

# **Pipes along the Rockies**

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter American Theatre Organ Society, Inc. April, 2011 Information Line: 303-466-3330

#### It will be lots of fun .....

Pipes & Pops

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm Denver Paramount Theatre Adults \$12; (includes free parking) Students 18 & under, no ticket required



**Brett Valliant**, the Wurlitzer Wizard of Wichita, at the console of the Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer, will be joined by director **David Hammond's** Denver School of Arts Band Ensembles: Wind Ensemble, Jazz Workshop Orchestra, Woodwind Quintet.

A wide variety of music will be played for an audience of all ages. The organ and the ensembles will play separately and together.

**Driving to the Paramount?** Take advantage of the free parking available at two ramps with the purchase of an adult ticket. Park at the **410 Building Parking Ramp,** 1692 Tremont Place – or – **The Dominion Towers Garage**, 1607 Welton Street.

Parking is not paid for until after the show, so if you have not purchased your tickets in advance, you can park, purchase tickets at the theatre box office, and when the show is over, present your ticket stub as you exit the ramp and your parking is free!

A map showing the locations of the ramps is on the back page of this newsletter.

Don't want to drive? **RMCATOS has reserved an entire RTD Senior Ride bus just for us!** Door to door service from the Holiday Hills Club House to the Paramount and return. \$2.25 round trip (if age 65 or older) paid, exact change, when you board the bus. All others pay \$4.50 for the round trip.

Seats on the bus are still available. Call now before they are all gone. For a bus reservation call: Lorna Koelmel at 303-430-4335.

The RTD bus riders can purchase show tickets for \$12 each at Holiday Hills before they board the bus. This saves box office hassle at the theatre.

The Paramount has recently installed some exciting new LED lighting in the auditorium. Pipes & Pops will be taking advantage of its presence!

Adult tickets may also be purchased, in advance, on line, at <u>www.tickethorse.com</u> for \$13 each, which includes a \$1 convenience fee.

# Back by popular demand...

Dancing without the Stars

#### Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm Holiday Hills Ballroom Members, no charge; all others, \$5 Students 18 & under, no ticket required

**Bev Bucci's** "bery" best brilliant bevy of musicians take over the Holiday Hills Ballroom on May 15<sup>th</sup> for a wonderful afternoon of music and dancing.

A dance floor will be provided for those who just can't sit still listening to the infectious melodies. For those not on the dance floor, visible foot tapping, head nodding, finger drumming and lyrics mouthing is perfectly acceptable.

Seating will be at tables, so be sure to bring some tasty (and nutritious, of course) goodies for your group or your table or the whole crowd. Non-stop beverages will be provided.

#### It was a new location this year ..... Pipes & Stripes V

About 350 folks were in attendance for the fifth annual "Pipes & Stripes" with organ and the Colorado National Guard's 101<sup>st</sup> Army Band, on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Denver Consistory (Masonic Temple) in downtown Denver across from the State Capitol.



Performing on the newly restored 1925 3/19 Kimball symphonic pipe organ were Consistory organist **Charles Shaeffer, Jim Calm** and **Bob Castle.** 



Skillfully restored by Ivan P. Morel and Associates, Inc., with major funding from the Colorado Historical Society, this organ plays like new.



The solo strings are especially lush, including four ranks of Viol d'Orchestra, Violes Celeste II and Echo Salicional, and the accompaniment has a beautiful Unda Maris II. The Wald Horn was used by Kimball for several years around the time of this installation and has a pleasing character.

The backrail buttons, pictured, include (from left to right) gong, general cancel, six generals and four Bugle Call buttons, pitched at F-Bb-D-F.

Additional photos can be found on the club website: <u>www.RMCATOS.org</u>

#### Clocks, heads & ears got turned ..... "Spring Ahead with Bob Castle"

The first day of Daylight Savings Time, March 13<sup>th</sup>, brought 110 members and guests to the Holiday Hills Ballroom for some "timely" music.



**Bob Castle** was at his best, performing a variety of songs from show tunes to old favorites to songs that no one, including Bob, could identify!

Bob's special guest was **Aaron Wilk**, a high school Junior pianist who attends high school at Valor Christian in Highlands Ranch.

Aaron "discovered" the piano in 2003 and since has performed both nationally and internationally.



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Aaron played a group of classical compositions that were a joy to listen to, dangerous for the heart, blew out all the dust from the 7-foot grand piano, and added several hundred thousands to the note count!!



Aaron plans studying medicine & music in college. Additional photos can be found on the club website: <u>www.RMCATOS.org</u>

#### **Envelope Delivery?**

Members have reported that they never received the February RMCATOS newsletter. Thus, this issue is being mailed in envelopes to eliminate that problem.

If you have access to the Internet... Newsletters and calendar of events can always be found at: **www.RMCATOS.org** 

#### Welcome New Members

Virginia Shriver, Denver Eileen Spencer, Westminster

#### In Memoriam



#### Helen Bingham,

long-time club member, has passed away on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. She was 95.

Helen has played the Denver Paramount, the Organ Grinder pizza parlor, and many other

venues in the Denver area. She will be missed. Our sympathies to her family and friends.

## **RMCATOS Officers for 2011**

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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

## **RMCATOS Events Calendar**

- Apr 10<sup>th</sup> (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 15<sup>th</sup> (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 Bring your own refreshments.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> (Sun) "Jim Calm & Company" Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm Jim Calm and guest artists provide an afternoon of theatre organ (and other) delightful & entertaining music. Members, no charge; All others, \$5. Students 18 and under admitted free. Light refreshments will be served.
- July 10<sup>th</sup> (Sun) "July JAMboree" Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm The Boys in the (Niwot Community Semi-marching Free Grange) Band with an afternoon of music & education. Members, no charge; All others, \$5. Students 18 and under admitted free. Light refreshments will be served.





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#### "Free Parking map for Pipes & Pops"

Free Parking for RMCATOS Paramount Events

410 Building Parking Ramp -- 1692 Tremont Place On right side of one-way Tremont ... Traditional parking ramp
Dominion Towers Garage -- 1607 Welton Street
On left side of one-way Welton ... "Paramount Parking" sign at entrance

For either location, drive in and park. Pay upon exit. When exiting, present Paramount ticket stub for free parking. Both ramps open 2 hours before the show & close 90 minutes after the show.

