



# Pipes along the Rockies

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

June, 2018

Information Line: 303-466-3330

## 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**

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### 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](http://www.lakewood.org/tickets) or 303-987-7845

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

For more information: 303-530-2421

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## Teamster on the Tibias

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Doug Thompson, a former Teamster truck driver, keeps on truckin' at the GW4 digital theatre organ console. Doug was the 2011 National ATOS amateur theatre organist first place winner and plays with a wonderful relaxed style that is enjoyable to listen to!



## Paramount News

Doors Open Denver has moved to September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> this year instead of the usual April dates. The Paramount has shows booked for those days so unfortunately we will be unable to participate this year. We encourage you to watch for the DOD schedule and visit lots of fun historic sites.

Our "Free Day at the Paramount" for RMCATOS and ATOS members only is scheduled for Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm pending Paramount confirmation. Come and hear Wonderful Wurlitzer Music!

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**[WWW.RMCATOS.org](http://WWW.RMCATOS.org)**



# Shhhh... Silents Please!

Celebrated Colorado Springs theatre organist and owner of the largest theatre pipe organ in Colorado

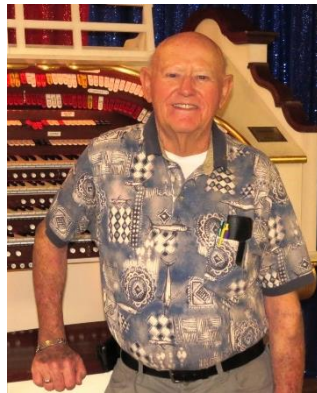


Dave Weesner made the journey north to the Holiday Hills ballroom in May with a 16 millimeter projector and a fun variety of silent films. Organists

Dave, Bob Castle and Jim Calm played silent movie accompaniments and intermission music as the audience happily chomped on never-ending mountains of freshly popped pop corn! Now in his 70<sup>th</sup> year (!!!) as House Organist at the Denver Paramount Bob regaled us with tales of adventures at the Paramount.

## BOB FLINN'S BACK IN TOWN!

Recently ordained Minister of Music Bob Flinn played an entertaining and varied program in April one themed medley after another, all from memory. Bob was joined by Randy Morris on piano to play an extended medley of beautiful songs of faith.



## Flatirons Saxophone Quartet!

We had a yakety rollicking time in March when the Flatirons Saxophone Quartet brought their fun blend



of Ragtime and Jazz to a delighted Holiday Hills audience. The four additional ranks of reeds are Tim Hughes, Rex

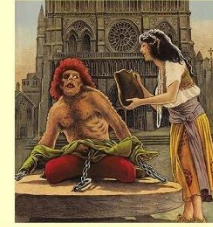
Vedder, Tom Henderson and Gary Hurst playing the soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxophones.

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Starring:  
**Lon Chaney**  
as  
**Quasimodo**



Starring:  
**Patsy Miller**  
as  
**Esmerelda**

The Silent Film

## Hunchback of Notre Dame

1923 horror classic!

Live Theatre Organ Accompaniment by

**Lance Luce**

Former Staff Organist at Radio City Music Hall - NYC

At the console of the Lakewood Cultural Center's  
Four-Manual Digital Theatre Organ

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## More Silents Please?

As.... you.... wish!!! Internationally acclaimed theatre organ artist Lance Luce will make an appearance at the Lakewood Cultural Center on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm to accompany the 1923 silent movie horror classic "Hunchback of Notre Dame." Lance began playing the theatre pipe organ when he was 10, has played in a number of pizza and theatre pipe organ restaurants, is a church organist/consultant and maintains an active schedule as a touring organist. Lance is also the Little Caesars Arena organist for the Detroit Red Wings hockey team, playing a wild red and white Allen STR-4 Walt Strony signature digital theatre organ, the same model as at the Lakewood Cultural Center of which there are less than a dozen in existence worldwide. Visit Lance's website ([www.lanceluce.com](http://www.lanceluce.com)) for more information, and click around on YouTube for videos of Lance having a blast entertaining hockey fans!



