



Pipes along the Rockies

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

March, 2020

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I Love a Piano! And a Theatre Organ!

Irving Berlin Celebration

Sunday, March 15th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Irving Berlin was one of the greatest songwriters in American history and his music forms a big part of "The Great American Songbook," a collective term for American Standards written by great composers including Berlin, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers and others. Irving Berlin wrote an estimated 1500 songs including 20 Broadway shows and 15 Hollywood movies. Some of his best-known tunes include Alexander's Ragtime Band, Always, Blue Skies, God Bless America, Play a Simple Melody, Puttin' on the Ritz and White Christmas. Our March 15th social will include organ and piano solos, sing-alongs and interesting information about Berlin.



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Club organists will provide the music, but would be happy to share the stage with club members who would like to take a turn and perform their favorite Irving Berlin songs. Let us know if you would like a spot on the program. (jimcalm32@yahoo.com)

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Brighton's Bev Bucci

Sunday, April 26th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Our April social will feature the multi-talented and always enjoyable Bev Bucci. Bev is Music Director and Organist at Brighton United Methodist Church and is a Holiday Hills audience favorite. She plays the organ, piano, accordion and trombone, and is equally at home playing pop music, gospel and polkas. Bev's dance band



always delights our audience and we are amazed by how many songs she knows.



Our favorite Orr-ganist is Graduating!

Kenny Orr!

Bravissimo!

Sunday, May 24th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Fresh from a fantastic February Fun performance at the Lakewood Cultural Center, Kenny Orr is gearing up for a wonderful program at the Holiday Hills ballroom in May. Kenny will encore many of the outstanding pieces he prepared for the LCC audience, plus more tunes he didn't have time to include in the show! Kenny is an outstanding musician and plays organ, both theatre and classical, piano and harpsicord, and violin and fiddle. He sang in the Colorado Children's Chorale and has participated in the ATOS Summer Youth Adventure several times receiving personal attention from some of the best theatre organists in the business. But before the show goes on Kenny is graduating from high school and will enjoy a well-deserved graduation party! Well done, Kenny!

"Highly-Ranked Organist!"

Sunday, June 14th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom



Colorado Springs organist Dave Weesner will return to Holiday Hills in June with more of his well-received fun tunes from the '60's and '70's. Dave and Karen Weesner are the owners of the highly-ranked (4 manuals/35 ranks!) custom theatre organ housed in the Immanuel Lutheran Organ Gym in Colorado Springs. Dave will return in July with a

movie projector and silent comedy film shorts.



"Shhh! Silents, Please!"

Sunday, July 19th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Mmmm, popcorn! And silent comedy film shorts!

More Randy Morris!

Randy Morris returned to the Holiday Hills ballroom in January and played a wonderful program of his patented blend of pop tunes and church music with "More Randy Morris!" He really made the GW4Q sing and swing! Randy is Music Director and Organist at Zion Lutheran church in Brighton and many members of his congregation attended the social and filled the room. Randy closed his concert with a soaring medley of audience requests. He knew and played them all, much to the delight of our appreciative audience.





February FUN: MUSIC For ALL!

There was "February Fun!" at the Lakewood Cultural Center in February. Multi-talented musicians Kevin Utter, Kenny Orr and Jim Calm let it all loose with a fun-filled variety program which included trios, duets, solos and a silent comedy short. All three organists took a turn on the STR-4 digital organ and grand piano, and a touring Lowrey Royale joined in for tutti-time. Kevin sang the lead part of a rousing barbershop quartet song along with three well-matched tenor, baritone and bass voices, multi-track recordings also of Kevin. Kenny played an outstanding violin solo followed by a fiddle tune with piano and 12-string banjo, and Kevin and Jim played their Theremins with Vista

accompaniment and hosted a Theremin "petting zoo" after the show. "Man Behind the Curtain" Lee Shaw did his outstanding best to help the show be exciting with aerial camera work, and flew in a giant American flag for the patriotic closer.



FROOGies to Decker Collection

The Front Range Organ Owners Group (FROOGies) are gearing up for a busy 2020! We will return to the beautiful Longmont home of Bill and Marilyn Decker on Saturday, May 16th 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 if you would like to be added to the list for our next adventure. Organ ownership not required! We're also looking at a possible summer Saturday road trip to the Dougherty Museum in Longmont.



Welcome New Members

Grace Fletcher & Sarah Gremel, Brighton
Ursula Kurda, Arvada

In Memoriam

Members Dr. CE Bornt and Susan Grengs recently passed away. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

2020 RMCATOS Officers

President: Ryan Kroll (970) 679-0196
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A note from your treasurer: **2020** renewals are due! Help us keep our club membership levels up.

Please send a check for \$15 payable to RMCATOS to:

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RMCATOS Events Calendar

- Mar 15th** –(Sun)– **Irving Berlin Celebration**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Chapter Organists & sing-along!
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Bev Bucci, organist
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- Jul 19th** –(Sun)– **Shhh! Silents, Please!**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Chapter & Guest Organists
- Aug TBA** –(Sun)– **Free Day at the Paramount**
Pending Paramount Approval – 2 pm
- Sep 20th** –(Sun)– **DeLoy's Generations Trio**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
DeLoy Goeglein, organist
- Sep 26th & 27th** –(Sat/Sun)– **Doors Open Denver**
Pending Paramount Approval – TBA
- Oct TBA** –(Sun)– **Scary Silent Film!**
Lakewood Cultural Center – 2 pm
- Nov TBA** –(Sun)– **Mile High Banjo Society**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
- Dec TBA** –(Sun)– **Christmas Tea Potluck**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

PPATOS - Sacklunch Serenade

The 26th season of Sacklunch Serenades will continue this summer at the City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa, Colorado Springs with free noon-1:00 Thursday concerts. Plans are being made for a special celebration of the 500th show towards the end of summer. Please plan to attend!

