



Pipes along the Rockies

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

September, 2014

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Brilliance from Brighton!

"And Now... More Morris!"

Sunday, September 21st, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Members, No Charge: All others \$5

Not the finicky cat, the classic British economy car or even the sword-wielding shin bell-pad wearing dancers... it's Randy Morris! Our multi-talented friend from the northern Colorado city of Brighton returns once again to delight us with his beautiful baritone voice and his special blend of theatre, church and classical musical styles artistically played on the theatre organ and piano.

Light refreshments will be served at intermission.



Here we go again...

"Keep Calm and Stride On"

Sunday, October 12th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Members, No Charge: All others \$5

Keep Calm and get off my lawn! Jim Calm is bringing his Touring Organs, tuba, and who knows what else for another round of eclectic variety including a tribute to stride piano players like Fats Waller who used this technique to sound like a whole band, much in the same way as the Wurlitzer "Unit Orchestra."

Light refreshments will be served at intermission.

You've Got a Friend!

"Bob Castle & Another Friend"

Sunday, November 16th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Members, No Charge: All others \$5

Bob presented a program "Bob Castle and Friends" at the Holiday Hills ballroom last July, 2013, featuring the music of theatre organ legends Jesse Crawford and George Wright, who, unfortunately, were unable to attend, but their presence was certainly felt. Bob has invited a more contemporary theatre organ legend to be his guest in spirit this November as he recreates his friend's registrations and nuances. Bob has been the House Organist at the Denver Paramount for 67 years and is still going strong!

Light refreshments will be served at intermission.



Do-re-mi-fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la!

Christmas Social

Sunday, December 7th, 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom, Members Only

The Holiday Hills ballroom will be decked out with boughs of holly and sparkling lights as we gather to celebrate another fun-filled year of music-making by singing seasonal tunes and favorite carols.

Details in the December Newsletter.

It was utterly outstanding!

“Utterly Kevin”

Kevin Utter performed in June on the GW4Q theatre organ and Theremin and was joined by saxophonist Harry Ferguson and Lee Shaw on percussion for a variety of hymns and jazz standards. Blind since birth, Kevin has mastered an instrument noted for its complexity. He knows where the pistons are and used them all! Kevin told us that he feels like an artist with a paintbrush when he plays, and he filled a gallery for us with beautiful musical paintings. He recorded his own accompaniments and performed brilliantly on the Theremin.



Traster's Tasty Tunes!

“Lee Traster & Friends”

It was great having Lee Traster back on the Holiday Hills digital theatre organ in July performing his old standards while using a variety of new registrations including banjo and drawbar organ. Golden-throated Don Hermosillo crooned some tunes. Lee hopped over to his stage piano for some dance music and was joined by his friends Tom Grings on accordion, Roger Topliff on clarinet and Jim Calm on tuba. There were no rugs in sight to cut, but a number of club members were seen spinning and quick-stepping on the ballroom's hard-wood floor. Lee and Tom have been playing a regular 2nd Tuesday of the month dance music gig at a Denver senior center for a number of years.



Our free day at the Paramount...

“Wonderful Wurlitzer”

Bob Castle welcomed our audience to the Paramount in August with some smooth opening tunes, followed by Bev Bucci playing some beautifully heart-felt hymns. Kenny Orr got in one more gig as a 15-year old before turning 16 last week, playing a classical piece and two Sousa marches. Doug Thompson is always right at home on the Wurlitzer, and Ken and Barbara Mervine led the audience in singing a beautiful hymn, followed by Ken's set of variations on this hymn tune. Boulder organist Devon Howard used all of the Wurlitzer's resources with his range of exceptional selections spanning pop to movie to classical. Several organists took advantage of the “open console” invitation, including Kent Bates who has moved back to the Denver area. We always enjoy activities with our American Guild of Organists friends, and thank the Kroenke family & Paramount staff for our “free day” at the Paramount.



Booth Sides Now!

Paramount Projectionist Picked!

Caboose Books, a Canadian firm, is hosting a project, via the internet, to capture some of the history of film projection through the eyes, ears and personal accounts of motion picture theatre projectionists around the world.

