

TITANIC CENTENNIAL RAGTIME DANCE WEEKEND: SPECIAL EVENTS

April 15, 2012 marks the centennial of the fateful maiden voyage of the Titanic luxury liner. To commemorate this anniversary, and to celebrate this fascinating time in history, the Titanic Centennial Ragtime Dance Weekend will be held in Denver/Boulder April 13-15.

Across the weekend, 100+ dancers will be gathering from around the country to study and celebrate the Ragtime dances of 1910-1914 with renowned vintage dance master Richard Powers of Stanford University. If you are not already attending the entire weekend as a dancer, we invite you to join us for the public events associated with the weekend. Details and registration for all public events listed below can be found at: www.mchartrand.com/titanic2012

1912: FULL STEAM AHEAD!

April 13, 2012, 6:30 pm (doors open at 6 pm)
Temple Events Center Auditorium. 1595 Pearl Street, Denver, CO
RSVP at link above. \$20/person cash or check at the door

Join us for silent short comedy films that feature dancing. While they are not primarily *about* dancing, they show how social dance permeated the culture of the time, and formed a backdrop to the social life of the teens and twenties. The movies will be introduced and accompanied on piano by Rodney Sauer of the Mont Alto Ragtime and Tango Orchestra.



Then meet **Irene Castle**, presented by Susan Marie Frontczak. **Irene** and her husband Vernon were largely responsible for the rage in social and ballroom dancing that swept across America in the years leading up to the first world war. They shattered the lowlife reputation of Ragtime – the new, uniquely American, syncopated music – by winning high-society approval with their elegant dancing style.

Following this delightful entertainment, enjoy dancing the one-step, tango, and other frolics from the Ragtime Era, or watch from the balcony if you are not a dancer. Come as you are, or, in step with some of the dancers, dress in 1890's-teens period costuming!

TITANIC ERA BALL

Saturday, April 14th, 7-10:30pm
Avalon Ballroom; 6185 Arapahoe Road, Boulder, CO
Advance purchase only. \$45/person

For this very special Third Class more dance performances, White Star Line with an inexpensive



costume ball, don your First Class Titanic Era formal wear, or a casual period outfit. Enjoy sumptuous refreshments, period and an evening of Ragtime dance to the strains of the Commemorative Orchestra. Hint: it's pretty easy to come up outfit resembling the period. See the web site above for tips.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday, April 15, 3pm
Hotel Boulderado, 2115 Thirteenth Street, Boulder, CO
Advance purchase only. \$30/person



Enjoy a leisurely afternoon tea at Boulder's beautiful historically restored 1909 hotel. Ragtime music and a modest dance floor will undoubtedly entice some to dance. Come as you are, or wear your period costuming!