



Pipes along the Rockies

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

August, 2011

Information Line: 303-466-3330

For members only....

“Free @ Paramount”

Sunday, August 7th, 2 pm
Denver Paramount Theatre
Members Only, No Charge

Once a year the Denver Paramount gives us a “free day” when we have the Paramount Theatre and its Mighty Wurlitzer all to ourselves!

This year, on Sunday, August 7th, we will be treated to a program of theatre organ music performed by a number of organists from the club. There will also be a short photo review of the history of the Denver Paramount and some recent RMCATOS activities accompanied by live Wurlitzer sound.

Doors open at noon. Show starts at 2 pm.
No refreshments will be served.

The Denver Paramount is located at 1621 Glenarm, just a few steps from the 16th Street Mall. Parking downtown at meters on Sunday is free but the meters fill up fast. The parking lot, off Welton, behind the theatre is \$5 (cash or Visa or MasterCard), and other lots and ramps in the area cost the same or a dollar or two higher.

Another option is to take RTD to the 16th St. Mall, then ride the free RTD Mall shuttle to Glenarm.

Talk about a dynamic duo...

Thing-a-ma-BOBS

Sunday, September 18th, 2 pm
Holiday Hills Ballroom
Members, no charge; all others, \$5
Students 18 & under admitted free

No, we won't be featuring a “ma” but we will be entertained by two Bobs doing their thing!

An afternoon of musical nostalgia awaits as **Bob Flinn** and **Bob Castle** hop (well, walk) between the theatre organ console and the grand piano changing

instruments and playing both alone and together a repertoire of old time favorites.

Bob Flinn is a new member. He and his wife, Judy, live in Colorado City. Bob is the organist for the Pueblo, Colorado Memorial Hall organ. Bob also plays at churches in his area and has played the Wurlitzers in the Sangar Theatre in Hattiesburg, MS and the Cleveland Armory in Ohio.

Light refreshments will be served.

Family music at its finest

“Calm & Company”

Our June 5th club social, “Calm & Company”, featured talented members of the Calm family who entertained a crowd of 110.



Christine and Rob Meyers performed vocal duets with guitar, and **Jan and Tracy** performed vocal duets with guitar and ukulele.



Jim Calm played a variety of styles on the GW4Q digital theatre organ including Theatre, Classical and Ragtime, and played several tunes on the tuba accompanied by organ selections Jim had recorded earlier using the organ's autoplay feature.



Additional photos of the event can be found on the internet at: www.RMCATOS.org in "Club Events", page 46.

The "Boys in the Band" were back... **July JAMboree**

A huge turnout of 160 "fans" gathered in the Holiday Hills Ballroom on July 10th, as a few members of the Niwot Community Semi-Marching Free Grange Band returned for a second year to Jam for (with) us and provide an afternoon of musical entertainment and education.



Paul Schafer and his bagpipes returned accompanied by **Jim Calm** at the GW4Q. Paul also played the trumpet in several ensembles.

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Bob Stadtherr was back with his wind synthesizer using it to play solos with **Bob Castle** at the GW4Q and **Jim Calm** at the grand piano plus using it to clone a variety of different instruments in the ensemble songs that followed. This year, in addition, Bob played his "real" alto saxophone.



Also returning was **Rick Clark** who last year performed on his hammer dulcimer. This year Rick informed the crowd about various saxophones and played his tenor sax with **Bob Castle** at the console.

New band members presenting and performing this year were **Biff Warren**, trombone, **Eric Blough**, trumpet and **Brendan Murphy**, euphonium.

Each gave instruction on design and usage of their instruments and performed in various ensembles.

Back again was **Jim Calm** playing the Theremin ... the world's first widely used electronic instrument. He was accompanied by **Bob Castle**.

The afternoon closed with all instruments playing together with the theatre organ and the grand piano.

It was a fun time which hopefully will develop into an annual appearance.

Additional photos of the event can be found on the last page of this newsletter & on the internet at: www.RMCATOS.org in "Club Events", page 47.

In Memoriam

Member **Gertrude Fowler** passed away June 3rd.

Former member **Warren York** passed away June 26th. Warren was our guest artist for "Silents Please" in September, 2006.

Our sympathies to their families and friends.

Keeping you informed....

Paramount Update

Second Vox Humana rank installation:

Thanks to the work and leadership of **Don Wick**, the installation of the original second Vox Humana pipe rank in the solo chamber is progressing well.

Don has been constructing and restoring the pipe chest, wind regulator and other parts in his home workshop and bringing them to the Paramount for Wurlitzer work days where he is being assisted by **David Charles** and **Ryan Kroll**.

Wiring, winding and pipe racks are yet to be completed. The new rank won't be ready for Aug. 7th.

Uniflex relay upgrade status

The upgrade of new hardware and software for our PC-based "relay" (the "brains" that remembers registrations and controls the pipes and swell shades based on console actions) was first used publicly, master console only, for our "Pipes & Pops" event.

The twin consoles of the Paramount's Wurlitzer are presenting some unique challenges for the new relay hardware and software. We are working closely with the vendor to resolve these problems.

Welcome New Members

Barbara Derby, Thornton
Dorothy Draper, Lakewood
Bob & Judy Flinn, Colorado City
Jim Goble, Denver
Ruth Graves, Wheatridge
Debi Richards & Becky Johnson, Lafayette
Al & Bobbi Morrison, Arvada
Bobbi Puckett, Federal Heights
Chris & Jennifer Runyan, Arvada
Jerry & Ellen Runyan, Arvada
Michael E. Tobiasson, Parker

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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 (& other) Events Calendar

July 30, 2011 - (Sat) - (non-RMCATOS event)

" Organ Music & Ice Cream Social"

Walt Strony, ATOS Hall of Fame
Mt. St. Francis Convent - 3 pm

7550 Assisi Hts

Colorado Springs, CO

General Admission - \$12

Seniors - \$10

Students & PPATOS & RMCATOS
members - \$8

12 & Under - no charge

Info: 1-719-632-9539

Aug 7th - (Sun) - **"Free Day at the Paramount"**

Denver Paramount - 2 pm

Doors open at noon.

Club members perform.

Members only. No charge.

Sept 11 - (Sun) - (non-RMCATOS event)

"Organ Dedication"

Rodgers Digital/Pipes Hybrid

RMCATOS member **Helene McGuire**

Arvada Presbyterian Church - 2 pm
5592 Independence St.

Arvada, CO

Sept 18 - (Sun) - **"Thing-a-ma-BOBS"**

Bob Flinn & Bob Castle:

Theatre Organ & Grand Piano

Holiday Hills Ballroom - 2 pm

Members, no charge; All others \$5

Oct 16 - (Sun) -

"Red, White & Blue Ragtime Review"

Denver Paramount Theatre - 2 pm

Dave Wickerham & Dick Kroeckel

General Admission, \$12

Students 18 and under admitted free

Free parking with Gen Admin ticket

This is an RTD Senior Ride event.

Nov 13 - (Sun) - **"Got Gospel?"**

Our annual "Gospel" musical bash

Holiday Hills Ballroom - 2 pm

Members, no charge; All others \$5.

Dec 4 - (Sun) - **"Christmas Pot Luck"**

Holiday Hills Ballroom - 2 pm

Members Only. No Charge.



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"July JAMboree" - *Photos by Bill Kwinn*

