



Pipes Along the Rockies

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

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Can't get enough Mighty Wurlitzer?

Doors Open Denver

Sunday, April 18th, 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 17th & Sunday, April 18th.

The Paramount will not participate on the 17th 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 18th.

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 plan 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 hour more 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/

Because we could not get an early commitment for the date, the Paramount is not listed on the site.

Getting to the Paramount.....

The Denver Paramount is located on Glenarm, next to Marlow's, just Northeast of the 16th 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 an RTD Park-N-Ride location, take a bus to either end of the 16th Street Mall (Union Station or Market St. Station at one end or Civic Center Station at the other), then take the free 16th St. Mall Shuttle to Glenarm.

Or take the light rail to the 16th 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**

He's back for another good time.....

DeLoy DeLights

Sunday, May 16th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Members, no charge; all others, \$5

An organist at the former Organ Grinder pizza parlor, a church organist & choir director and hand bell choir organizer, **DeLoy Goeglein** has a long-term love affair with both classical and theatre organ.

On Sunday, May 16th, at the Holiday Hills ballroom, DeLoy will share those loves with us all. Be prepared for a sing-along and other surprises.

Light refreshments will be served.

AGO & ATOS get together...

"Never On Sunday"

The weather was not so good but the attendance of over 150 was excellent as the Denver chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) joined forces for music that an

AGO organist would never play for a Sunday morning church service!



Bryan Dunnewald, an 8th grader from Arvada, opened the show with a medley from the Sound of Music. This was Bryan's premier on a theatre organ. You can see a video clip of his performance on YouTube. www.YouTube.com and do a search on "Dunnewald".

Utilizing his church and theatre organ background, **DeLoy Goeglein** played his theatre organ arrangement of a favorite hymn tune.



A discussion and demonstration regarding the differences between church organs and theatre organs by **Bob Castle** followed. Bob also played some traditional theatre organ favorites.

The second half of the program featured **Ken** and **Barbara Mervine** with several organ & voice numbers including a medley from "Phantom".

Frank Perko was next with his own theatre organ arrangements (complete with thunder, rain, car horns, wolf whistles, and rotating red lights) of several well known tunes.

The program closed with Ken at the grand piano and Frank at the GW4Q console playing two outstanding arrangements for piano and classic organ; however, Frank "modified" the organ part to take advantage of some of the unique capabilities available on a theatre organ. The result brought the house down!

The performances by Bryan, Ken & Barbara, Frank and Ken & Frank are available as a DVD or a CD.

One of the two arrangements played by Ken and Frank, "America, the Beautiful", can be viewed on YouTube. www.YouTube.com then do a search on "RMCATOS" for a listing of all our posted video clips.

Our thanks to the AGO for their participation in our February social. It was fun. We'll do it again.

Additional color photos of "Never on Sunday" can be seen on page 34 of "Gallery: Club Events" on our club web site: www.RMCATOS.org.

Big show; Small audience **Wurlitzer & Wiz Kids**

Martin Ellis at the Mighty Wurlitzer along with the on stage performance of the **Colorado Children's Chorale**, under the direction of **Debbie DeSantis**, was a combination that produced an interesting, entertaining and high-energy afternoon of music enjoyed by all ages.



While the show was outstanding, the attendance was the smallest we have seen in the past ten years for any of our "pay-to-attend" events we have produced at the Paramount!

As a result, our expenses for the event exceeded our income by about \$3,000! Let's hope future "fee" events have better attendance.

Additional color photos of the event can be seen on the back page of this newsletter and in the "Gallery: Public Events", page 14, of our club web site: www.RMCATOS.org.

Notice the difference?....

New Newsletter Distribution

Thanks to member Bill Decker, we have located a new, cost- and energy-saving way to reproduce and distribute our bi-monthly newsletter.

Some of you that had requested "electronic only" newsletters will also be receiving hard copies in the mail. The reason for the change is we must mail a minimum number of copies to get a big price break.

This year we have had a larger than usual number of households who have not renewed their memberships. The result is our number of hard copies to mail fell below the price break minimum. We are actually saving money by mailing more copies.

Our deep appreciation to the newsletter crew who in the past did the folding, stamping, taping, labeling and stamping of the mailed newsletters.

Our Thanks to: **Rich Brooks, Kay Diehl, Nina Edwards, Maxine Mulliniks, Lillian Oliver, Thelma Reed and Sandy & Joan Wadding.**

Welcome New Members

Harvey Clemens, Wheat Ridge
James Mickel, Wheat Ridge
Orin & Joyce Trinrud, Lakewood
Frank Woertman, Denver

RMCATOS Officers for 2008

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

In February two of our RMCATOS members passed away: Lois Pittz and Harold Young. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

Pikes Peak Chapter Events

May 6th – (Thur) – **Sack Lunch Serenade**
(ongoing) (Pikes Peak Chapter event – 719-488-9469)
City Auditorium, Colo Spgs – Noon
Every Thursday @ noon through August
Donations accepted

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May 16th – (Sun) – **"DeLoy DeLights"**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Theatre Organ by DeLoy Goeglein
Members, no charge; all others, \$5

June 6th – (Sun) – **"Northern Exposure"**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
All artists from northern Colorado.
Theatre organ, grand piano, saxophone
and possibly more!
Members, no charge; all others, \$5

July 11th – (Sun) – **"July JAMboree"**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
A fun afternoon seeing, hearing and
learning about a variety of instruments
along with theatre organ & grand piano.
Members, no charge; all others, \$5

Aug 8th – (Sun) – **"The Paramount Just-for-Us"**
(Pending Paramount Approval)
Denver Paramount Theatre – 2 pm
Our "free" day at the Paramount.
Members only. No charge.

Sept 19th – (Sun) – **"Tab Stops & Truck Stops"**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Take a road trip searching for theatre
organ installations.
An original musical by Janice Blakney.
Members, no charge; others, \$5



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WWW.RMCATOS.ORG

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