



Pipes along the Rockies

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

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Mile High Banjo Trio

Sunday, Aug 16th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

The Mile High Banjo Trio returns to the Holiday Hills ballroom in August with Molly Kaufmann on piano, John Mumford on banjo and Fender Hawaiian steel guitar and Jim Calm on tuba and theatre organ. We'll be playing some Hawaiian music, and John's Hawaiian steel guitar really brings the beauty of the Islands to life. Aloha!

SHHH... SILENTS, PLEASE!

Sunday, Sep 20th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

The chattering of movie projectors will fill the ballroom in September along with the wonderful aroma of freshly-popped popcorn as chapter organists present "Shhhhhh!!! Silents, please!" with silent films and theatre organ music from the golden years of Hollywood. There will be popcorn in red & white boxes and cold bottled water.

ORGAN GRINDER PROJECT

As we featured previously, many of our members and friends were interviewed in the spring of 2025 for an upcoming documentary about the Organ Grinder restaurants in Denver and Portland. Due to journalistic ethics and conflict of interest rules, RMCATOS can not directly contribute to support the documentary, but we can pool individual contributions to have RMCATOS listed as a supporter in the credits. If you'd like to contribute, send your contribution to Ryan Kroll, 1978 Buena Vista Pl, Loveland CO 80538 and note it's for the Organ Grinder. As contributions are not to or through RMCATOS, they are not tax deductible and contributors will not be listed on the project's sponsor pages (though feel free to contribute directly to them if you'd like!) as these funds are to have RMCATOS show up as a sponsor. We've collected enough funds so far to be a Silver Sponsor but will move up a level if we reach a higher level of sponsorship.

LAKESWOOD CULTURAL CENTER



Sunday, Oct 25th 2 pm, Lakewood Cultural Center

Our annual Halloween show performed on the amazing Allen Signature STR-4! Trick or Treat!

FROOGIES AUGUST ADVENTURE!

The FROOGies (Front Range Organ Owners Group) will have an opportunity to visit the Dougherty Museum on Saturday, August 15 to enjoy their amazing collection of vintage cars, farm equipment and the wonderful 2/4 Wurlitzer that came out of the Loveland Rialto. Museum opens at 10 am, admission is \$10, bring a sack lunch! Museum is a mile south of Longmont on highway 287, you can see their sign from the highway. We'll have two more (!!!) FROOG outings this fall. We'll visit the Bill Decker collection sometime in October, and are making arrangements to visit the Van Der Jagt home in Denver. Kay C and her organist husband used to host gatherings of the organ club to hear Organ Grinder organists perform on their huge 1980's Allen ADC 3-manual card-reader organ and grand piano.



Got Gospel?

Sunday, Nov 15th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

The rafters will be raised once again this November as the sounds of hope and joy fill the ballroom. Bev Bucci is Music Director at Brighton United Methodist Church and has organized many uplifting and outstanding programs for our appreciative Holiday Hills audiences, and had everyone on their feet for last year's rousing hymn-sing finale. "Got Gospel?" has consistently been one of the best-attended and most-enjoyed of our recurring club socials. Open up your hymnals to November 15!

Christmas Cookie Social

Sunday, Dec 13th 2 pm, Holiday Hills Ballroom

Our traditional holiday program! Christmas carols, sentimental tunes from your favorite crooners, a



holiday sing-along and a fun variety of those special songs you grew up with. And also plenty of delicious cookies! We will have lots of non-stop Christmas fun without an intermission so we can wrap up early and drive home while it's still

daylight. Ring those Christmas bells! Ho-ho-ho!

Recaps of past shows...



Matt Perry brought his vintage Wersi traveling organ to the Cabaret, old chum! Be-decked out in a bedazzled fuchsia blazer that could be seen from space Matt and friends bedazzled the audience in July with a menu of crafted musical cocktails of delicious cabaret tunes. Tristan McArthur brought his guitar and bass guitar, and Jim Calm rolled in his Lowrey Royale. Our compliments to the chef!

Our June social featured the awesome talents of an exciting new voice in the theatre organ world, Daniel Wicks from Colorado Springs. Daniel grew up in a

musical family and is an accomplished classical organist in his third year at Cin-



cinnati Conservatory. Daniel played an exciting program of beautiful theatre organ selections and finished with a pyrotechnic closer. Bravo, Daniel!

The cheerful sounds of cakewalks and ragtime filled the Holiday Hills ballroom at our May social with a thrilling threesome of ragtime pianists. Molly Kaufmann and Nick Taylor have performed individually for us many times, and this was the first time they appeared together along with regular Jim Calm. The trio had a blast performing solos, duets and even some six-handed pieces with theatre organ, grand piano and electronic keyboard.



Our March social “Old, New, Borrowed or Blue” featured the incomparable Kevin Utter presenting his second solo program on the Holiday Hills GW4 and grand piano. Kevin’s organ solos were outstanding, and he programmed the organ’s Vista auto-play for some piano and organ duets. The highlight of the concert was the world premier of his 2025 modern ragtime composition for solo organ. “The Fireman Rag” by Kevin Utter is dedicated to all



those in Fire and EMS, especially Poudre Fire and EMS and Loveland Fire and EMS, who keep us safe. You can enjoy this wonderful new

rag on YouTube as well as other Kevin videos by entering “SuperUtterChaos”, click the circle “S”, click the color picture of “Theatre Organ, Kevin Utter”, and click “view full playlist.” Kevin is the long-time organist at Christ United Methodist church in Ft. Collins.



DAVID MARSH AT LCC!

California organist David Marsh dazzled our audience in April with a brilliant program “Swell Sounds of Spring!” performed on the Lakewood Cultural Center’s Walt Strony Signature STR-4. David opened the show with a launch from the orchestra pit and played a varied and beautiful program which also included accompanying a comedy silent short and using the Vista Navigator auto-play feature to accompany his equally outstanding piano performance.





Ryan Kroll and Dalton Ward are pictured in front of the Wurlitzer factory at the 2026 ATOS convention in Rochester, NY.

From your Treasurer **2026 Dues are Due!**

Annual dues of \$15 per household, January through December, are due for 2026. For those who have already renewed, thank you! There's still time to send in your dues if you haven't yet. You can mail a check payable to RMCATOS to:

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If you want to skip the mail, renewals can also be dropped off at the next social. Thank you!



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Welcome New Members

None

In Memoriam

None

RMCATOS Events Calendar

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Molly, John & Jim

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16mm and 8mm films

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PPATOS Pike's Peak Chapter News

Sacklunch Serenades continue through August on Thursdays from noon-1 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 846 E Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs. Come and hear the awesome custom 4/35 Dave Weesner/Joel Kremer theatre organ!

The City Auditorium has a new developer and is currently under construction for its next adventure. The wonderful 3/8 Wurlitzer is being removed and will be put in storage.

Niwot Community Band News

The Niwot Community Semi-Marching Free Grange Band has performed for us at Holiday Hills under the direction of Semi-Conductor Lee Shaw. Lee is now Semi-Conductor Emeritus, but the band is still doing great things and will perform the Star-Spangled Banner at the August 5th Colorado Rockies game this Wednesday. Tune in!