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**New York Region  
Newsletter  
2008-09 Season**

***Dear Members of the AHS New York Region:***

***AN EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!!***

*New York City has been selected as the host of the 2012 AHS National Conference! Emily Mitchell is leading a committee of board members to plan this incredible, 50-year commemorative conference. Stay tuned for details.*

***Upcoming Events:***

The Juilliard Pre-College Harpists will present a mid-year recital on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Morse Hall at the Juilliard School (on the S Level).

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Auburn, NY: The Tiffany Harp Ensemble of Auburn, New York will be playing one portion of a Christmas concert at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

**Holiday Tea Recitals:**

Alyssa Reit, harp and Michael Reit, violin will perform Seasonal Classics (arranged by Alyssa Reit) on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm at The Music Room at the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah, NY.

December 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm: Central New York chapter of the AHS will hold its annual holiday part with music by Gail Lyons' students. Location: Onondaga Community College Campus in the Whitney Building.

The harp students of Victoria Kinney will present a recital on Sunday, February 8, at 2:00pm at Willard Chapel in Auburn, New York.

“Harmony of Harps” meets on the third Sunday of every month at Trinity Episcopal Church, 106 Chapel Rd, Fayetteville, at 1:30pm. Call Jennifer Byrne at 315-637-4737 for details.

Rochester Harp Network meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 2:00pm. Call Chris Komar if interested: 315-426-8055.

Meredith Bocek plays for the Owego Art Walk, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Tioga County Council for the Arts. 169 Front Street, Owego.

Bridget Kibbey will play the New York premiere of Elliott Carter's "Mosaic" at Carnegie Hall's Zankel Hall on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to celebrate the composer's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

***Past Events:***

Lyon and Healy presented Maria Krushevskaya in recital at Zankel Hall on October 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate her First Prize win at the 7<sup>th</sup> International USA Competition in Bloomington, Indiana.

Judy Loman and Nora Shulman were featured in a flute and harp recital on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Ettore Mazzoleni Concert Hall at The Royal Conservatory School in Toronto.

Leah Kidwell-Fernandes of Clifton Park, New York performed the Debussy Danses, Stravinsky's Symphony in 3 movements, and an orchestral version of the Ravel Greek Songs with the Sage City Symphony of Bennington, Vermont, on November 16 at Bennington College.

***News:***

Album release by Myra Kovary- In Pursuit of Happiness: Five Centuries of Favorites for Solo Harp. Please visit the following link for details, to listen to sample tracks, and to purchase!

<http://cdbaby.com/cd/myrakovary>

Or, read a review here: <http://canaaninstitute.org/mikesmusicblog/?p=665>

***In Memoriam:*** Dulcie Barlow (1928-2008)

A Brooklyn-based harpist, teacher, and former board-member for the AHS, Dulcie is fondly remembered for her performances throughout New York City, and especially the fact that she guided so many young harpists into professional careers. Along with her contributions as a performer and teacher, she is fondly remembered for her nurturing personality and expert advise.

***Re-Released!!***

*Marcel Grandjany "Music for the Harp" CD and  
Marcel Grandjany "The Teacher" DVD*

*CD Includes*

*"Fantasie on a Theme of Haydn" by Grandjany,*

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*"Danses Sacree et Profane" by Debussy*

*and "Rhapsodie pour la Harpe" by Grandjany.*

*Cost:*

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## ***HARPS FOR SALE:***

Lyon and Healy Model Gold style 16, serial # 2695. 46 strings, made 1924. Has original soundboard in pristine condition. New neck, cleaned action and polished plates by Carl Swanson. A "16" is the same as a "17" with a straight board, and is lighter in weight. Comes with a brand new L&H cover, and a five-year-old shipping trunk in mint condition. \$ 16,000.00. Contact: Gerald Goodman at goodmansharps@msn.com or call: 212-249-0240

Salvi Dianna concert grand pedal harp, ebony, 35 years old and in excellent condition. The original owner was George Benson, the jazz musician. It was completely refurbished at Lyon and Healy about nine years ago. Also included are a cloth cover, nylon cover, harp cart, ebony stool and ebony music stand. Contact Cheryl MacDougall: cmmsmile@optonline.net.

Lyon and Healy Model 16 Gold. Built in 1925 and rebuilt in 1984. Around 200 Carl Swanson installed sounding board brace. Cosmetic blemishes, easy to move. Lovely warm tone. Ralph Thomas (802) 375-9263 (home). Ralpharp@gmail.com.

Lyon and Healy Model Gold style 17, serial #2366. Rebuilt by Lyon and Healy in 1983. Needs a new neck. Gold in good condition. \$11,000. Please call Elizabeth Morse of Western, MA on behalf of a former student: 413-232-7073.

Lyon and Healy Style 23, natural, serial #9522. Lovely warm tone. Refelted, regulated and new bass wires. \$17, 500 (fixed) includes shipping and trunk of extra strings. Any harpist wishing to try this harp can come to the Crane School of Music. Photos available via email. Contact Prof. Jessica Suchy-Pilalis, 315-267-2447 (office) or suchyjr@potdam.edu.

Lyon and Healy Troubadour IV -- hardly used. It is in pristine condition. Also included is a cloth cover. Contact Cheryl MacDougall: cmmsmile@optonline.net.

Lyon and Healy Troubadour. Posted on Craig's List at <http://syracuse.craigsl.com/msg/873999693.html>

Dusty Strings FH26 Lever Harp for sale. Bubinga with detachable legs. Fully levered. This harp has a beautiful tone. \$2,200 firm. Lisa Craig Fenwick 607-257-6962 or harpflute@twcny.rr.com

Salvia Ana, 38 String harp for sale. Beautiful tone, super condition, mahogany and honey colored. Extra set of strings, minus wires included. Tension, spacing and feel of a pedal harp \$3800. Contact Hilary Gutman, 585-671-1774 or hilary-ed@ucdavis-alumni.com

Triplett Signature 32 folk harp. Elegant and sweet sounding, bought from Triplett in November, 1994. Excellent condition, natural mahogany, comfortable-to-hold staved back, 32 strings and 32 bronze levers. Padded case, replacement strings, and tuning key included. \$2600. Call 315-445-9526.

## ***Initiatives:***

From Alyssa Reit: "For over ten years, Singing Harp, a nonprofit story theater company, has

been presenting classic stories set with original harp music. Now we are launching an exciting new project: the Sunflower StoryArts Festival. Singing Harp Artistic Director/composer/musician Alyssa Reit is partnering with Johanna Marie Rose, a founding member of the world renowned vocal group, Anonymous 4, as co-directors of this festival, which will make its debut in May of 2009 in the lovely town of Mount Kisco (Westchester County).

The Sunflower StoryArts Festival will put together a roster of Internationally-acclaimed story artists to perform, create a forum for Metropolitan area-based tellers, and provide workshops for children, educators, and families. Our vision is to fully integrate the festival into the community. In addition to performances at standard concert venues, “tellings” will be hosted by bookstores, restaurants, and even pubs. We are collaborating with such organizations as the Girl Scouts, the Boys and Girls Club, the Lexington Center for Recovery, and the Fox Lane Schools to introduce young people and “at risk” groups to story arts by offering activities and workshops leading up to the main festival weekend (May 22nd-24th). [www.sunflowerstoryarts.com](http://www.sunflowerstoryarts.com)

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Please send word of your activities and that of your chapter throughout the year, so we may support one another in our concerts and initiatives. Details and announcements may be sent to [Bridget@BridgetKibbey.com](mailto:Bridget@BridgetKibbey.com), New York Regional Director of the AHS.