

Calendar of Coming Events

American Theatre Organ Society

Information Line: 303-466-3330

Holiday Hills Ballroom, 2000 W. 92nd Avenue, Federal Heights, Colorado

More information and map at: www.RMCATOS.org

Mar 9th - (Sun) – “**Dancing Without the Stars**”

Theatre Organ, Grand Piano, Drums, other “stuff”...

Dance floor & light refreshments provided

Come to dance or just to watch & listen

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Members, No charge; non-members, \$5

Apr 13th - (Sun) – “**Doors Open Denver**”

*Non-stop, live, Mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ music
and Denver Paramount Theatre tours*

Denver Paramount Theatre – 10 am to 4 pm

Arrive and leave at your leisure or stay all day

Everyone Welcome. This is a free event.

July 13th – (Sun) – “**Pizza & Pipeless**”

Relive your pizza parlor theatre organ experiences

Music performed on a 4-manual digital Wurlitzer

Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm

Everyone \$10 - all-you-can-eat pizza and a soft drink

This is an RTD Senior Ride event

101st Army Band

Information Line: 720-847-8615

May 23-26 – International Jazz Jubilee

Sacramento, CA

Nov 8th - (Sat) – “**Veterans Day Concert**”

Location to be determined - 2 pm

Free admission

Check the web site later in the year for details

www.coloradoguard.army.mil/webpages/101st/index.htm

*The Rocky Mountain Chapter American Theatre Organ Society
in cooperation with Kroenke Sports Charities and Live Nation*

Present

Pipes & Stripes II

Featuring the Denver Paramount's

Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ

and the Colorado National Guard's

101st Army Bands Concert Band Big Band Dixieland Band

Denver's Historic Paramount Theatre

Glenarm & 16th St. Mall

Sunday, February 10, 2008, 2 pm

www.RMCATOS.org

www.paramountdenver.com

www.coloradoguard.army.mil/webpages/101st/index.html

The Paramount's Mighty Wurlitzer

by Bob Castle

The Paramount Theatre was built for showing films. The Mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ you will be hearing today is the original instrument featured in the theatre's grand opening on August 29th, 1930.

In the early days of motion picture studios, each studio owned and operated their own theatres as outlets for their motion pictures. Thus, Paramount owned and operated "Paramount Publix" theatres. The Rudolph Wurlitzer Manufacturing Company of North Tonawanda, New York, would often specify that a certain instrument would carry the nomenclature for a specific motion picture outlet.

The Denver Paramount has a "Publix One" (4/20) instrument. It has four keyboards (called manuals) and twenty sets of pipes (called ranks).

In addition to pipes, a theatre organ also has tuned percussions – a chrysoglott (like an orchestral celeste) and an upright piano are housed in the Paramount's main (left) chamber. A marimba harp, two xylophones, chimes, glockenspiel and tuned sleigh bells are all in the solo (right) chamber. There are also drums, cymbals, triangle, klaxon horn, fire gong, castanets and two bird whistles!

There are two consoles. The one on the left is the main console with all of the organ's controls. The slave console is on the right – it will play only what the main (master) console has programmed. The only other theatre in the US with original Wurlitzer twin consoles is Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

The characteristic sound of a theatre organ comes from pipes called "Tibia Clausa." The Paramount organ has two sets (or ranks) of Tibias, one in each chamber.

CD's and DVD's of last year's "Pipes & Stripes" concert are on sale in the lobby. Also available are CD's and DVD's of other RMCATOS theatre organ and Paramount events.

101st Army Band Personnel

Commander: CW2 Rob Phillips
First Sergeant: 1SG Mat Aschenberg
Readiness NCO: SSG James Stewart

Flute

SSG Crystal Niedzwiadek
SGT Carly Witt
SPC Nancy Hedberg
SPC Ariela Meyers

Horn

SGT Lance Christensen + #
SGT Brian Person #
SPC Kalynn Carlton
SPC Sean Hedding #

Euphonium

SGT David Morrill #
SPC Ron McKay #

Trumpet

SSG Leonard Fahrni *
SSG Richard Fertig
SSG Gary Wooley
SGT Arthur Lyons #
SSG Russ Massey #
SPC Kevin Moreman
PFC Patrick Gallagher #

Tuba

SSG Jason Byrnes * #
SSG Brant English *
SPC Clint Moore

String Bass SPC Daniel Smith #

* - *Dixieland member*

- *Big Band member*

+ - *Dixieland director*

^ - *Big Band director*

Clarinet

1SG Mat Aschenberg *
SFC Linda Welch *
SSG Nat Johnson
SGT Alisa Anderson
SGT Jon Hedrick * #

Trombone

SFC Roger Balogh *
SFC Paul Ward
SSG Kent Jones #
SSG Frank Stachitus
SGT Daniel McGarvey
PFC Erik Rimpley #

Saxophone

SFC Andrea Ojala #
SSG James Stewart #
SGT Michele Johnson #
SPC Scott Veater

Percussion

SSG Marni McKay
SSG Shelly Stewart
SGT Alex Nikiforoff ^
SGT Lou Walker #
SPC Larry Algiene #
SPC Brenden Good * #

Mighty Wurlitzer Organists

Bob Castle – Paramount Theatre House Organist

Jim Calm – Organ Grinder Pizza, Jeffco Schools, Grn Mtn Presby