



Pipes Along the Rockies

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

June, 2010

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Not quite to the Arctic Circle.....

Northern Exposure!

Sunday, June 6th, 2 pm

Holidays Hills Ballroom

Members, no charge; all others, \$5

All performers at our June 6th club social will be from northern Colorado; Fort Collins, to be exact.

Doug Thompson and **Phyllis Ferguson** will each be playing the organ. **Harry Ferguson** will play the piano plus sax duos with **Kevin Utter** at the organ, and Kevin will accompany a short silent film.

Since Kevin has been sightless since birth, he will be assisted for the silent film by his daughter.

Because of the film, seating will be at tables and this will be one of our BYOS (Bring Your Own Snacks) events which allows those in attendance to share their goodies with other members at their table or with the whole group. It also lets the audience "sip & snack" during the entire afternoon.

Iced tea, sugarless lemonade and hot coffee will be provided.

Entertainment AND Education.....

July JAMboree

Sunday, July 11th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

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July's social will be an opportunity to see and hear some familiar and some not-so-familiar instruments teamed up with theatre organ and/or piano manned by **Bob Castle** and/or **Jim Calm**.

Guest performers **Rick Clark**, **Paul Shaffer**, **Bob Stadtherr** (and others) will provide a brief demonstration and "tutorial" about their instrument prior to it being played. To maintain the element of surprise, the instruments will not be listed here!

Light refreshments will be served.

Warm & Wonderful Wurlitzerizing ...

"Doors Open Denver – April 18th"

Paramount availability could not be confirmed far enough in advance for us to be in the "official" Doors Open Denver (DOD) printed materials.



We successfully relied on last minute inclusion on the DOD web site, flyers posted at Union Station (DOD headquarters) and word-of-mouth.



Theatre tours were given by **Don Wick** and **Lee Shaw**; demos in the lobby of "How a pipe organ works" were provided by **Jud Murphy**; former Paramount projectionist **Jim Wagoner** explained film operations in the projection booth.

A video of Paramount facts and history was shown on the theatre's TV screens plus non-stop Mighty Wurlitzer music in the auditorium all combined to draw 391 visitors. Significantly more than in 2009.

Our members **Jim Calm, Bob Castle, DeLoy Goegelein** and **Doug Thompson** played rotating half-hour segments and kept the Mighty Wurlitzer delighting and amazing visitors for 7 solid hours!

For additional color photos of our Doors Open Denver activities check out the "What's New?" page of our club web site: www.RMCATOS.org.

A DeLoyful DeLightful afternoon **"DeLoy DeLights" -- May 16th**

An attendance of 150 filled the Holiday Hills Ballroom to hear theatre organ & grand piano played by members **DeLoy Goegelein** and **Helene McGuire**.



DeLoy played a few old favorites, took audience requests and did some creative improvisation. Helene added a classical touch by playing Bach on the theatre organ.



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Helene also played a piano solo and then was joined by DeLoy at the console for a couple of hymn tune piano & organ duets.

For additional photos, see the back page of this newsletter and check out the "What's New?" page of our club web site: www.RMCATOS.org.

A National Honor for Doug Thompson... **2010 Amateur Theatre Organist**

Doug Thompson has won first place in the 2010 ATOS Amateur Theatre Organist Competition.



Doug has been invited to attend the national ATOS convention in Seattle in late June where he will receive a one-on-one Master Class from one of the ATOS concert artists. Doug also has the option to play at the convention.

Some of you may have heard Doug play the Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer during April's Doors Open Denver event. You'll have another chance at our June 6th social where Doug is part of the "Northern Exposure" team. Congrats Doug!

Paramount Wurlitzer Lift Repairs

Those who have been to the Paramount recently may have noticed that the Wurlitzer master organ console (the one on the left as you face the stage) over the past several years has been trying to emulate the leaning tower of Pisa!

When raised to full height, the console tilts to the front and to the left. Several engineering firms have studied the situation and Kroenke Sports Enterprises, the folks who own the Paramount, have agreed to accept a \$10,000 bid to make the repairs.

The Paramount's Wurlitzer and the lifts were installed in 1930. Each of the two organ consoles sits on a cantilevered platform raised and lowered by a giant jack screw. The master console has received the most use over the years and it is in need of new custom-machined rollers and other adjustments.

Work is scheduled to begin mid-June and continue until sometime in July. We are fortunate and grateful that Paramount Theatre manager Gabe Jensen and Kroenke Sports Enterprises have recognized this need and have assumed responsibility for the necessary maintenance and repairs.

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.

Welcome New Members

Mark R. Cumrine, Golden
John & Mary Edgar, Lakewood
Bruce & Ardeth Fowler, Westminster
Eugene Heinz, Federal Heights
Mary Jane Hopkins, Arvada
Duane Hueneke, Lakewood
Donald Lundquist, Denver
Bill & Betty Matzinger, Lakewood
Jill & John Pollock, Denver
Ron & Margaret Wahl, Golden
Robert Webber, Arvada
Wayne & Rosemary Wirfs, Westminster

Don't be shy..

The position of Program Chairman still needs to be filled as of January 1, 2011.

Now is the time to add a new dimension to your life and gain some new experiences producing club socials and public events.

The job could be divided between multiple people. Those interested should contact Lee Shaw (303-530-2421) or Jim Calm (303-989-3671).

In Memoriam

We recently received word that RMCATOS member Jean Hann passed away last October. Our sympathies to her family and friends.

Pikes Peak Chapter Events

May thru – (Thur) – **Sack Lunch Serenade**

Sept 2nd (Pikes Peak Chapter event – 719-473-2010)
City Auditorium, Colorado Springs
Every Thursday @ noon through Sept. 2
Donations accepted.

RMCATOS Events Calendar

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Aug 8th – (Sun) – **“The Paramount Just-for-Us”**

(Pending Paramount Availability)
Denver Paramount Theatre – 2 pm
Our “free” day at the Paramount.
Guest artist, John Ledwon, theatre
organist at Disney's El Capitan Theatre
in Hollywood, CA. The Denver AGO
chapter has been invited to join us.
RMCATOS & AGO 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 and experiencing
some of the entertainment of times past.
An original musical by Janice Blakney.
Members, no charge; others, \$5





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