



Pipes along the Rockies

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

Special "Welcome Back!" Edition – May, 2022

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WELCOME BACK SOCIAL!

Sunday, May 22nd 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Welcome back to Holiday Hills! Again! We are resuming in-person activities beginning with a soft/pianissimo opening "Welcome Back Social" on May 22nd that will feature club organists and pianists playing some of our favorite tunes and just plain having fun. Please come and join us!



Doug Thompson

Sunday, July 17th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Doug's back on the bench and playing his smooth, beautiful music. Doug was featured at one of the Sacklunch Serenade noon concerts last December in Colorado Springs on the Joel Kremer 4/35 custom theatre organ and played a wonderful program using beautiful new registrations we had never heard from this organ before.

FRONT RANGE BANJO BAND

Sunday, June 26th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

The banjo boys are back! We called ourselves "Banjorama" last time we played at Holiday Hills, but it's still Ron "Snake" Moermond's band playing a fun blend of Traditional Jazz, Dixieland and novelty tunes. Dennis Condreay and Dave Marshall will play lead banjo, Larry "Lars" Lagerberg hits the high notes on trumpet and Jim Calm will play tuba, and the George Wright digital theater organ with the band and in solo. Foot-stomping and hand-clapping allowed!



Phantom of the Opera

1925 silent film horror classic!

Live Theatre Organ accompaniment by



Ken Double

Sunday, October 30th 2 pm, Lakewood Cultural Center

Dougherty Museum

The Loveland Rialto Theatre is having a 102nd birthday celebration on May 20th and a video showing the Rialto Wurlitzer (now housed at the Dougherty Museum) being played, the pipe chamber, and interviews of pipe organ technician David Charles, organist Jim Calm and silent film piano accompanist Hank Troy

will be shown. David did an outstanding job tuning the organ and regulating the Chrysoglott and Xylophone, and Doug Dougherty was a gracious host opening up the museum for us to get this all done. It was a fun experience hearing this wonderful Wurlitzer playing again, and we really need to return here more often. The museum is really amazing!



Welcome New Members

Hal & Debbie Hoadley, Littleton

Jerry Nix, Denver

2022 RMCATOS Officers

President: Randy Morris (303) 868-3193

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RMCATOS Events Calendar

May 22nd –(Sun)– **“Welcome Back Social!”**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Various organists and pianists

TBA..... –(Sat)– **FROOGies to Dougherty Museum**

Highway 287 just south of Longmont

\$7/person, good for revisits all summer

June 26th –(Sun)– **“Front Range Banjo Band”**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Jim Calm, organist

July 17th –(Sun)– **“Doug Thompson”**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Doug Thompson, organist

Oct 30th – (Sun) – **“Phantom of the Opera”**

Lakewood Cultural Center – 2 pm

1925 Silent Movie (\$15/\$5 admission)

Ken Double, organist

FROOG Dougherty Adventure!

The FROOGies are also back! The Front Range Organ Owner’s Group (FROOG) was started by master pipe organ technician Don Wick as a way for club members to visit interesting organs and musical collections along the Front Range. Let’s plan on a visit to the Dougherty Museum sometime soon, either June or July. I’ll send out an email to my FROOGie list with details after I talk to Doug. We visited here in 2015 and 2017 and enjoyed the vintage cars and the 1928 Style B Special Wurlitzer 2/4 theatre organ that was pulled from the Loveland Rialto theatre, spent a few decades in a Methodist church in Texas, then came back to Colorado where it spent a few years in Don and Owanah Wick’s basement before joining the Dougherty collection. Small theatre organs like this were the workhorses of the silent movie era and were found in many theatres. Contact Jim Calm (303-989-3671) if you would like to join our group. Organ ownership not required!

