



Pipes along the Rockies

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

December 2016

Information Line: 303-466-3330

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

Christmas Potluck Social

Sunday, Dec. 4th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Our “members only” Christmas Potluck Social will be held on Sunday, December 4th in the Holiday Hills ballroom. If you plan to attend and have not already signed up please call Doris by December 1st.

Doris Beverly: 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, please let Doris know what you plan to bring..... that will help us make sure that everyone doesn't bring the same dish!

Christmas music will be played throughout the afternoon by the talented Lee Traster, and the event will conclude with our traditional Christmas sing-a-long.



¡Todo el Mundo es un Musico!

"EVERYONE'S A MUSICIAN!"

Sunday, Jan. 29th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

It's back! Our organ club's favorite variety experience is returning to Holiday Hills following a six-year hiatus hermetically sealed in a solo chamber. Start practicing! All during the year we watch and listen to others perform and for this show everyone gets a chance to perform. We will have “everyone participates” activities planned, including the always enjoyable “Concerto for Theatre Organ and Zipper.” The simple rules for performers are: Perform on or with anything musical. Play or sing a minimum of 8 measures of just one song. Since there was not an “Everyone's a Musician” last year the rule about not being able to do what you did last year does not apply. Thus, all members are eligible and encouraged to participate. Please call or send an e-mail to Jim Calm (303-989-3671, jcalm32@yahoo.com). We will be happy to work with you to help select a song, be your accompanist and arrange rehearsal time on the theatre organ and grand piano. There will also be a sing-along and some musical games including “Stump the Audience” and “Stump the Organist.”

(2017 organ club social dates are tentative while we're waiting for Holiday Hills office confirmation)



"TIN PAN ALLEY/BROADWAY"

Sunday, Feb. 26th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Bob Castle will take us on one of his patented road trips, this time to the corner of Tin Pan Alley and Broadway. Bob has been the House Organist at the Denver Paramount theatre for many years.

"WEEKEND WITH WALT"

Lakewood Cultural Center
470 South Allison Parkway
Lakewood, CO 80226

(Free parking) Tickets: 303-987-7845
www.lakewood.org/CulturalCenter/

Saturday, March 18th, 2:00 pm

"Everything you wanted to know about theatre organs but were afraid to ask"

A Workshop/Master Class led by Walt Strony." Insight into theatre organ playing and registration, "Tricks of the Trade" revealed. Seating classroom style at tables. Be prepared to take notes (no pun intended!) Although the workshop is open to everyone, those with at least some organ knowledge will identify more easily with the material presented.

Admission: \$25 per person.

This is a Lakewood Cultural Center class.



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Saturday, March 18th, 7:30 pm
"The Mark of Zorro"

Walt accompanies, on the organ, this 1920 classic silent film. Great entertainment for the whole family. The film stars Douglas Fairbanks, a graduate of Denver East High! See (and hear) what movies were like before there were computer graphics, talkies, surround sound and wide screens.

Admission: \$15 for adults, \$5 for students 18 and younger. Tickets available at the door, or (additional charges apply) online or by phone .

Sunday, March 19th, 2:00 pm
"Walt Strony in Concert"

A theatre organ event featuring the 4-manual, 32 rank, Walt Strony Signature organ. Theatre organ music includes ballads, show tunes, popular songs & old favorites. You'll be able to watch, real time, on the big screen ... All the keyboards & pedals, fingers and feet in action! A sights and sounds experience to be enjoyed by all ages. Feet tapping by the audience is allowed.

Admission: \$15 for adults, \$5 for students 18 and younger. Tickets available at the door, or (additional charges apply) on line or by phone.



FROOG Longmont Adventure

The Front Range Organ Owners Group (FROOGies) spent an enjoyable October Saturday at the beautiful home of Bill and Marilyn Decker in Longmont to experience their collection of fun musical instruments ranging in size from a singing hummingbird in a music box to a wonderful Kimball pipe organ in their movie theatre room. An orchestrion featured a hula girl shaking inside a tambourine, a woodpecker wood-block and a moving bellows accordion. A total of five grand pianos live in this amazing home with a reproducing Steinway grand piano holding court in the great living room.

Same low annual fee!

Dues are Due!

Annual dues of \$15 per household, January thru December, are now due for year 2017.

Save 47 cents by paying in person at the December social at Holiday Hills.

Accompanying this "Newsletter" you received one of the following cover letters:

- a. 2017 Membership Dues **have been paid!**
- b. 2017 Membership Dues **are due: \$15**

Please verify the correctness of all entries with particular attention to the "Additional Optional Data" section, where the "blocks" with "X's" appear. This will ensure we have the correct entry as to how you want delivery of the RMCATOS newsletter. Your verification of all entries is appreciated.

Over the past several years our "club" has experienced a decline in membership related to age, health and transportation issues of our members. Membership is the primary source of income for our "club." Our "club" is recognized as a "non-profit" organization by the State of Colorado and "IRS." This non-profit status provides a "tax deduction" for all contributions by individuals. Every "donation" is recognized and verified by a letter of "Acknowledgment" which is considered as evidence for a "Tax Deduction."

