



Pipes along the Rockies

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

June, 2013

Information Line: 303-466-3330

No venue available....

No June Social

We have been unable to secure a venue location for our June club social Thus we'll take a month off. In July we'll be back at Holiday Hills.

Back to the Holiday Hills Ballroom....

"July Jubilee"

Sunday, July 14th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Members, no charge; all others, \$5

We'll be "back home" for our July club social. The program is being formulated as you read this article. Be sure to come and see what develops.

Light refreshments will be served.

Our "free" day at the Paramount....

"Wonderful Wurlitzer"

Sunday, August 11th, 2 pm

Denver Paramount Theatre

Glenarm & 16th St. Mall, Denver

Members only (RMCATOS and AGO)

No charge

Once a year we get to hold a club social at Denver's Paramount Theatre "for free". We are grateful to Kroenke Sports and the Paramount Theatre staff for making such an event possible.

One of the requirements for our "free day" is that the event be a "members only" activity. Thus only members of RMCATOS or the Denver AGO chapter will be allowed admission. If there are folks who would like to attend but are not members, RMCATOS memberships will be available for purchase in the lobby.

Similar to last year, we will have a number of guest artists from both organ organizations. The plan is to have both Wurlitzer consoles uncapped which will

give us the opportunity for some unique musical experiences. The program has all the potential of a wonderful Wurlitzer wing-ding!

No refreshments will be available.

Theatre tours will be offered following the program.

Since this will be a "private" event, there will not be any RTD Senior Ride transportation.

Regular RTD service to downtown Denver can be used plus the free shuttle buses on the 16th St. Mall.

Not a "green" organist ...

"Oh Boy, it's O'Flinn!"

Our March 17th club social "Oh Boy, it's O'Flinn!" featured the always enjoyable **Bob O'Flinn** at the GW4Q and grand piano, assisted by an eclectic assortment of back-up leprechaun musicians including a kazoo konsort, shaky egg movers and shakers, Wurlitzer brass horn, electronic keyboard, recorder, tambourine, drums, piano and tuba. Bob led the way to a musical "pot o' gold" at the end of the rainbow!



Additional photos can be found on the club website: www.RMCATOS.org Click on "What's New".

Great exposure, great artists ...

Doors Open Denver

The Paramount Theatre opened its doors and welcomed 1,040 visitors during the April 13th & 14th "Doors Open Denver" event in downtown Denver.

Ten hours of non-stop Mighty Wurlitzer music over two days delighted many adventurers who enjoyed the music and theatre tours, and the "How a pipe organ works" demo in the lobby presented by Wes Ranstrom.

Frequent theatre tours were given by **Lee Shaw** and **Owanah Wick**, who scampered up and down the multitude of stairs like teenagers.

Don and **Owanah Wick** purchased a set of copies of the original 1929-30 Wurlitzer twin-console installation blueprints from the Smithsonian on one of their road trips, and those blueprints were displayed on the rear stage drape.

Performing organists included **Jim Calm**, house organist **Bob Castle**, **Bob Flinn**, **DeLoy Goeglein**, **Doug Thompson** and **Kevin Utter**. Blind since birth, Kevin is an extraordinary theatre and church organist with an imaginative ear and a global ability to envision music.



Kevin played the auxiliary console for his first time along with Bob Flinn on the master console, and was quickly playing complimentary phrases and harmonies, tailgate responses and artistically filling in the rest of the arrangements.

Our thanks to these members for providing their time and talents for the successful "open house" at the Denver Paramount.

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A different venue for us ...

"A fun musical afternoon in May"

Club members **Jim Calm** & **Helene McGuire** presented an organ and piano concert on Sunday, May 19th, at the Arvada Presbyterian Church.

The program was titled "A fun musical afternoon in May" and lived up to the title featuring classical and religious music along with movie scores and other music styles. For what he described as "heavy metal" music, Jim added tuba and baritone solos.



The Presbyterian Women of the church, who sponsored the event, provided a wide array of refreshments during the intermission break.

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Again this year

Want to play the Paramount's Wurlitzer with no one listening?

For those timid organists who have always longed to play the Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer but were afraid to try it for fear that someone might be listening have we, once again, got a deal for you!

This June we will be repeating last year's successful program of making the Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer available to members who want the thrill of playing the instrument without the pressure of having to "perform" for a group.

The new, super, crash cymbal has been installed and it needs to be exercised!

Several dates are being scheduled when members can sign up for one or two hours of Wurlitzer time when they can “do their own thing”..... alone or members may bring an entire entourage of doting admirers and have the theatre all to themselves!

A tour of the Paramount can also be included if the member and/or their friends are interested.

There are some costs involved, so there will be a charge of \$5 per hour for the organist. There is no charge for the entourage. If no one has reserved time before or after the original scheduled slot, the additional time may also be used.

Call **Lee Shaw (303-530-2421)** and reserve your time. You will even be able to set your own pistons, etc. just like the professionals!

Chose a date: **June 16, 18, 22, 23, 25, 29, 30.**

Select a time from 10 am until 7 pm.

Cameras and recorders are allowed.

Other dates and times may be available. Management reserves the right to help you decide what dates and times you might schedule your usage.

In Memoriam

Member **John Barton** passed away in February. Tom O’Boyle, Colorado Springs organist and pianist (he has played Holiday Hills) passed last week. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

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.

RMCATOS Officers for 2013

President: **Jim Calm** (303) 989-3671
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

Kristin Thorburn, Thornton

RMCATOS Events Calendar

June – No social

No venue available

July 14th – (Sun) – “July Jubilee”

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Our “free day at the Paramount”

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No charge. No refreshments.

Sept 22nd – (Sun) – “Got Gospel?”

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

The Brighton Brilliance

(Three Brighton, CO Organists)

Bev Bucci, Marlys Harp, Randy Morris

No charge. Everyone welcome.

Oct 20th – (Sun) – “Music, Music Music”

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Guest musicians:

keyboard, vocal, instrumental

Members, no charge; All others, \$5

Pikes Peak Chapter Events

Now thru – (Varies) – Sack Lunch Serenade

Aug 29th (Pikes Peak Chapter event – 719-473-2010)

City Auditorium, Colorado Springs

Concerts @ noon through Aug. 29th

One-hour “free” Wurlitzer concert.

Donations accepted.

Days of the week vary Check dates at www.RMCATOS.org --- calendar.

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