

Music Box Society International 36th Annual Band Organ Rally

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COSHOCTON, Ohio – On July 15th and 16th, Roscoe Village welcomes back Music Box Society International, who last visited us in 2008. From 10am to 5pm each day, you can take a leisurely stroll through the village and enjoy “the happiest music on Earth” during MBSI’s 36th Annual Band Organ Rally.

Have you ever seen a real calliope or monkey organ? Ever heard of a hurdy gurdy? Well, now’s your chance to see *and* hear them! Plus, admission and parking are free, so bring the whole family!

On Friday and Saturday, MBSI members will be displaying and operating a variety of hand-cranked, paper-operated tabletop music boxes and organettes. There will also be larger trailer-mounted carousel and fairground band organs, calliopes and a variety of hand-cranked portable organs known as hurdy gurdies, or monkey organs.

Chartered in 1949, Music Box Society International is a non-profit organization dedicated to enjoying and preserving all types of automatic musical instruments. It boasts membership in the thousands, with representatives from all 50 states and nineteen foreign countries.

An annual convention is held in different areas, attracting hundreds of enthusiasts who spend time discussing, listening to and learning about all forms of mechanical music.

Interested? More information is available at MBSI’s website at www.mbsi.org. The website also offers a virtual museum where you can experience various examples of mechanical music.

For more information on Historic Roscoe Village, please call (800) 877-1830 or (740) 622-9310 or visit our web-site at www.roscoevillage.com. Featured in Neil Zurcher's *One Tank Trips*, Roscoe Village is a 19th century living history community depicting life in Ohio's Canal Era. The Village is located on State Routes 16 and 83 near the junction of US Route 36 in east-central Ohio.

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