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Greetings Harpists!

I am honored to continue to serve as your regional director. We are lucky to live in a region so vibrant with many harp events. Please continue to send me your news! I enjoy hearing from all of you, even if all the events are too numerous to all be included here. Remember, the spring update will be email only, so please make sure I have your correct email address and please keep sending me your news!! I wish everyone continued success with our beautiful instrument!

THE MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL HARP FESTIVAL **March 2-3rd, 2012**

Providence Baptist Church, 8980 Brook Rd, McLean, VA 22102

The 3rd Annual festival featuring harpists of the Mid Atlantic Region! Chaired by Mark Martin, President of the DC Chapter, Melissa Dvorak, Mid Atlantic Regional Director, and Cheryl Roeske, Vice President of the Washington DC Chapter. We invite you to join us for a fun weekend of concerts and workshops. Our featured artist is **Elisabeth Remy Johnson**, of the Atlanta Symphony! Elisabeth will offer a Master class on Saturday and perform our closing concert. There will be other performers and presenters from the region as well! The 2nd Annual Student Scholarship Competition, open to all harpists who are members of AHS who live in the Mid Atlantic Region will take place—with 2 divisions. And VA Harp Center will be on hand with Harps, Music and Strings. Visit www.dcharp.org for registration and more information!

THE AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY 40th National Conference ***The 50th Anniversary of the AHS!! Then, Now and Into the Future*** **June 30-July 3, 2012 in New York City**

Make your plans now to attend the 40th National Conference celebrating 50 years of the AHS in New York City! Enjoy all the city has to offer, as the wonderful conference! Enjoy premiere performances of new works for harp commissioned for the the conference by Liebermann and Michael Torke! Performers will include Yolanda Kondonassis, Gretchen VanHoesen, Sara Cutler, Brandee Younger, Edmar Casteneda. Master classes, workshops and even a Fashion Show!
www.ahsconference.org for more information!

Congratulations

To the AHS National Competition Winners--**Elizabeth White Clark**-First Prize in Young Professional and The New AHS Concert Artist, **Alisa Coffey**--4th Place in Young Professional, **Helen Gerhold**—2nd Place Intermediate II, **Heidi Morey**-1st Place Intermediate I, **Caroline Jorgensen**-2nd Place Junior, **Alexis Smith**-3rd place Junior. And to the Lyon and Healy Award winners from and residing in our region—**Elizabeth White Clark** won a Lyon and Healy Award, and **Alisa Coffey** and **Emily Klien** received honorable mentions.

Chapter and Area News/Events

Central PA Chapter

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October 8, 2011, The Central PA Chapter of the American Harp Society sponsored a day of workshops presented by **Anne Sullivan**, featuring two hands-on workshops, "Practicing from the Inside: A Makeover for your Eyes, Ears and Fingers," and after a catered lunch, "Improving Your Sightreading in 15 Minutes a Day"

Charm City (Baltimore) Chapter

www.baltimoreharp.org

President: Julia Martin Frazier, juliamartin@harpsounds.net, 410.254.4709

December 12, 2011, Chapter Holiday Party at Michael's in Timonium, MD.

January 15, 2012, 1pm rehearsal, 3pm performance, the Chapter presents the Annual Student Recital at the UMBC Fine Arts Building Recital Hall. Students can perform either or both solo and ensemble music. The chapter's website lists the ensemble repertoire.

February 10, 2012, 8pm, the chapter will present **Sivan Magen** in concert. Location TBA

Pictures on Silence, the harp and saxophone duo of **Jacqueline Pollauf** and Noah Getz, will release their debut CD, *Voyage*, in 2011. This project is partially funded by a grant from the Sparkplug Foundation. In the fall of 2011, the duo will perform on the Livewire New Music Festival at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and on the Fifty-Fourth National Conference of the College Music Society in Richmond, Virginia.

Jordan Thomas received the position of harpist for the 2011 National Orchestral Summer Institute.

Shuang Liu was selected to perform in master class at the World Harp Congress held in Vancouver in July 2011.

Jasmine Hogan exploring and studying the Konghou, the ancient Chinese harp in Beijing while on a Rotary International Amdassadorial Grant.

