



Pipes along the Rockies

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New venue

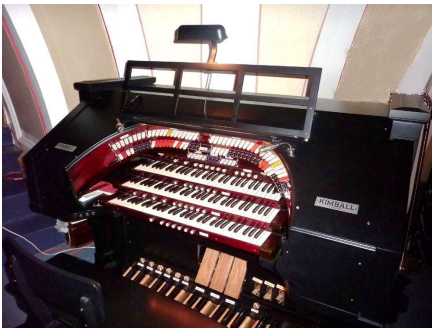
Pipes & Stripes V

Sunday, February 13th, 2 pm

Denver Consistory

Public is welcome: no admission charge

The 101st Army Band joins forces with the restored 1925, 19-rank Kimball symphonic pipe organ at the Denver Consistory for "Pipes & Stripes V" on Sunday, February 13th, 2 pm. This is a no charge event.



Charles Shaeffer, Consistory house organist, along with **Jim Calm** and **Bob Castle** will take command of the three-manual Kimball console.



The Consistory is located at **1370 Grant St.**, kitty-corner from the State Capitol. Grant St. is a one-way street going South.

Access is good from Colfax. A sign on the building says: "**Scottish Rite Masonic Center**".

Parking is available at meters on the surrounding streets. Meters are "free" on Sundays. Many of the meters are bagged. The bags are for week-days only so parking at them is OK on Sundays. (Best to read the sign on the bag to make sure.).

A half-block south of Colfax & a half-block from the Consistory, on the left side of Grant, is a large "pay the machine" parking lot. The week-end rate is \$5.

Entrance to the Consistory is **NOT** via the brass doors seen in the photo, but enter through the large glass doors located on the right side of the building.

A unique auditorium, a unique pipe organ and a diverse program of music make this Pipes & Stripes a musical event you will not want to miss.

Remember to set your clocks

Spring Forward with Bob Castle

Sunday, March 13th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Members, no charge; all others, \$5

Worry not about the hour of time you'll be losing as Daylight Savings time begins on March 13th.

Our very own **Bob Castle**, house organist for the Denver Paramount, will be playing "George II" (our 4-manual, 33-rank digital Wurlitzer clone at the Holiday Hills Ballroom) and you'll be swept away in an afternoon of lush theatre organ melodies and time will not really matter.

Light refreshments will be served.

Fun for all ages

Pipes & Pops

Sunday, April 10th, 2 pm

Denver Paramount Theatre

Adults, \$12 (ticket includes free parking)

Students 18 & under, no ticket required

This is an RTD Senior Ride event

We welcome back to the console of the Denver Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer, **Brett Valliant**. Brett is from Wichita, Kansas and he has amazed us in the past with his innovate and energetic perform-

ances at the Paramount, at Holiday Hills and several years ago at Denver East High.

At the Paramount on April 10th, Brett will be joined by the band ensembles from the Denver School of Arts for a program of music the whole family will enjoy.



Several aspects of this event will be new and different: The \$12 adult ticket includes free parking at ramps on Welton and Tremont, each just a block from the theatre. Tickets may be purchased at the door, at RMCATOS events, or via the Internet at www.TicketHorse.com. Ticket Horse tickets will be \$13 to include a convenience fee.

Students, 18 and under, do not need tickets.

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Thanks to those who paid!

Our thanks to all those members who have paid their 2011 membership dues. And a super-special “*Thank You*” to those members who so generously also included a tax-deductible donation to the club.

This is our last plea. For those who do not renew, this will be their last newsletter. If there is no red sticker on your newsletter, thanks, you are paid.

If there is a red “Pay your Dues” sticker on this newsletter ... then

Send a check for \$15 payable to RMCATOS to:

Richard Brooks
1301 Dahlia St.
Denver, CO 80220

Holiday festivities

Christmas Pot Luck

Our December club social was a potluck Christmas gathering with mountains of food and table after table of happy friends enjoying holiday background music on organ and piano including **Gary Miller, Nancy Stuart, Hal Gloystein** and **Adafern Duke**. Following the meal, the 90 in attendance en-

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joyed a holiday music sing-along led by **DeLoy Goeglein** & accompanied by **Bob Castle** on the organ and **Lee Traster** on the grand piano.