## Mister Popcorn Man!

Our May club social “Shhhh... Silents Please!” was made even more special by the authentic commercial popcorn popper, popcorn boxes and nostalgic tablecloth provided by Lee Shaw. And who was that hard-

working concessionaire who made sure that everyone always had plenty of popcorn, even topping off boxes after the show so the happy movie-go-

ers could bring some home? None other than our own “Mister Popcorn Man” Rick Knoll! Rick has always been active in many aspects of the theatre in different parts of the country. He studied theatre and dancing, has experience taking tickets, ushering and working the concession stand where he learned the correct mixtures, how to cook just right without burning and how to get rid of the old maids. Rick enjoys playing his Roland Atelier in his apartment, and recently was the organist at a wedding held in the penthouse of his building where they keep two organs. Thank you, Rick!



## FROOG Longmont Adventure

The Front Range Organ Owners Group (FROOGies) returned to the beautiful Longmont home of Bill and Marilyn Decker on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to visit our favorite toys including a Kimball hybrid pipe organ, two reproducing grand pianos, an Orchestrion with a skilled hula-girl tambourine and a hand-held hummingbird music box. Contact [jimcalm32@yahoo.com](mailto:jimcalm32@yahoo.com) if you would like to be added to the list for our next adventure. Organ ownership not required!



## Larry Burt 100 Years Old!



Longtime Holy Comforter Episcopal Church organist and RMCATOS member Larry Burt (left), recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Larry built the pipe organ used at the church in Broomfield for many years. This organ was replaced several years ago by the beautiful Hook tracker self-contained walnut case organ, which was used in worship at St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral of Denver while their organ was being refurbished. The 1869 Hook organ is the oldest operating pipe organ in Colorado. Also pictured are 2010-17 organist John Murgel (center) and current organist RMCATOS member Ben Ehrlich (right).



## RMCATOS Officers

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Bill Kwinn, RMCATOS Chapter Photographer

## Welcome New Members

Kathy Guy, Broomfield

Bob Larsen & Donna Kent, Broomfield

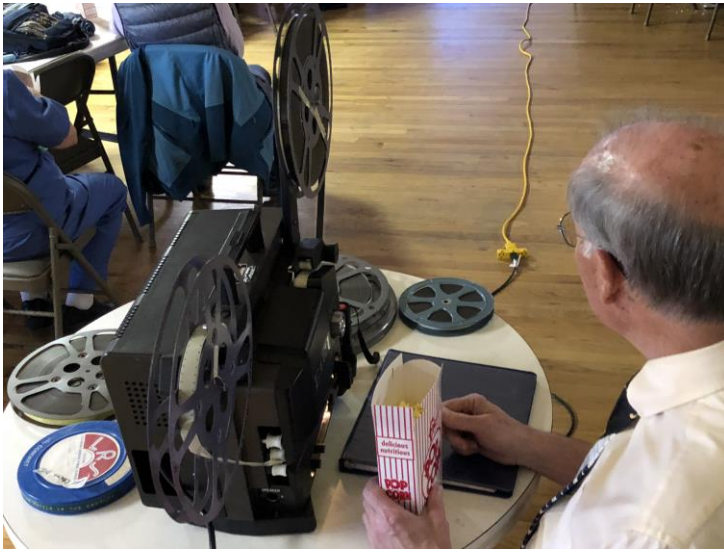
Ed & Mary Nixon, Westminster

## In Memoriam

Harry Campbell, Byron and Julie St. Clair and Don Story have recently passed away. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

## Colorado Springs PPATOS Events

*Sacklunch Serenade Shows resumed May 31st at the City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa, Colorado Springs and will continue every Thursday from noon to 1:00 all summer. Your favorite music and short silent films performed on the Mighty Wurlitzer.*



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**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** –(Sun)– **“Hunchback of Notre Dame”**  
Lakewood Cultural Center – 2 pm  
Silent Movie Horror Classic  
Lance Luce, organist

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>** –(Sun)– **Mile High Banjo Society!**  
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm  
Dixieland Banjo Band and Organ  
“Put a Smile on Your Face!”

