



Pipes along the Rockies

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Theatre Organ Society, Inc.
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And that's the way the cookie Krumets!

Christmas Cookie Social

Sunday, Dec. 11th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Ho-Ho-Hope yule can join us for lots of yummy cookies and wonderful Christmas music from Lee Traster and friends, and our traditional sing-along led by the Holiday Hills Solo Chamber Choir! We'll finish by 3:30 because we won't stop for an intermission so you can drive home in daylight. There will be plenty of cookies, but feel free to bring some of your favorites if you want to share!



23 Skidoo!

Sunday, Jan. 22nd 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Grab your raccoon coats, pile in to your flivvers and skidoo to the Holiday Hills ballroom for a fun-filled adventure back to the Roaring Twenties. We'll have Traditional Jazz and Dixieland music from The Jazz Age and Tin Pan Alley, and a sing-along with projected lyrics using a classic overhead projector from a long-ago time when dirt was young and dinosaurs roamed the earth! Put on your glad rags and join us in January 2023. It will be the bee's knees! The cat's pajamas! Berries! Duck soup! Hotsy-totsy! Darb! Hitting on all 8! Copacetic! The cat's meow! A sockdollager! Whoopee!

Lance Luce in Concert



Sunday, Mar. 5th 2 pm, Lakewood Cultural Center
Head organist for the Detroit Red Wings hockey team, Lance showcases the wide variety of music the Cultural Center's organ can produce playing favorite tunes and accompanying several silent film comedy shorts. Lance was here in October, 2018 to accompany a scary silent feature film and delighted the LCC audience with his command of this amazing organ, the same model STR-4 Walt Strony signature digital theatre organ he plays nightly at Little Caesar's Arena in Detroit. Concert tickets are available Jan. 1 at the LCC Box Office.



Ferocious Fleas!



Sunday, Feb. 19th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

The Rocky Mountain Ukulele Orchestra's traveling group Ferocious Fleas will be the featured performers at our February social. The Fleas enjoy playing a musical repertoire that is unexpected and delightful, from Beethoven to Queen, classical to rock and everything in between – on ukuleles! There may even be some duets with ukulele and organ/piano. The Rocky Mountain Ukulele Orchestra is the largest string orchestra in Colorado and fill the stage when they perform at Lakewood Cultural Center. Our treasured club member, the late Bert Braecher, wanted his amazing STR-4 theatre organ to go to a good home and attended one of the Ukulele Orchestra's LCC concerts. He loved their concert and donated the organ to LCC, the organ pictured on pages 1 & 3 of this newsletter. The Ukulele Orchestra has two upcoming "Ukulele Summer... In Winter" concerts: Friday 12/9 7 pm at Historic Grant Ave, 216 South Grant St, Denver (free, just show up), and Tuesday 12/13 7:30 pm at Lakewood Cultural Center (tickets start at \$10.00). Contact: info@ukuleleorchestra.org 303-984-0777



¡Todo el Mundo es un Musico!

"EVERYONE'S A MUSICIAN!"

Sunday, Apr. 16th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

It's back! Again! Our organ club's favorite variety experience is returning to Holiday Hills following another six-year hiatus. Start practicing! All year we watch and listen to others, 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. All members are eligible and encouraged to participate. 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 "Befuddle the Organist."





Phantom of the Opera

Atlanta Fox Organist Ken Double accompanied the 1925 silent film horror classic "Phantom of the Opera" in October on the Lakewood Cultural Center's STR-4 digital theatre organ. Ken played a short concert program launched from the pit, then accompanied the film with an original score that artistically brought the action to life with a wide range of musical emotions from the softest whisper to house-shaking thunder. Ken is a true southern gentleman and master of the theatre organ who delighted our audience with an outstanding performance.



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Got Gospel? Yes, we did!

The Holiday Hills rafters were raised in September with another verse of the always popular "Got Gospel" social featuring Bev Bucci, Music Director at Brighton United Methodist Church, and Randy Morris, Music Director at Brighton's Zion Lutheran Church. Both churches brought wonderful vocal quartets and soloists, and Bev and new member Matt Perry from Keenesburg played some inspiring organ and piano duets.



Keep Calm and Calmly Keep Keeping On!

Multi-talented musician Jim Calm did his thing in November at the Holiday Hills ballroom. There were three tubas - no waiting, Theremin, Lowrey Royale organ, grand piano, guitar, vocal solos and even some theatre organ music. Jim performed some tuba and vocal solos accompanied by the organ's Vista auto-playback function and a digital 24-channel multi-track recorder.



From your Treasurer

Dues are due! With the return to regular club activities, we're back to collecting dues, which are \$15 per household for 2023. For those who have already renewed, thank you! If you haven't renewed, you can mail a check payable to RMCATOS to:

Ryan Kroll
1978 Buena Vista Pl
Loveland, CO 80538

Renewals can also be dropped off at our Christmas social.

Also, if you would like to support RMCATOS via a year-end charitable contribution, you can send a check to the address above.

RMCATOS is a 501c(3) organization and any amount is appreciated!



A Kimball Imagination 3-manual theatre organ is looking for a new home. One of our recent new members is moving to a smaller residence and will not have room for this wonderful organ. Please call the owner at 303-829-7102 if you are interested.

See the newsletters in color!
Visit our website:
www.RMCATOS.org

2023 RMCATOS Officers

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Welcome New Members

Heather Longstaff, Cottonwood Heights, UT

Michelle Petty, Federal Heights

RMCATOS Events Calendar

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Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Lee Traster & friends

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Musicians who know their onions!

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Mike Schuh and Ukulele friends

Mar 5th –(Sun)– **Lance Luce in Concert**

Lakewood Cultural Center – 2 pm

Admission: Adults \$15, 21 & under \$5

National Artist Lance Luce organist

Apr 16th –(Sun)– **Everyone's a Musician**

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Everyone!

Colorado Springs PPATOS Events

The 27th season of Sacklunch Serenades continues at the Immanuel Lutheran Organ Gym in Colorado Springs with four weeks of Christmas and holiday music performed on the awesome 4-manual 35-rank custom Dave Weesner pipe organ!

December 1: Jim Calm

December 8: Randy Morris

December 15: Nick & Mike

December 22: Jim Calm