More photos at:
www.RMCATOS.org



Uncovering our Hidden Talents **“Everyone’s a Musician”**

Our new program co-chairs, **Rick Knoll** and **Janice Blakney**, for our January 16th club social, assembled a group of club member performers ... organists, pianists, instrumentalists and vocalists ... some of whom we had never heard before!

Content ranged from passion-on-the-pedals and



family-vocal-trios to kaleidoscopic-keyboards and tremendous-toots-on-the-tuba. The audience of 100 also participated in

a sing-along and our traditional “Concerto for Theatre Organ, Grand Piano and Zippers” which proved, once again, that “Everyone’s a Musician”.



Another photo is on the back page and more photos and names can be found on the club website at:
www.RMCATOS.org

Paramount Patter

The year 2011 was “rung in” in style at the Denver Paramount by the theatre’s Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ!

At the stroke of midnight, the Paramount’s New Year’s Eve show, which featured the band *Big Head Todd and the Monsters*, welcomed in the new year with traditional *Auld Lang Syne* filling the theatre with the soothing & stimulating sounds of tibia, vox, reeds, diapasons & strings played (almost) “live” on the Mighty Wurlitzer by **Bob Castle**.

Due to the stage requirements of Big Head Todd, the organ consoles, of course had to be capped and could not be seen by the audience. At an earlier date, Bob pre-recorded *Auld Lang Syne* into the sequencer which is part of the Wurlitzer’s computer-controlled relay system.

At the right moment, **Gabe Jensen**, the Paramount’s production manager, keyed a few commands into the computer and brought all 1,400 pipes, 2,300 cubic feet of air and *Auld Lang Syne* to their full potential, live! Meanwhile, Bob was at home in the land of Winkin’, Blinkin’ & Nod.

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Originally, the Paramount theatre had colored lights that shown from above the central chandelier across the ceiling highlighting the ceiling’s sun burst art deco design.

Somewhere in history, the power to those lights was crippled and never restored.

Gabe Jensen and **Chris Ruppel** (lighting tech) have developed and implemented a trial demo that includes 16 large LED spotlights above the chandelier and 3 large LED spotlights at the base of each of the black curtains covering the pipe chambers.

LED lights use minimum power, generate little heat, and can be completely controlled for simple diming to more complex color changes and chase patterns. The installation is fantastic. Let’s hope the Paramount management decides to fund the project and make the installation permanent.

In Memoriam

Word has been received of the passing of two of our members: Harry Lindstrom and Jim Kramer. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

RMCATOS Officers for 2010

President: **Jim Calm** (303) 989-3671
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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. Next meeting: 10 am, 2/26/11 in Scalf Hall at Holiday Hills.

Welcome New Members

Ruth Franci, Lakewood

RMCATOS Events Calendar

Feb 13th – (Sun) – “Pipes & Stripes V”

The Denver Consistory – 2 pm
1370 Grant St.
1925 3/19 Kimball and
101st Army Band
No tickets, no admission charge

Mar 13th – (Sun) – “Spring Forward with Bob Castle”

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Traditional theatre organ music
Members, no charge; All others, \$5
Students 18 and under admitted free

Apr 10th – (Sun) – “Pipes & Pops”

Denver Paramount Theatre – 2 pm
Brett Valliant at the Mighty Wurlitzer
along with the Band Ensembles of
the Denver School of Arts.
Adults, \$12, includes free parking
Students 18 & under, no ticket needed
Tickets (\$12) at the door, at RMCATOS
events or available online (\$13) at
www.tickethorse.com

May 15th – (Sun) – “Dancing Without the Stars”

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Music by Bev Bucci and Friends
Members, no charge; All others, \$5
Students 18 and under admitted free





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