Morgantown Chapter

President: Cindy Lewellen

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September 17 & 18, 2011, Festival in celebration of Albert Gallatin in Friendship Hill, PA **Katie Sutton**, harpist

December 11, 2011, 2:30pm, Concert at St. Vincent Cathedral in La Trobe PA. Bernstein Chichester Psalms **Christine Mazza**, harpist

January 15, 2012, 2pm, Recital at Village at Heritage Point Morgantown WV. Carol Beall Piano, Tara Yaney flute and **Christine Mazza** harp

January 21, 2012, 7pm, Recital at Goodwill Mennonite Home in Grantsville, MD Carol Beall Piano, Tara Yaney flute and **Christine Mazza** harp

February 12, 2012, 2pm, Johnstown Symphony at Pasquerilla Hall University of Pittsburgh Johnstown Campus Mozart Flute and Harp Concerto. Tara Yaney flute **Christine Mazza**. Harp

Weekly Concerts at Village at Heritage Point and the Madison in Morgantown WV **Katie Zucker**, harpist

North Jersey Chapter

<http://sites.google.com/site/northjerseyharp/>

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In October, the Chapter hosted Eastman School of Music Professor of Harp **Kathleen Bride** in a Master Class. In addition to working with 8 students (**Katarina Katzarov, Nancy Cochran, Marie Sass, Violetta Norrie, Alix Raspe, Anya Garipoli, Anna Dunlap and Brook Pasaske**), we were treated to a performance of Ms. Bride's publication of Aria in Classic Style by Grandjany for 3 harps during which she was joined by two of her former students, **Fran Duffy and Merynda Adams** (our current and former Vice Presidents).

The chapter looks forward to a few more events during the year, including another performance by the **North Jersey Chapter Harp Ensemble** and we are planning on welcoming husband and wife Celtic harp sensations **Grainne Hambly and William Jackson** for a workshop and concert spring 2012.

October 20, 2011, **Robbin Gordon-Cartier** performed in a concert entitled "The Sound of the Angels" with Lisa Hansen, Flute, and Katherine Harris, Soprano, at Kean Hall, Kean University, Union, NJ. Their repertoire included Sephardic and Celtic selections and works by Saint-Saens, Persichetti, and Roussell.

Thursday, December 1, 2011, 12:15 PM, **Merynda Adams** performs a half hour solo recital at United Methodist Church, Morristown NJ.

November 6, 2011, 3 PM **Fran Duffy** performed at Central Presbyterian Church, 46 Park Street, in Montclair.

December 3, 2011, **Diane Michaels** appears with Cantabile Chamber Chorale for their holiday concert at Christ United Methodist Church in Piscataway, NJ.

Mary Tresvalles, age 13, was a competition winner at The Young Artist's Harp Seminar in Georgia in July. Mary is a student of **Marjorie Mollenauer**.

Amaya White, age 11, a student of **Robbin Gordon-Cartier**, recently appeared on the new children's television show, *Small Potatoes*

Philadelphia Chapter

www.phillyharp.org

President: Kimberly Rowe, krowe@harpcolumn.com

October 29, 2011, 3pm. The Chapter presented AHS Competition Winners **Elizabeth White Clark**—the New AHS Concert Artist, along with **Helen Gerhold**, and **Sam Karlinski**.

January 14, 2012, 7pm, the chapter presents an Adult Non-Professional Harpist Gathering, at the home of Sue Gold.

January 16, 2012, 7pm, the chapter presents a Professional Harpists Gathering at the home of Kim Rowe.

March 10, 2012, the Philly Chapter presents Harp Day and Membership Drive, location TBD. It will featuring a student recital, "Tales from the Orchestra" with **Elizabeth Hainen** and **Margarita Montanaro**, and workshops in harp maintenance and a music sampling.

Following an audition on August 23, 2011, **Maryanne Meyer** was appointed Principal Harpist of the Tri-Cities Opera in Binghamton, New York.

Sarajane Williams was signed by the "Sounds True" label, and her new CD "Harp Music for Healing" was just released. **Williams** also was featured at the Kutztown Folk Festival in July, where she promoted her CD: "Past and Present- Secular and Sacred Music of the Pennsylvania Germans", the companion harp music book: "Folksongs of the Pennsylvania Germans", and her Pennsylvania German language tutorial and coloring book: "Jacob's Colonial Family History."

Saul Davis Zlatkovski collaborated with artist Bill Bahmermann on a video art project called *MathematicaEstheticus*. It continues to be on exhibit in the faculty art gallery of the Art Institute of Philadelphia.

