



Pipes along the Rockies

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

October, 2024

Information Line: 303-530-2421

Wonderful Words of Life!

Got Gospel?

Sunday, Nov. 10th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Bev Bucci and Matt Perry will team up in November for another verse of the always uplifting and beautiful “Got Gospel!” There will be organ and piano music and vocal solos. Bev is music director and organist at Brighton United Methodist Church and Matt is the organist at Community United Methodist Church in Keenesburg. These faithful and outstanding musicians bring joy to their congregations and love performing together. Come join us for a hand-clapping and toe-tapping wonderful time!



Dough-re-mi-fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la!

Christmas Cookie Social

Sunday, Dec. 8th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

The dapper Lee Traster and friends will be back to continue our tradition of Christmas cookies, stories, games and wonderful music including a sing-along led by the Holiday Hills Solo Chamber Choir! We’ll finish by 3:30 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. Remember to “enable cookies” in your kitchen! And that’s the way the cookie crumbles!

Theatre Organ Event

Lakewood Cultural Center
470 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood CO

HALLOWEEN HOWL

Two comedy silent film shorts and a spooky musical performance featuring organist Jim Calm playing the Center's four-manual digital theatre organ.

HALLOWEEN FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Sunday, October 27 – 2 pm

BUY TICKETS!
(Online or Phone)
Adults - \$24
Students under 21 - \$5

- or -

(In-Person Box Office)
Adults - \$20
Students under 21 - \$3

Free Parking - Entry or Lower Level
Hotels, Restaurants and Shopping close-by
For more information: 303-530-2421



Sunday, Oct. 27th 2 pm, Lakewood Cultural Center

Our tradition of presenting a Halloween-themed program in late October at the Center continues with Lakewood organist Jim Calm at the console. Jim will accompany two Laurel and Hardy comedy silent shorts, “Habeus Corpus” and “Battle of the Century,” and perform a program of spooky selections. The services of stage decoration “Napoleon Bone-Apart” have already been retained. Our RMCATOS organ club friends can still pay the old ticket price of \$15 if you get your tickets in-person at the box office, or \$17 if you get tickets online or by phone. Just tell them our coupon code “RMCATOS”.



Northern Lights



The Northern Lights were shining bright in the Holiday Hills ballroom in September! Northern contingent coterie Bill & Kathy Kwinn and Kevin Utter glided silently in from Fort Collins in Bill's



new VW electric vehicle without sipping a single liquefied dinosaur. All three musicians played beautiful organ solos and Kevin accompanied Bill's and Kathy's vocal solos and duets.

Old Cars, Old Tunes and Old Friends

Our August social "Old Cars, Old Tunes & Old Friends" started out in the ballroom with Helene McGuire performing some fun arrangements of classical organ repertoire on the GW4 arranged with a fun blend of classical and theatre organ styles. Jim Calm played some car-themed tunes, told some automotive dad-jokes and sang a fun beep-beep car song with "Man Behind the Curtain" percussionist Lee Shaw providing the bicycle horn and klaxon sound effects. At intermission we relocated to the shady side of the clubhouse patio for refreshments and spending time with Jim's 1956 Cadillac Fleetwood 60 Special and Helene and John McGuire's VW Beetle convertible "Herbie" and Mercury Colony Park woody station wagon.



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NICK & MIKE'S RAGTIME REVUE

Nick & Mike's Ragtime Revue in the Holiday Hills ballroom in July featured the considerable talents of Nick Taylor and Mike Guyote from Colorado Springs. The duo played a fun variety of Ragtime and Americana from the Great American Songbook.



Mile High Banjo Trio

Our June social featured the Mile High Banjo Trio performing a variety of Dixieland and Traditional Jazz tunes with Molly Kauffman on piano, John Mumford on 4-string plectrum and 5-string bluegrass banjos and Jim Calm on tuba and theatre organ. Molly and Jim played some piano/organ Ragtime duets and John brought his Fender Hawaiian steel guitar for some beautiful Hawaiian tunes.



Remember to say or enter our coupon code "RMCATOS" to save \$\$ on your LCC tickets!

A Fun Musical Afternoon in May



We had another “Fun Musical Afternoon in May” featuring Helene McGuire and friends DeLoy Goeglein and Jim Calm. Helene is an awesome musician, longtime church organist and accompanist for the Lutheran Chorale. She played wonderful solos in classical and theatre styles and some duets with her friends. It was great to hear DeLoy perform in his always smooth style. All three organists used to play at the Denver Organ Grinder.



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April in Federal Heights

Our April social featured multiple musicians performing a fun variety of music, headlined by the amazing Ryan Hardy in town for a year as a novice in the Dominican Order. Ryan played an awesome program of Ragtime, classical, vintage theatre organ arrangements and Broadway music. Also performing were chapter photographer Bill



Kwinn, chapter balladeer Doug Thompson, percussionist Lee Shaw and Colorado Springs favorites Nick Taylor and Mike Guyote.

Brother David moves to St. Louis

The Rocky Mountain Chapter has really enjoyed spending time with Ryan Hardy during his year in Denver. He is an outstanding musician and we have really enjoyed hearing him perform at concerts and open-console times. Ryan found time in his busy schedule for outings to play the Paramount Publix I, the Joel Kremer/Dave Weesner Immanuel Lutheran Organ Gym custom 4/35 and the



Bruce and Kitty Spangler residence GW4. We were honored to witness his Dominican Simple Profession, and now must say goodbye and Godspeed to our friend, now Brother David as he moves with his Dominican brothers to St. Louis for the next part of their journey of faith and service.

Back in the Paramount!

It was great getting back into the Paramount! David Charles and Lee Shaw spent multiple days evaluating the 1930 4/21 Wurlitzer and found multiple non-speaking notes and issues that were patiently corrected. Two days of tuning were made easier by the new Uniflex mobile phone app. Jim Calm usually holds the organ keys, but this time joined David in the chambers and operated the smart phone so David could keep his hands on the pipes and tuning tools, saving transition time. We invited a few guests the following day to enjoy touring the Paramount and to hear the organ play following its five-year nap. The organ sounded great. Doug Thompson played his beautiful ballads, Ryan Hardy played a variety of styles and had fun trying out the auxiliary console and getting launched from the pit.



2024 RMCATOS Officers

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Bill Kwinn, RMCATOS Chapter Photographer

Welcome New Members

Jonathan Broyles, Parker

In Memoriam

Longtime theatre organ aficionado Randall Charles has passed away. Mr. Charles was the father/father-in-law of David and Wendy Charles. Our sympathies to his family and friends.

RMCATOS Events Calendar

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Lee Traster, “Mr. Christmas”

From your Treasurer

2025 dues will be due soon, if you'd like to renew early you can mail a \$15 check payable to “RMCATOS” to:

Ryan Kroll

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Renewal notices for 2025 will be included with the December newsletter, or mailed independently if you only receive the newsletter by email. 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!

