



Pipes along the Rockies

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Theatre Organ Society, Inc.
December, 2014

Information Line: 303-466-3330

Same low annual fee!

Dues are Due!

Annual dues of \$15 per household, January to December, are now due for year 2015.

Save 49 cents by paying, in person, at the December social at Holiday Hills, or....

Send a check for \$15 payable to RMCATOS to:

Richard Brooks
1301 Dahlia St.
Denver, CO 80220

Prompt payment is appreciated. Thanks.

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

Christmas Potluck Social

Sunday, December 7th, 2 pm
Holiday Hills Ballroom

Our "members only" Christmas Social will be held on Sunday, December 7th, in the Holiday Hills Ballroom. If you plan to attend and have not already signed up, please call, by December 4th.

Rick Knoll at **303-237-6486** or
Doris Beverly at **303-466-3330**.

The event will be pot luck, with the club providing ham, turkey, drinks, plates, silverware and napkins. Members will provide salads, main dishes, relish trays, vegetables or dessert. When you call with your reservations, let Rick or Doris know what you plan to bring..... that will help us make sure that everyone doesn't bring broccoli or cheese cake!

Christmas music will be played, on a casual basis, throughout the afternoon and the event will close with our traditional Christmas sing-a-long.

See the newsletters in color!

Visit our website:

www.RMCATOS.org



"Pipes & Stripes IX"

Sunday, January 25th, 2 pm

Denver Paramount Theatre

Everyone is welcome; No charge

"Pipes & Stripes" returns to the Denver Paramount for its ninth annual presentation. The successful series joins the Rocky Mountain Brassworks and the 101st Army Band of the Colorado National Guard Centennial Wind Ensemble with the Paramount's 1930 Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ. The event is once again sponsored by Kroenke Sports Charities and RMCATOS. There will be no admission charge and no tickets are needed.

An RTD bus from Holiday Hills has been requested:

Pipes & Stripes IX is an RTD Senior Ride Event. An RTD bus from Holiday Hills to the Paramount is being requested, but our number of available seats will not be known until later in December.

Round trip bus fare between Holiday Hills and the Paramount is \$2.25 for Seniors (65 & over) and \$4.50 for all others.

Reserve Your RTD bus seat NOW!

RTD reservations must be made before January 5th. Call **Lorna Koelmel, 303-430-4335**, or sign up at the December social. Seats are first-come, first-served. Closer to the show date, Lorna will contact those signed up regarding what time the bus departs Holiday Hills.

Bus fare is paid in exact change when boarding the bus. There is no admission charge for the show.

"Phantom of the Opera!"

RMCATOS is not planning a club activity during February so our members will be free to attend an amazing music series at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 9203 S. University Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126. Our talented friend Brett Valliant from Wichita, Kansas will be accompanying the original "Phantom of the Opera" silent movie on Friday, February 13th, at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$15/person or \$100 for a table of eight, and includes pizza, salad, dessert and the organ-accompanied film. **Look on page 4 of this newsletter for more detailed ticket ordering information.**



Brett Valliant in Concert!

Brett will be performing a concert of classical and theatre organ music on Sunday, February 15th, at 2 pm at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch. Brett performed at the Denver Paramount in 2011 with the Denver School of Arts Band Ensembles in "Pipes and Pops," and amazed everyone with his outstanding musicianship and teaching ability. He has also appeared at the Holiday Hills ballroom as a soloist and in concert with Dick Kroeckel. Critics internationally have defined his performances as exciting, refreshing, unorthodox and astonishing. We welcome Brett back enthusiastically. There is no charge for the concert, but a freewill offering will be gratefully accepted.

Winnie the Pooh likes Hunny!

"Atelier the Hun!"

Not Attila, the plundering ruler of the 5th century Hunnic Empire, it's an outstanding organ keyboard product from the Roland corporation favored by the incomparable touring artist Hector Olivera and several of our own RMCATOS members. Dave Niemann of Neimann music store in Cheyenne, WY will be our guest artist at our 2 pm March 15 social. He will bring a Roland Atelier organ to demonstrate its amazing features and perform a concert program.

Temple Buell's Art Deco Movie Palace

"Doors Open Denver 2015"

Pending Paramount approval we are looking forward to opening our doors once again to welcome another 1000+ visitors to enjoy two days of non-stop Mighty Wurlitzer music played by our RMCATOS artists. Theatre tours will be led by Owanah Wick and Lee Shaw, and former Paramount projectionist Jim Wagoner will share his always popular stories in the projection booth. Tentative schedule is 10-2 on Saturday, April 25th and 10-4 on Sunday, April 26th.



Make new friends, but keep the old...

"Bob Castle & Another Friend"

Longtime Paramount House Organist Bob Castle welcomed his virtual friend Lyn Larsen to the Holiday Hills ballroom for our November social. Bob recreated some of Lyn's registrations and performing styles and gave us a very enjoyable concert, followed by a time of audience requests.



Some tunes more calm than others...
“Keep Calm and Stride On!”

Jim Calm played an October program that included ragtime and stride-style piano solos, with pocket-trumpet, tuba & vocals accompanied by music he had pre-recorded on the theatre organ.

Jim also performed a variety of styles on the Holiday Hills GW4Q digital theatre organ.



We wanted more and we got more!
“And Now...More Morris!”

Our September social featured the considerable musical talents of Randy Morris, a recent addition to our club from Indiana.

Randy played a well-received program of gospel and old favorites, and we hope to hear him again. Randy has worked as both a church organist and a pizza parlor organist.