We have received information from a member who wishes to remain anonymous, a pledge to match up to \$1000.00 of all cash/check contributions. This is a great opportunity to increase our declining revenue. Your participation will be greatly appreciated!



"MILE HIGH BANJO SOCIETY"

The banjo band was back in November putting a smile on everyone's face with a fun-filled program of Dixieland, Ragtime, Jazz and Theatre Organ musical merriment.

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"KENNY ORR & FRIENDS"

Our October social featured Kenny and his nattily-attired Music-Teacher-in-a-Box accompaniment device. He played solo organ pieces that included second-touch counter melodies and added some toy counter sound effects. Kenny played a Joplin piano rag, some waltzes on violin with Jim Calm's organ accompaniment and took audience requests for a medley of hymns. He knew them all and could play them in any key. Kenny used his accompaniment device to perform some advanced fiddle and violin solos. Kenny had a busy day, following his afternoon organ club appearance he was Concertmaster for the Sinfonia Youth Orchestra's evening performance. Kenny is an outstanding musician and an amazing young man.

"DELOY DOES DEMUSIC..AGAIN!"

DeLoy Goeglein did DeMusic again at our September social with the assistance of the Generations Jazz Trio with bassist Mariann Finch, drummer Dino Cuneo and DeLoy on piano playing with his smooth, jazzy style honed by many decades of performing solo gigs and in the rhythm section of big bands. DeLoy rounded out the program by playing a set of well-received tunes on the theatre organ.



To all our volunteers.....(2016)

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.

Wurlitzer Maintenance Crew: **Don Wick, David Charles, Ryan Kroll, Bob Castle & Jim Calm**

Holiday Hills Coordinator: **Sherry Broderick**

Lights, Sound: **Mike Schuh**

Table & Chair Set-up: **Bob Koelmel**

Table & Chair Clean-up: **Many Volunteers!**

Facility Set-up, Paramount Interface

and Web Site: **Lee Shaw**

Refreshments: **Carole Ann Ball, Ryan Kroll**

Social Greeter: **Irene Backes**

Christmas Social: **Doris Beverly**

RTD Senior Ride Coordinator: **Lorna Koelmel**

Welcome Table and CD Sales: **Rich Brooks,**

Doris Beverly & Carole Ann Ball

Program Planner & Newsletter Editor: **Jim Calm**

Chapter Photographer: **Bill Kwinn**

Video Support: **Bill Decker**

Newsletter Mailing Crew: **Sherry Broderick,**

Rich Brooks, Nina Edwards, Lee Shaw

Social E-mail Reminder: **Ryan Kroll**

Lakewood Cultural Center assist: **Rich Brooks,**

Jim Calm, Mike Schuh, Lee Shaw

Organist Volunteers: **Bev Bucci, Jim Calm,**

Bob Castle, Ben Ehrlich, Bob Flinn, Ingrid

Gardner, DeLoy Goeglein, Ken Mervine,

Randy Morris, Kenny Orr, Doug Thompson,

Lee Traster & Kevin Utter

Thank you RMCATOS Officers and Board of Directors for your service. The Vice President and Secretary offices are vacant at this time, please contact an officer if you are interesting in serving on the Board.

A huge **THANK YOU!** to everyone who helps!

Hammond M3 organ for sale,
\$500.00 OBO, contact Lee Traster 720-234-0466

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Welcome New Members

Sue Horner, Commerce City

Charles & Eleanor Roubique, Arvada

Ruth Toliver, Arvada

In Memoriam

Members Dick Adamson, Vera Jones, Pat Kuckes, Adelaine Morris, Al Morrison, Bobbi Morrison, Gene Schwulst and Robert Wells have recently passed away. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

RMCATOS Events Calendar

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Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Our annual Christmas-time event of Food, Singing and Fellowship
RMCATOS Members only

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(tentative) Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Ted Mack/Gong Show/Got Talent??

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RMCATOS Officers for 2016

President: Ryan Kroll (970) 679-0196

Treasurer: Rich Brooks (303) 322-8586

Tickets: Doris Beverly (303) 466-3330

Bill Kwinn, RMCATOS Chapter Photographer

Colorado Springs PPATOS Events

Sacklunch Serenade Thursday noon to 1:00 schedule:

December 1: Dave and Keith (At the City Auditorium)

December 8: Jim Calm (At the Immanuel Organ Gym)

December 15: Bob Flinn (At the City Auditorium)

December 22: Nick & Mike (At the City Auditorium)

December 29: Jim Calm (At the City Auditorium)

Colorado Springs City Auditorium: 221 E. Kiowa St.

Immanuel Lutheran Church: 846 E. Pikes Peak Ave.

Celebration of Gospel Music Concert: Sunday 2/26/17

Immanuel Lutheran Church 2:00 pm, free

Featuring the Immanuel Lutheran church choir and

Gospel music on Colorado's largest theatre pipe organ