Beverly**, **Lois Cady**, **Nina Edwards** and their crew of volunteers for planning, organizing and executing a delightful event.

Additional photos can be found on our website:
www.RMCATOS.org Page 33 of “Club Events”.

What a Blast...

Pipes & Stripes IV

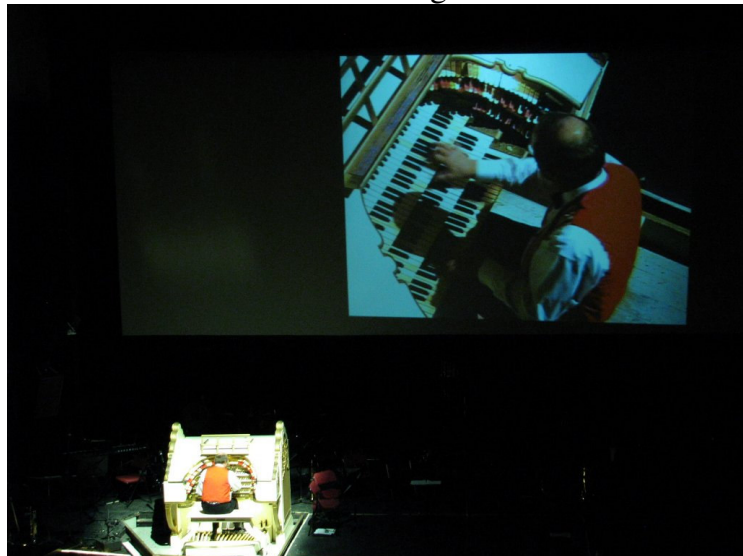
1,300 audibly appreciative attendees had a most enjoyable experience at Pipes & Stripes IV on January 17th at the Denver Paramount theatre.



Bob Castle and **Jim Calm** were at the twin consoles of the Mighty Wurlitzer and on stage was the **101st Army Band of the Colorado National Guard**.

The band played several numbers with the Wurlitzer, including “Mars” from “The Planets” by Gustav Holst. Later, Jim Calm, organ only, played “Jupiter” from the same Holst suite to give another planet equal time. (There is no Holst suite for the planet “Earth”.)

The **101st Dixieland Band** performed and a new-comer this year, the **101st Open Range Country Band** added a little fiddle and guitar entertainment.



Bob Castle wowed the crowd with his classic theatre organ stylings. After the performance both Bob and Jim were mobbed with folks congratulating them on their performances and asking questions about theatre organs and the Paramount.

More photos on our web site, click "What's New".

Opportunity Knocks !!!!

Here is a chance to learn and develop new skills or use those that you already possess. RMCATOS is looking for volunteers to take over a number of our program and operational responsibilities.

At the end of 2010 Lee Shaw will be retiring from most of the jobs he has been performing for our organization over the past ten years.

Lee will continue to maintain the RMCATOS web site and the e-mail data base. He will also do CD and DVD production. Jobs that need volunteers include: Editing the newsletter, reproducing and distributing the newsletter, planning and producing socials and public events, publicity, pre-event preparations and event management.

If you are interested in doing any of these activities, contact Lee (303-530-2421) or any of the RMCATOS officers. The more volunteers, the lighter the load for everyone.

Welcome New Members

Jo Bourn, Denver

June Williams, Golden

In Memoriam

Dick Webb, Estes Park, longtime member has recently passed away. He and wife Ginny used to host annual RMCATOS picnics at their home.

Bob Lily, Colorado Springs, former member and featured organist for the Colorado Springs Sack Lunch Serenades passed away in January.

Our sympathies to their families and friends.

RMCATOS Officers for 2010

President: **Jim Calm** (303) 989-3671
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Secretary: **Kathy Brayton** (303) 657-6136

Treasurer: **Rich Brooks** (303) 322-8586

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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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May 16th – (Sun) – **“DeLoy DeLights”**

Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2 pm
DeLoy Goeglein at the console.
Surprises in store.

Members, no charge; All others, \$5

Sept 19th – (Sun) – **“Tab Stops & Truck Stops”**

Holiday hills Ballroom, 2 pm
An original musical by Janice Blakney:
A theatre organ cross-country road trip.
Members, no charge; All others, \$5



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“Pipes & Stripes IV” *photos by Bill Kwinn*

