



Pipes along the Rockies

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

June 2017

Information Line: 303-466-3330

"KWINN-TESSentially KWINN!"

2 pm Sunday, June 25th, Holiday Hills Ballroom
Our June social will feature our talented friends from Ft. Collins, Bill and Kathy Kwinn and Kevin Utter. Bill is our Chapter Photographer and can frequently be seen at our socials taking photos with a tall camera stick. He loves playing popular and classical organ music and has a resonant baritone singing voice. Bill and his wife Kathy are long-time members of the Larimer Chorale and will sing some vocal selections accompanied by Kevin, who is the organist at Christ United Methodist Church in Ft. Collins. Bill and Kevin's home organs have Hauptwerk MIDI computer organ systems and they will present a live demonstration of how this system works.



John Ledwon

Disney Theatre Organist

2 pm Sunday, 7/16/17, Lakewood Cultural Center
Admission: \$15 Adults, \$5 students 21 and under

John Ledwon, an organist at Disney's El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood, will be featured in concert on the Lakewood Cultural Center's beautiful Allen STR-4 Walt Strony signature digital theatre organ at 2:00 pm Sunday, July 16. John, a well-known organist on the national scene, will perform a program of contemporary music from Broadway and Film, including accompanying Disney's 1928 first Mickey Mouse cartoon, which was a silent film. Tickets at:

Lakewood Cultural Center

303-987-7845

407 South Allison Parkway
(Alameda and Wadsworth)

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“Highly-Ranked Organist!”



Colorado Springs organist Dave Weesner delighted an appreciative audience of 52 at our May social with his patented blend of nostalgic pop tunes from the 1960's and 1970's, groovy surfer songs and a touching rendition of “Onward Christian Soldiers.” Dave is one of the featured organists at the Sacklunch Serenades at City Auditorium.

“Doors Open Denver”



The Paramount was once again a popular stop on the 2017 Doors Open Denver walking tour. A snowy Saturday welcomed 112 visitors during a shortened four-hour session and Sunday saw 399 visitors in the full six hours. Organists providing non-stop Mighty Wurlitzer music were Jim Calm, Paramount House Organist Bob Castle, Ben Ehrlich, Bob Flinn, DeLoy Goeglein, Doug Thompson and Kevin Utter. The organ sounded great, the atmosphere was friendly and the theatre sparkled with many recent upgrades.



“Free Day @ Paramount”

**2 pm Sunday, August 6th, Denver Paramount
1621 Glenarm Place, Denver**

Pending Paramount Confirmation

Plans are being made for this annual event: An afternoon of live Mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ music for members only of RMCATOS and the AGO. The Paramount says we can have a Sunday in August ... but they can't yet confirm which date. If we don't get our requested August 6th, we'll mail everyone the correct date.



“Weekend With Walt”

We had a wild “Weekend with Walt” Strony in March with a well-attended Saturday afternoon organist workshop, “The Mark of Zorro” silent movie with organ accompaniment Saturday evening, and a sold-out concert on Sunday. Walt shared stories about the development of his Walt Strony signature digital organ and its connection to George Wright’s studio Wurlitzer and generously shared a comprehensive stop-list of all of his registrations with each of the participants. The feature-length silent movie was filled with action scenes, romance, and music that artistically identified the actors and framed the action. The concert featured Walt at his outstanding best performing on an Allen STR-4 that filled the house and reached new audiences of all ages eager for more theatre organ music events.



Front Range Organ Owners Group

The FROOGies are at it again! Jud Murphy has invited us to return to his beautiful Longmont home on Saturday, July 22nd and view his amazing collection of automated musical instruments and pipe organ. Jud has a new toy for us to enjoy this time, a top-of-the-line Conn 652 3-manual theatre organ. Jud will demonstrate the various instruments and invite organists in attendance to play the organs. We’ll have a nice lunch, then head over to the Dougherty Museum on highway 287 south of Longmont. We visited here in 2015 and enjoyed the vintage cars and the 1928 Style B Special Wurlitzer 2/4 theatre organ that came out of the Loveland Rialto theatre. Small theatre organs like this were the workhorses of the silent movie era and were found in many theatres. FROOG group members watch for an e-mail this week with details. Contact Jim Calm (303-989-3671) if you would like to join our group. Organ ownership not required!



Stripes & Pipes at the Organ Gym!

The Ft. Carson 4th Infantry Division Band paired up with organist Jim Calm for a rousing rendition of "Stripes & Pipes" at the Immanuel Organ Gym at 3:00 pm on May 7th.... Loud and Proud!



Colorado Springs PPATOS Events

Sacklunch Serenades resumed Thursday, May 4 featuring the incomparable Dave Wickerham and will continue Thursdays at noon throughout the summer!

Walt Strony "in Concert" @ Lakewood



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Welcome New Members

Alex Donatich & Lorna Carter, Lakewood
Darren Ferreter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Steve & Joan Hedges, Arvada
Marge Hopkins, Denver

In Memoriam

Members Russell D. Hause, James Hunter and Wayne Van Arsdale have recently passed away. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

RMCATOS Officers for 2016

President: Ryan Kroll (970) 679-0196
Treasurer: Rich Brooks (303) 322-8586
Tickets: Doris Beverly (303) 466-3330
Bill Kwinn, RMCATOS Chapter Photographer

RMCATOS Events Calendar

- Jun 25th** – (Sun) – **"Kwinn-tessentially Kwinn!"**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Bill Kwinn, organist and vocalist
Also Kathy Kwinn and Kevin Utter
No Charge – Everyone welcome.
- Jul 16th** – (Sun) – **"John Ledwon, Disney Theatre Organist"**
Lakewood Cultural Center – 2 pm
John Ledwon, organist (\$15/\$5 admission)
- Aug 6th** – (Sun) – **"Free Day at the Paramount"**
Paramount Theatre – 2 pm
Wonderful Mighty Wurlitzer Music
RMCATOS and AGO members only
(pending Paramount confirmation)
- Sep 17th** – (Sun) – **"DeLoy's Generations Trio!"**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
DeLoy Goegelein, pianist and organist
Also Mariann Finch and Dino Cuneo
No Charge – Everyone welcome.
- Oct 28th** – (Sat) – **"Phantom of the Opera"**
Lakewood Cultural Center – 2 pm
1925 Silent Movie (\$15/\$5 admission)
Randy Morris, organist accompanist
- Nov 12th** – (Sun) – **"Got Gospel?"**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Bev Bucci, organist and friends
No Charge – Everyone welcome.
- Dec 3rd** – (Sun) – **"Christmas Potluck"**
Holiday Hills Ballroom – 2 pm
Members only.