September 18, 2011, **Anne Sullivan** performed the Debussy Danes with the Pennsylvania Centre Orchestra at Grace Lutheran Church, State College, PA

Jade Waterman, plays harp in the Drexel University Orchestra.

Helen Gerhold (student of **Elizabeth Hainen**) and **Ruth Boyajian** (student of **Kimberly Rowe**) represented the U.S. in the Focus On Youth concert series at the World Harp Congress in Vancouver.

SPARX flute and harp duo (Joan Sparks, flute and **Anne Sullivan**, harp) have commissioned a new major work from Delaware composer Chuck Holdeman. The three-movement work is titled "sonata scintillante" and uses alto flute and piccolo in addition to C-flute. Premieres will be scheduled in PA and Delaware in early 2012

Gloria Galante, was a 2011 Recipient of PADESTA outstanding String teacher award.

Gloria Galante, principal Harpist, **Mary Bryson**, Harpist of the Divine Hand Ensemble will be featured in a Documentary of about Classical music in the 21st century aired on PBS this year. www.divinehand.net

November 16, 2011 at 7pm, WCU Harpfest turns 21! 21 harps and professionals celebrate in a spectacular collaboration. Professor **Gloria Galante**, director, founder, producer WCU theater first floor brand new state of the art theater and music building .

November 20, 2011, at 4pm "Principally Harps- Cutcher/Witman Harp Duo" in concert at Trinity Episcopal Church 200 Centre St, Pottsville, PA

December 7, 2011, at 7 & 8pm, "A Brandywine Harps Christmas" in the ballroom at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA Two different 30 minute shows. www.longwoodgardens.org

December 10, 2011, at 4pm. The Young Artists Harp Ensemble at Temple Music Prep Winter Concert Rock Hall (1715 N. Broad Street) on Temple University's main campus.

Pittsburgh Chapter

www.ahspittsburgh.org

President: *Rebecca Yuille, president@ahspittsburgh.org*

October 1 & 2, 2011, the chapter hosted the **Lipman Duo** from Australia for recital and master class.

November 6, 2011, the chapter hosted Celtic harpist **Jo Morrison** for a concert. The concert followed a chapter meeting, and there was a potluck after the concert. The performance was free and open to the public.

December 18, 2011, the chapter performs biennial Holiday Ensemble Concert. The concert will be held in the PPG Wintergarden, downtown Pittsburgh with Elizabeth Heath Charles, conducting.

January 28 & March 3, 2012, the chapter will hold Music Education Auditions at Perry Highway Lutheran Church, Wexford PA. Adjudicators will be Kenneth Karsh, Mark Fromm, and James Gourlay.

Spring 2012, the chapter will host a spring chapter meeting and 'Harp Tasting.' We will place harps of different models, makes, and sizes behind a curtain so that they can't be seen. One harpist will play each harp and the rest of us try to guess which harp is which! Details TBD.

Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton now holds the position of Principal Harp with the Toronto Symphony for the 2011-12 Season.

Rebecca Pfiingstl, student of **Marissa Knaub**, won the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra's Young Artist Concerto Competition. She will be performing 'Danse Sacree' by Claude Debussy on January 28, 2012 with the orchestra.

Vanessa Young won the Principal Harp Position with Debut Orchestra at Broad Stage in Santa Monica, CA.

The City Music Center at Duquesne University now offers harp lessons with **Julia Ann Scott**, adjunct professor.

October 11, 2011, **Gretchen Van Hoesen** led the "Hot Pink Harps" including chapter members: Rachel Abrams, Erica Driscoll, Sierra Pastel, Sage Po, and Natalie Severson at *Hot Pink Pittsburgh* event, proceeds benefiting breast cancer victims with no health insurance.

October 19, 2011, **Gretchen Van Hoesen** will perform the Debussy Trio at the annual meeting of the Pittsburgh Symphony Inc. at Heinz Hall.

November 20, 2011, **Gretchen Van Hoesen** will perform the Rutter Magnificat at Sewickley Presbyterian Church.

December 10, 2011, 3:30pm, Studio Class Recital of students of Gretchen Van Hoesen at Alumni Concert Hall, Carnegie Mellon University. Free for AHS members and families.

December 25, 2011, **Julia Ann Scott**, will perform solos and chamber music at the 11pm service at St. Alexis' Church in Wexford, PA.

