



# *Pipes along the Rockies*

*Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter  
American Theatre Organ Society, Inc.  
March, 2013*

*Information Line: 303-466-3330*

## *A St. Patrick's Day Special .....*

### **O'Boy It's O'Flinn**

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm**

**Holiday Hills Ballroom**

**Members, no charge; all others, \$5**

The color of the day will be green, but not the musicians. Veteran theatre organist **Bob Flinn** has scheduled an afternoon of theatre organ and grand piano music covering not only Irish songs, but marches by O'Sousa, light classics, show tunes, big band favorites and even some animal music!

Bob has requested some "help" with the program and is encouraging members to "jam" with him whenever the spirit (or the music) moves them. So bring something musical and play along with Bob or the group that might form.

A voice is something musical, so feel free to sing along, particularly with the Irish songs. A limited number of Kazoos will be available, but if you have your own, be sure to bring it.

Lists of the scheduled songs will be available (so you can pick and choose when to join in) and most likely there will also be requests.

In true RMCATOS tradition, no rehearsal time is allowed. This social will be a unique experience.

Light refreshments will be served.

## *Fun for all ages .....*

### **Doors Open Denver**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 2 pm**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 4 pm**

**Denver Paramount Theatre**

**Public is welcome; no admission charge**

Doors Open Denver (DOD) has become an annual event. Over 80 buildings, all around Denver, will be open for the public to visit at no charge. The event runs Saturday and Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lily Tomlin has a show booked at the Paramount the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup>, so DOD time at the Paramount will get cut short on Saturday.

RMCATOS will be providing non-stop, live, Mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ music with the organists changing every thirty minutes.

There will also be Paramount Theatre tours, a demo of how organ pipes work and copies of the original 1930's Wurlitzer blue prints for the Paramount's twin console organ installation.

Come to the theatre whenever you wish (after 10 am) and stay as long or as short as you like (until closing). Use the theatre as your Doors Open Denver "headquarters" as you visit other open sites.

This year's theme is "City Beautiful, Then and Now" and includes a number of buildings in the Paramount's neighborhood.

A list of all buildings participating in 2013, along with a map of all locations, will be published in local newspapers and is available on the web at:

<http://artsandvenuesdenver.com/events-programs/>

On the first screen, click on "Doors Open Denver".

## *A different location for us....*

### **"A Fun Musical**

### **Afternoon in May"**

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm**

**Arvada Presbyterian Church**

**5592 Independence St., Arvada**

**No admission charge; Optional donation**

Members **Jim Calm** and **Helene McGuire** present a diverse program of popular, movie themes, classical and anywhere in between arrangements for organ and grand piano.

A support project of the women of the church.

Light refreshments will be available

*A "to do" to do ... do your dues!*

## **Thanks to those who paid!**

Our thanks to all those members who have paid their 2013 membership dues. And a super-special **"Thank You"** to those members who so generously also included a tax-deductible donation to the club. Those donated funds were used in part to cover our costs for Pipes & Stripes VII.

For those who do not renew, this will be their last newsletter. If there is NO red sticker on your newsletter, thanks, you have paid.

If there IS a red **"Pay your Dues"** sticker on this newsletter ... then ..... renew immediately:  
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 tables packed with happy friends enjoying holiday background music on organ and piano provided by club members. The afternoon closed with a sing-a-long.

Additional photos can be found on the club website:  
[www.RMCATOS.org](http://www.RMCATOS.org) Click on "What's New"

## *No organists were harmed....*

### **"Dueling Organs"**

The January 13<sup>th</sup> club social, "Dueling Organs" filled the Holiday Hills Ballroom with multiple keyboards (11) and a happy audience (125).

In addition to our regular 4-manual theatre organ and grand piano, **Jim Calm** brought two three-manual touring organs and he, along with **DeLoy Goeglein**, managed to play them all singularly or in combination with each other.

The surprise grand finale added **Bob Castle & Bob Flinn** for an extemporaneous polyphonic climax featuring 11 keyboards, 3 pedalboards, eight hands, 40 fingers and 8 feet! The crowd went wild!



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## *Our best attendance ever ...*

### **"Pipes & Stripes VII"**

What a wonderful afternoon of music for the whole family! 1,250 Paramount seats were filled for "Pipes & Stripes VII on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

The music was provided by **Bob Castle** and **Jim Calm** at the console of the Mighty Wurlitzer along with the 101<sup>st</sup> Army Dixieland Band and the all-brass Rocky Mountain Brassworks Band.



Pipes & Stripes VII was also the premier use of the new balcony rail spotlights with adjustable irises purchased for our events by RMCATOS. The fixtures provide controllable circles of light, that do not need an operator, for each of the organ consoles and the center stage area.





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### Volunteers Needed

RMCATOS is still very much in need of additional volunteers who will take over several positions and responsibilities of the organization.

There is need for a new newsletter editor, a need for someone to take some of the treasurer functions, a need for a program chairman, a need for a new web master and openings for technical support and other club duties.

If you have an interest in and are willing to take any of these positions of responsibility, please call Jim Calm: 303-989-3671. Without additional, consistent help, RMCATOS activities and functions will need to be modified accordingly.

### New Crash Cymbal on the Wurlitzer

The original Paramount Wurlitzer crash cymbal was not much better than a garbage can lid. Several years ago the club replaced it with a new Zildjian cymbal which was an improvement but still "weak".



Recently, our organ maintenance crew of **Don Wick, Bob Castle, Ryan Kroll and David Charles** installed a new, additional two-cymbal crash cymbal designed by Ken Crome and Lyn Larsen. It definitely is not "weak". Listen for it

the next time you're at the Paramount.

### In Memoriam

The following members have recently passed away:  
**Mary Calm, Johnny Cash, Bob McAvoy, Victor Miller and Joyce Smith,**  
 Our sympathies to their families and friends.

### RMCATOS Officers for 2013

President: **Jim Calm** (303) 989-3671  
 VP:  
 Secretary:  
 Treasurer: **Rich Brooks** (303) 322-8586  
 Tickets: **Doris Beverly** (303) 466-3330

*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

Virginia Engel, Federal Heights  
 Geneva Hansen, Westminster  
 Norma Hatfield, Federal Heights  
 Craig Peters, Northglenn

### RMCATOS Events Calendar

**Mar 17th** – ( Sun) – **"O'Boy It's O'Flinn"**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

**Bob Flinn** at the GW4Q & Grand Piano  
 Spontaneous jamming with members  
 Members, no charge; All others, \$5

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**See the newsletters in Color!**

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**Dueling Organs**



**Pipes & Stripes VII**



**Christmas Potluck**