To all our volunteers.....

Time to say “Thanks!”

RMCATOS is closing out another successful year. This would not be possible without members volunteering to handle some of the many support tasks needed to keep the club operational. We apologize if we’ve failed to list someone.

Rick Knoll and **Jim Calm** have been doing the program planning this year. **Rick Knoll**, with the aid of **Nina Edwards**, have been taking care of refreshment responsibilities.

Assisting at the “administrative table” at our Holiday Hills and Paramount events one sees: **Rich Brooks**, **Doris Beverly** and **Carole Ann Ball**.

Doris Beverly and **Rick Knoll** coordinate the annual Christmas potluck; **Lois Cady**, **Bob Koelmel**, **Nina Edwards** and many others also pitch in.

Our wonderful photos are by **Bill Kwinn** with some extra video taping by **Bill Decker** and **Jerry Nix**.

Les Anderson, **Rich Brooks**, **Nina Edwards**, **Rick Knoll**, **Lillian Oliver**, **Thelma & Dorothy Reed** and **Dorcas White**, our newsletter distribution team, each volunteer to fold, sticker, stamp and stuff each issue of the newsletter!

Pre-program facilities set-up at the Holiday Hills ballroom is done by **Bob Koelmel**. **Mike Schuh** takes care of the sound and light control systems.

Clean-up time finds too many volunteers to name them all.... Thanks for the support!

The RTD Senior Ride bus arrangements are coordinated by **Lorna Koelmel**. Advance ticket sales for “fee” events are handled by **Doris Beverly**.

We are indebted to **Bev Bucci**, **Jim Calm**, **Bob Castle**, **Ben Ehrlich**, **Bob Flinn**, **Ingrid Gardner**, **DeLoy Goeglein**, **Douglas Macomber**, **Ken Mervine**, **Kenny Orr**, **Doug Thompson**, **Lee Traster** and **Kevin Utter** for being there when their musical talents are needed.

Our wonderful organ maintenance crew, led by **Don Wick**, which keeps the Paramount Wurlitzer in excellent working condition, includes **Bob Castle**, **David Charles** and **Ryan Kroll**.

A huge THANK YOU! to everyone who helps!

Where did it go?

RMCATOS.org is back!!!

Well, it never really went away: For several months, it was not possible to make any updates. Our recent transfer to a new web hosting firm has solved all our previous problems. Be sure to access the site and check out the last six months of RMCATOS events and take a look at the up-to-date calendar of events.

On the welcome screen, on the left side, click on "Calendar of Events" and/or click on "What's New" to see the new postings.

Welcome New Members

Kent & Terese Bates, Littleton

Randy Morris, Brighton

Leslie Smith & John Pringle, Denver

Norita Walsh, Denver

Robert & Beverly Wells, Castle Rock

In Memoriam

Members **Jack Collins, Stewart Golden** and **Ne-
vie Halderman** have recently passed away. Jack
was RMCATOS Treasurer for a number of years.
Our sympathies to their families and friends.

St. Andrew Ticket Information

Tickets for the February 13th, 2015 pizza, salad,
dessert and the "Phantom" silent film are \$15 per
person or \$100 for a table of 8.

Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

They must be purchased by February 9th.

Tickets will be available for purchase online at:
www.st-andrew-umc.com starting January 12th.

Online ticket purchases will be paid by credit card
and the tickets will be printed immediately on
your computer printer.

When ordering tickets online in multiples of 8,
use the promotion code "Phantom" to get the
\$100 per table rate.

Single and table of eight tickets, payable by cash
or check, will be available for sale at the
RMCATOS December 7th club social and at the
Denver Paramount during Pipes & Stripes IX on
January 25th at the lobby welcome table.

RMCATOS Events Calendar

Dec 7th – (Sun) – **“Christmas Potluck Social”**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Our annual Christmas-time event of
Food, singing and fellowship.
RMCATOS members only, free

Jan 25th – (Sun) – **“Pipes & Stripes IX”**

Denver Paramount Theatre – 2 pm
Rocky Mountain Brassworks
101st Army Centennial Wind Ensemble
The Paramount’s Mighty Wurlitzer
No charge, no ticket necessary.
This is an RTD Senior Ride event.

Feb 13th – (Fri) **“Pizza & Phantom of the Opera”**

St. Andrew United Methodist Church – 6:30 pm
9203 South University Blvd, Highlands Ranch,
Colorado 80126 *Brett Valliant, organist*
\$15 includes pizza dinner and silent movie

Feb 15th – (Sun) – **“Brett Valliant, Organist”**

Classical & Theatre Organ Music
St. Andrew United Methodist Church – 2 pm
9203 South University Blvd, Highlands Ranch,
Colorado 80126 Freewill offering

Mar 15th – (Sun) – **“Atelier the Hun”**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Dave Neimann plays the Roland Atelier
Open to the public. No charge.

Apr 25th & 26th – **“Doors Open Denver”**

(pending Paramount approval)
Saturday 4/25 10:00 to 2:00
Sunday 4/26 10:00 to 4:00
Open to the public. No charge.

Pikes Peak Chapter Events (Colo Springs)

(Details – 719-473-2010)

Holiday Sacklunch Serenades – 12:00 noon to 1:00

Dec 4th – (Thur) – Jim Calm – City Auditorium

Dec 11th – (Thur) – Bob Flinn – City Auditorium

Dec 18th – (Thur) – Dave Weesner – Immanuel Organ Gym

Dec 26th – (Fri) – Jim Calm – City Auditorium

