



Pipes along the Rockies

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Theatre Organ Society, Inc.
March, 2023

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Parking Lot Closed!

Attention! We have just learned that the Holiday Hills main and side parking lots will be closed for construction from March until June. Our Board of Directors think it best that we postpone our April, May and possibly June socials. The Lance Luce LCC concert will proceed as planned. Please read the article on page two.

Theatre Organ Event

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

He's Back!

Lance Luce

Theatre Organist for the Detroit Red Wings
hockey team at Little Caesars Arena

"He Scores!" with a variety of entertaining
theatre organ musical selections plus music while
enjoying a couple of short comedy silent film clips



Lance Luce @ Little Caesars Area Console @ Lakewood Cultural Center

Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 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

For more information: 303-530-2421
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Detroit Red Wings Theatre Organist!

Lance Luce



Sunday, Mar. 5th 2 pm, Lakewood Cultural Center
National Touring Theatre Organist Lance Luce returns to the Lakewood Cultural Center on Sunday, March 5 to perform on the Center's Allen STR-4 digital theatre organ. Lance did a wonderful job accompanying the feature-length silent film "Hunchback of Notre Dame" when he was here in October,



2018, and this time will play a concert program "launched from the pit" and accompany two Laurel and Hardy silent film comedy shorts. Lance plays this same model organ nightly at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit for the Detroit Red Wings hockey team. Concert tickets are now available online, or without the added convenience fees in-person at the LCC Box Office.

RMCATOS Organ Club postpones April, May, possibly June socials

We had some great socials planned for the next few months, but due to some major construction planned around the Holiday Hills Clubhouse the Board thinks it best to postpone (not cancel!) the April, May and possibly June socials. We still have the ballroom reserved for April 16, May 21 and June 11 and are planning some low-key socials for these dates with the organ and piano moved to their usual spots for a relaxed time of music and conversation, including open-console and jam session time. Parking is available on neighborhood streets and there will be five close-in parking spots by the HH offices. We welcome interested people to come play the instruments, listen to music or just sit and talk. This would be a great time for Holiday Hills residents to stop by the ballroom and see the beautiful instruments that live here. We'll get these socials back on the calendar as soon as possible. Keep working on those "Everyone's a Musician" tunes!

"EVERYONE'S A MUSICIAN!"



(Postponed), Holiday Hills Ballroom

We Want You! Everyone's a Musician!

A-one and a-two... and a-three and a-four! That's how we play the "Concerto for Theatre Organ and Zipper!" Led by Maestro/Man Behind the Curtain Lee Shaw, the Holiday Hills audience has delighted in performing this zippy classic every few years, like the infrequent appearances of the mythical musical village Brigadoon. We would love to have our talented members take turns playing a tune or two on the piano, organ, guitar, glockenspiel, your clarinet that's been hiding under the bed since high school, sing a solo, put a boy band together, whistle "Dixie," zip "Zippity Do Dah" on a zip drive, read/sing a poem like William Shatner or Rex Harrison, play a duet with one of our regular organists, you name it, we're ready to listen and help you make it happen!

Doug Thompson Plays the Ballads



(Postponed), Holiday Hills Ballroom

Doug Thompson has spent a lifetime loving theatre organ music, traveling to hear great theatre organs, listening to and learning from the great historical theatre organists and practicing countless hours to perfect his own smooth style that honors the history of this great art form and brings it to life every time he plays. Doug will again perform his beautiful ballads for us soon, and hopefully, once again engage with our appreciative audience about how he makes music and what it means to him.



Nick Taylor and Mike Guyote (Postponed), Holiday Hills Ballroom

Colorado Springs Sacklunch Serenade favorites Nick and Mike are taking the hike up north to play for our Holiday Hills audience. Nick is an accomplished Ragtime pianist and is taking to the theatre organ like a duck takes to water! Mike can make a theatre organ sit up and do tricks, and plays in a wide variety of styles. Nick and Mike love performing duo concerts and their audiences always have an enjoyable time... you will too!



Christmas Cookie Social

We had a fun time in December at our traditional Christmas cookie social consuming mounds of cookies, listening to Lee Traster's wonderful holiday music and singing treasured holiday favorites.



23 Skidoo!

Everything was hotsy-totsy at our January social with a nostalgic trip back to the Roaring Twenties! Trad Jazz and Dixieland tunes were provided by Larry "Lars" Lagerberg on trumpet, Dave Marshall on banjo and 4-string guitar, Ron "Snake" Moermond on rhythm banjo, Lance Christensen on soprano sax and banjo uke, Lee Traster on piano and Jim Calm on tuba and theatre organ. Sing-along lyrics to 1920's songs were displayed on the 8 foot big screen by club member Dottie Vonfeldt, a retired law enforcement officer who had the audience chuckling with her humor and stories. Meow!



LEE TRASTER & FRIENDS

Lee Traster brought beautiful musical songs of love to the HH ballroom in February assisted by his longtime Post Office co-worker friend Don Hermosillo who crooned some nostalgic romantic ballads. Lee played beautiful tunes on the theatre organ, then hopped over to the grand piano for some piano/Yamaha organ duet medleys of dance tunes from his Berkeley Tuesday Tea Dance days.



From your Treasurer

2023 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

Also, if you would like to support RMCATOS via a charitable contribution, you can send a check to the address above. RMCATOS is a 501c(3) organization and any amount is appreciated!



Lakewood Cultural Center Organ Work Day

Chapter techies David Charles and Lee Shaw spent an enjoyable evening in the dungeon far below the LCC theatre where the Allen STR-4 Walt Strongy Signature organ is stored tracking down the reason



for an uncooperative 8' Post Horn stop tab on the Orchestral third manual, performing the

repair and testing their work. The organ looks amazing opened up like that, and is now all ready for Lance Luce's concert and silent films on March 5th!

2023 RMCATOS Officers

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Bill Kwinn, RMCATOS Chapter Photographer

Welcome New Members

Sherry Jones, Westminster

Jan Rose, Denver

In Memoriam

Longtime Colorado Springs PPATOS member Jeanne Long has passed away. Our sympathies to her family and friends.

RMCATOS Events Calendar

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)– Jam Session, Social Time

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Organ and Piano time available

May 21st –(Sun)– Jam Session, Social Time

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Organ and Piano time available

Jun 11th –(Sun)– Jam Session, Social Time

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Organ and Piano time available

Colorado Springs PPATOS Events

Our sister chapter in Colorado Springs has been meeting with the staff of City Auditorium in hopes of scheduling the 28th season of Sacklunch Serenades! Access to City Aud has been restricted in recent years due to COVID with Sacklunch Serenades moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Organ Gym. Nick Taylor was able to play a few tunes on the 3/8 Wurlitzer and said it sounded great! Let's hope that events can be scheduled so we can once again hear and play both of these great instruments. Watch for info in our June newsletter.

See the newsletters in color!

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