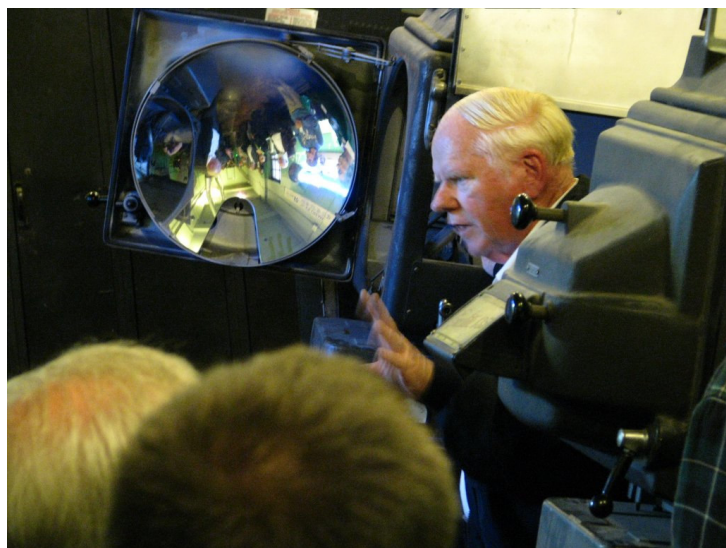
Jim Wagoner, former Denver Paramount projectionist and ever-popular projection booth guru for RMCATOS during Doors Open Denver, is honored to be among the group of international projectionists featured in the project.

Use the below link to gain access to the project. Jim's listing, "Projecting in Thin Air" is in the USA group which alphabetically is at the bottom of the list. However, be sure to read some of the world-wide entries you'll pass by as you head to the USA section. If you are interested at all in theatre film presentation history, beware, you may become mesmerized spending several hours reading a large number of the stories.

Our congratulations to Jim for being included amongst this illustrious group!

Click on the below link to get started.

<http://www.caboosebooks.net/planetary-projection>



Hail to the New Chief!

A Note from the President

RMCATOS has a new chapter president, Ryan Kroll, who brings youthful energy and a passion for rebuilding theatre organs. Ryan and fellow

chapter member David Charles have attended national ATOS tech workshops and are learning from our own master pipe organ technician Don Wick while maintaining the Paramount Wurlitzer. Ryan has started assembling a Wurlitzer in his home, and is looking forward to lots of great music in the years to come. Feel free to contact him with suggestions or comments at:

rkroll@colfax.com or (970) 679-0196.

Music, Music, Music!

Donations of Organ and Piano music from several members will be available at the September social – no charge. Free-will contributions in support of the Paramount Wurlitzer are greatly appreciated!

Organs for Sale

For Sale: Allen GW-319 theatre organ with 3 manuals, 19 ranks, Vista, sostenuto, 7 speaker cabinets, and was voiced by the one and only, Walt Strony. It's in remarkably good condition and sounds wonderful! Original paperwork shows new price (including upgrades) of about \$72,000. Asking less than half: \$32,500 or reasonable offer. Please call (303) 797-1300.

For Sale: 3 manual, 13 rank Wurlitzer. This organ was installed in a long time RMCATOS member's home and featured in many programs. It was professionally rebuilt and installed in its last home. Due to health issues this exceptional instrument is now available. It would be great if it could stay in the Denver area. Also available are extra ranks and chests for planned additions in a new installation.

Please contact John Grunow at:

grunow_pipe_organ@comcast.net

or 719.208.0194 for more information.

Lost and Found

Missing a pair of clear glasses with wire frames? They were found in the lobby of the Paramount during the August 17th event. If these glasses are yours or you know who they might belong to, call Lee Shaw: 303-530-2421

Welcome New Members

Donald Blanchard, Lakewood
Joyce Dowe, Westminster
Helen Felski, Thornton
Juanita Johnston, Denver
Pat Kuckes, Wheat Ridge
Larry Nelson, Denver
Barbara Weis, Denver

RMCATOS Officers for 2014

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In Memoriam

Members **Jim Artzberger**, **Katie Wigham** and **Judy Flinn** have recently passed away. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

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Members only.



Photo by: Bill Kwin

