



Pipes along the Rockies

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

March 2016

Information Line: 303-466-3330

Best Entertainment Deal in Town!

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (RMCATOS) has discontinued our policy of charging non-members \$5.00 admission to our regular monthly socials. Next time bring a friend or a car full of friends! We think they will love theatre organ music so much that they will want to return and become members. There will still be an admission fee when we do a "Special Event" like "Pizza and Pipeless" or bring in a well-known organist.



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www.RMCATOS.org



Up, Up and Away!

"KEVIN LEAPS INTO SPRING!"

Sunday, March 13th 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Open to the public, no charge

Change your clocks and SPRING FORWARD an hour, then fly on over to the Holiday Hills ballroom to hear Kevin Utter do what only he can do. Blind since birth, Kevin has an extraordinary ability to hear a composition in its entirety and recreate it on a complex instrument with more buttons, doohickies and accoutrements than Carters has pills! Long-time organist at Christ United Methodist Church in Ft. Collins, Kevin will play a varied program of sacred, classical and popular music that will astound you.

Walk Right In, Sit Right Down!

"Doors Open Denver"

Saturday only, April 23rd 10 am to 2 pm

Denver Paramount Theatre

Open to the public, no charge

The Paramount will once again be one of the stops on this year's "Doors Open Denver" walkabout tour. RMCATOS will be providing non-stop, live Mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ music with the organists changing every 30 minutes. Come and hear the amazing 1930 Wurlitzer Publix I 4/21 (four-manual/twenty-one ranks) twin-console theatre organ. Saturday only, no organ music on Sunday this year.

Tibias, Glorious Tibias!

"PLEASE SIR, I WANT SOME MORRIS"

Sunday, May 15th 2 pm

Holiday Hills Ballroom

Open to the public, no charge

We were treated to a "sneak preview" of the talented Randy Morris at Holiday Hills last Sunday and look forward to May 15th when Randy returns for "Please Sir, I Want Some Morris." Randy is a multi-talented organist equally at-home performing classical and sacred music, as well as popular and show tunes.



Message from your Treasurer:

Many thanks to all who have renewed their membership for 2016. To those who HAVE NOT renewed their membership for 2016 this is YOUR LAST newsletter. There is still time for your membership renewal. Membership dues are very important to our Chapter and our primary source of income. When I joined the "club" in 2003, club dues were \$15.00 per household per year. Our club has NOT increased dues in the past 13 years and have NO plans to increase dues. Over the past thirteen years we all have experienced price increases in everything we procure. Your club is no exception... our cost of doing business has substantially increased and still NO dues increase. I understand as we all get older there are situations which affect attendance at our Club Socials, i.e. transportation, health, etc. Perhaps one of these situations may be the cause for your non-renewal. I ask for your reconsideration in renewing your membership for 2016. An alternative to membership dues would be a contribution to our "Chapter." Our organization is considered "non-profit" and any contribution is considered Tax Deductible within IRS regulations. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your past, present and future financial support to our Chapter. -Rich Brooks

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

Richard Brooks

1301 Dahlia St.

Denver, CO 80220



"Request Rendezvous" (Northern Style!)

DeLoy Goeglein was scheduled to be our February program but unfortunately was injured by a fall and is now home recuperating. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to rescheduling "DeLoy does DeMusic...Again!" Our November club social "Request Rendezvous" featuring five southern gentlemen from Denver and points farther south was well-received, so we looked to the north for a replacement February program. Bev Bucci and Randy Morris, our wonderful organists from Brighton, graciously stepped up and entertained an appreciative audience of 65, playing written requests on piano and organ. They returned from the refreshment break and took "Stump the Organist" requests, and were joined by another northerner, Lee Shaw, who led the audience in a rollicking sing-along.



"Songs of Love"

Cupid's Special Assistant Bob Castle played a beautiful program in January of love ballads and songs of love to a Holiday Hills audience of 50. Bob's many decades as Paramount House Organist helped him develop his smooth style and ability to bring out the sweet registrations of a substantial theatre organ. The day was made even sweeter by a refreshment table covered with mounds of conversation hearts.



Christmas Potluck Social

Our traditional Christmas potluck social and sing-along featured good friends, good food, and a special visit from the diminutive “Little Drummer Boy!”

“CHRISTMAS AT THE PARAMOUNT”



The Flatirons Community Church and RMCATOS worked together to bring Mighty Wurlitzer music to an enthusiastic congregation of 1380 in December.



The late Bert Braeher at home near Blackhawk with his treasured Allen Walt Strony 4 (STR-4). Bert passed away in December shortly after his 94th birthday and has bequeathed this amazing instrument to our organ club and the Lakewood Cultural Center. We look forward to many years of performances at LCC and bringing the exciting world of theatre organ to many new audiences of all ages! Here are some photos of the installation in progress:



Welcome New Members

Ron & Nancy Johnson, Arvada
Gerry & Iva Lemmons, Denver
Frank Lotz, Westminster

In Memoriam

Members Bertram Braecher and Leroy Moss have recently passed away. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

RMCATOS Officers for 2016

President: Ryan Kroll (970) 679-0196

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Secretary:

Treasurer: Rich Brooks (303) 322-8586

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Bill Kwinn, RMCATOS Chapter Photographer

If you have comments about club activities or would like to attend a board of directors meeting, contact one of the officers.



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RMCATOS Events Calendar

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Colorado Springs PPATOS Events

2/20: Annual Handbell Festival and sing-along
accompanied by the City Auditorium 3/8 Wurlitzer

2/28: All-Gospel Music Program at the Organ Gym

3/13 (time TBD): March Madness at the Immanuel
Organ Gym, all marches

3/20: Monthly “Meet-Up Group” 5-7 pm at the Organ
Gym, informal discussions, chamber tours and open
console time

4/3 (time TBD): “King of Kings” annual silent movie at
the Organ Gym, accompanied by Dave Weesner

5/5 noon to 1: Sack Lunch Serenades resume at the
City Auditorium with Season 22 of one of the
longest-running concert series in the Nation

