

Pipes along the Rockies

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter American Theatre Organ Society, Inc. March, 2018

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Are saxophones brass or woodwinds???

Flatirons

Saxophone Quartet!

Sunday, March 11th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

They're both! Invented by Adolphe Sax in 1840, saxophones produce their tone by using a single-reed mouthpiece, thereby maintaining membership in the wonderful woodwind family of instruments. Being constructed of brass makes them powerful and pretty! Saxophones are usually heard in concert and military bands, and make awesome jazz instruments! The Flatirons Saxophone Quartet will make their first Holiday Hills appearance on March 11 with an opening set of their quartet arrangements, primarily from the Ragtime and Jazz eras, followed by a fun jam session with theatre organ accompaniment after intermission. The quartet was established over 25 years ago and includes members Tim Hughes, Rex Vedder, Tom Henderson and Gary Hurst. Thank you club member Michael Bauer for this fun program idea! Bobba-dobba-bap-bap-bap... TEQUILA!



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Bob Flinn's Back in Town!

Sunday, April 15th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

It's tax time and recently ordained Minister of Music Bob Flinn is back at the console of the digital theatre organ to get our minds focused on the important stuff... like great Gospel music and Old Standards!



Shhhh... Silents Please!

Sunday, May 20th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Grab some free popcorn, find a seat, sit back and get ready to enjoy a trip down memory lane as the Holiday Hills Ballroom becomes a 1920's movie palace! We'll have silent movies and theatre organ music during the intermissions featuring club organists and guest organist Dave Weesner from Colorado Springs. Must be present to enjoy...

Theatre Organ Event

Lakewood Cultural Center 470 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, CO

Dave Wickerham:

Footloose III



Internationally famous theatre organ artist
Dave Wickerham returns to Colorado for another
fun-filled performance by a theatre organ master
that also includes occasional feet:

Organ pedal feet, marching feet, dancing feet, audience toe-tapping feet and musical feet.

It's great music plus a feat for the feet.

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Sunday, July 29, 2018 – 2 pm

Admission fees:

Adults \$15... Students 21 and under \$5
All Seats Reserved!

Tickets at Box Office, at the door or by phone or online Convenience fees added for phone or online orders

www.lakewood.org/tickets or 303-987-7845

Free Parking – Entry or lower level Hotels, Restaurants and Shopping close by

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"Two Musicians: Marvelous Mixtures"

Kevin Utter and Jim Calm had a marvelous time on February 11th at the Lakewood Cultural Center playing a mixture of theatre organ, piano, Theremin, tuba and pocket trumpet solos and duets. Both musicians pre-recorded songs using the STR-4's Vista MIDI auto-play function to accompany themselves, and Kevin provided the accompaniment for a Theremin duet. He also accompanied a hilarious silent movie. No reaction yet from Kevin's guide dog Bingo on the dog in the movie wearing the huge false teeth! Lee Shaw's aerial camera work was stunning, and once again the theatre has proven to be an outstanding venue and forever home for Bert Braecher's organ.

"Bing Crosby Celebration!"

Yes, "It's a Good Day" on January 28th for some great Bing Crosby songs at Holiday Hills! Member Docce Borndt's idea of an all-Bing program was a great one, and the day was filled with Bing Crosby songs and stories. Docce sang two wonderful solos and told some stories. Mile High Banjo Society lead banjoist John Mumford made a guest appearance with his 5-string banjo, ukulele and Fender steel guitar, delighting us with some of Bing's Hawaiian favorites. Organists included Paramount House Organist Bob Castle, Jim Calm, DeLoy Goeglein and Lee Traster. Yes, it was a good day for singin' a song!





Message from your Treasurer:

Many thanks to all who have renewed their membership for 2018. To those who have not yet renewed their membership this will be your last newsletter. There is still time to renew your membership! Membership dues are very important to our Chapter and are our primary source of income. Our Chapter is a 501c(3) Non-Profit Organization recognized by the IRS. Thank you for your continued support to our Chapter. —Rich Brooks

Please send a \$15.00 check payable to RMCATOS to:

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"DOORS OPEN DENVER"

Doors Open Denver will not be happening during the month of April this year. The popular walking tour of architecturally interesting Denver buildings has been moved to Saturday and Sunday September 22^{nd} and 23^{rd} to take advantage of Denver's beautiful and moderate fall weather. We're hoping that the Paramount can once again be one of the most widely-visited stops on the tour. Stay tuned...



FROOG Longmont Adventure

The Front Range Organ Owners Group (FROOGies) will return to Longmont on Saturday, April 28th to visit the beautiful home of Bill and Marilyn Decker and see their wonderful collection of musical instruments, including a Kimball hybrid pipe organ with MIDI. This organ was originally put together by Jim Bratton and Rick Morel. We were last here in October 2016 and had an absolutely grand time, especially since there are six grand pianos in this house! And automated music machines both small and large, and a home theatre with pipe organ! Details will be e-mailed to the FROOGies mailing list. Contact jimcalm32@yahoo.com if you would like to be added to the list. Organ ownership not required!



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Welcome New Members

Lynn LaBrant, Arvada Norma Lehmann, Lakewood Sheron Tewksbury, Littleton Kathy Tribelhorn, Arvada

In Memoriam

Nina Edwards and Dick Lewis have recently passed away. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

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Bill Kwinn, RMCATOS Chapter Photographer

Colorado Springs PPATOS Events

Sacklunch Serenade Shows will resume at the City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa, Colorado Springs beginning May 3rd and continuing every Thursday from noon to 1:00 all summer. Your favorite music and short silent films performed on the Mighty Wurlitzer.









RMCATOS Events Calendar

Mar 11th –(Sun)– "Flatirons Saxophone Quartet" Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm Four saxophones, no waiting!

Apr 15th –(Sun)– "Bob Flinn's Back in Town! Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm Bob Flinn, organist

May 20th –(Sun)– Shhh... Silents Please! Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm Silent movies and intermission music

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \textbf{Jun 10}^{\textbf{th}} & -\text{(Sun)}- \ \, \textbf{Doug Thompson} \\ & & \text{Holiday Hills Ballroom} - 2 \ \text{pm} \\ & & \text{Doug Thompson, organist} \end{array}$

Jul 29th –(Sun)– "Footloose III" Lakewood Cultural Center – 2 pm Dave Wickerham, organist

Aug TBA: –(Sun)– "Free Day at the Paramount"
Paramount Theatre– 2 pm
(pending Paramount approval)

Sep 22nd & 23rd – "Doors Open Denver"

Paramount Theatre (new month!)

Open to the public, no charge

(pending Paramount approval)

Oct TBA: –(Sun)– Mile High Banjo Society! Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm Dixieland Banjo Band and Organ "Put a Smile on Your Face!"