Suzanne Hershey will play the following events: December 9 and December 14: Play in lobby of Fifth Avenue Place in Pittsburgh, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm each day. December 16 and December 22: Play in the lobby of Oxford Center in Pittsburgh, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Tidewater Chapter

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Barbara Chapman will perform *Lyra Angelica* by William Alwyn with the Virginia Symphony on March 1st at Phi Beta Kappa Hall, College of William and Mary and March 3rd at Regent University.

March 3, 2012, Harp Studio of **Barbara Chapman** will perform at the Youth Showcase prior to the Virginia Symphony Concert at Regent University Theater in Virginia Beach.

Washington, DC Chapter

www.dcharp.org

President: Mark Martin, manbythesea@msn.com

October 12 and 13, 2011, the DC Chapter presented **Alice Giles** in Master class and Concert.

November 12, 2011, **Yolanda Kondonassis** performed the Ginastera Concerto for Harp with the Fairfax Symphony.

November 13, 2011, the DC Chapter presented **Yolanda Kondonassis** in master class.

December 2, 2011, the DC Chapter presents a concert of Ensemble Music at Southern Asian Indian Church, 2001 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, MD.

Grace Browning completed her Master's degree at the Juilliard School and now joins The New World Symphony as principal harpist.

Sara Cutler has been appointed to the faculty at The University of Maryland, College Park, as harp professor.

Anna Pike joins the faculty of the Peabody Preparatory, Annapolis Branch as Harp Instructor.

The Sprezzatura Duo, **Anna Pike**, harp is thrilled to commission works by Stephen Gorbos and Caleb Vaughn-Jones to be premiered in 2012.

Ibis Chamber Music Society, **Susan Robinson**, harp, present performances with harp on: November 22 at IOTA, January 28, 2012, at Artisphere, Feb 26, 2012 at Rock Spring Church, and April 29, 2012 at IOTA.

November 19, 2011, 7pm, **Barbra Bailey Bradley** and **Phoebe Suh** will present a recital of harp duos and solos at the Washington DC Temple Visitors Centre - 9900 Stoneybrook Drive, Kensington, MD 20895

January 6 and January 8, 2012, **Constance Whiteside** performs with her ensemble Armonia Nova for their 10th Anniversary Season and 10th year of performing Twelfth Night concerts. January 6, 2012 at 7:30pm, St. Mark's on Capitol Hill, 118 3rd St. SE, Washington DC, and January 8, 2012 at 6pm, Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA

January 21, 2012, 7pm, **Melissa Dvorak**, and **Michelle Lundy**, presents a concert of music for duo harps for Kent Chamber Music Concert Series. Chestertown, MD.

January 22, 2012, 3pm, **Dotian Levalier**, performs Adamo's *Four Angels Concerto for Harp and Orchestra* as a special guest with the American Youth Philharmonic at George Mason University Center for the Arts. Concert is FREE for all students 18 & under. www.aypo.org for more details.

June 23, 2012, 8pm, **Constance Whiteside**, harp; Jacqueline Horner-Waite, mezzo soprano and member of Anonymous 4; Corey McKnight, countertenor, perform '*Piena di Passione* ', passionate Italian music from earlier centuries at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 118 3rd St. SE, Washington D.C.

February 12, 2012, 3pm, Beau Soir Ensemble, **Michelle Lundy**, harp, recital at Faith Lutheran Church 3313 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA.

April 18, 2012, 8pm, Beau Soir Ensemble, **Michelle Lundy**, harp, present a recital featuring world premier by composer Christopher Dietz at Cosmos Club, 212 Mass. Ave NW, Washington, DC.

For Sale or Rent

For Sale: Transport Cover and Boot for 85P. Price is \$125 plus shipping. Contact Jody Haughin at haugin@comcast.net or 215-721-2388

For Sale: Harp Dolly, hardly used. Asking \$150. Contact: Peggysuewoods@aol.com

For Sale: L&H Prelude Lyon and Healy Prelude Harp , natural finish, 38 strings. Five years old, excellent condition and beautiful sound quality! Includes matching bench and a Lyon and Healy padded case. \$3700.00. Contact: peggysuewoods@aol.com

For sale: Triplet 30 - Warm Cherry color; full set of levers. Comes with wheeledcase. Lovely sound! Regulated by William Grant in July 2011. \$1,400.00. Contact Miki Hatcher at mikihatcher@verizon.net .

For sale: L&H Style 20. Asking \$24, 000 Contact: Gloria Galante at ggharp@comcast.net