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## **NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWSLETTER**

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I am pleased to begin my time as your Regional Director and I want to thank Kitty Eliason for her 6 years service to the American Harp Society. She continues on as Treasurer for the Society.

We were together in Salt Lake City for the AHS Institute. The Westminster College campus facilities were wonderful. Many friendships were made and renewed the, workshops were well prepared and well received, and the concerts were excellent. The Competition Winners Recital was extraordinary. I especially enjoyed the visit to the Brigham Young University library, the site of the Harp Archives. I even checked out some DVDs of past concerts for my local chapter members to see. The BYU library also houses the William Primrose Viola Archives.

Please plan to attend the AHS Conference coming June 30-July 6, 2010 in Tacoma, WA. We will hear music of Lynn Palmer and Carlos Salzedo, whose 125th anniversary will be celebrated. There will be some fun attractions during the July 4 holiday, too. Pat Wooster has even thought of harp spouse's activities, so make it a mini-vacation – bring your spouse!

Please let me know of harp activities in your area. Other people do like to hear about your events. We can always email announcements. I THANK ALL who have sent your news and look forward a year of harp events. And I need your materials for next year's newsletter by next October 1.

### **News from Wisconsin**

The Milwaukee Chapter reports on some events from the Spring, and some yet to come.

On March 7, 2009, **Jeanne Henderson's** former student **Victoria Drake** presented a public solo recital to a completely full house. She presented a varied program of standard and new works for solo harp. She also performed the World Premiere of a piece composed for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee later that same weekend.

April 26<sup>th</sup> was the Chapter Solo and Ensemble Recital, which featured solo and Celtic ensemble music from Janet Harbison and Deborah Henson-Conant. 15 member harpists participated.

On May 9, my student **Emily Melendes**, the Concerto Contest Winner for the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, performed the Debussy *Dances* with the MYSO Senior Symphony.

The annual Chapter Holiday Party and Musicale will be on January 8, 2010.

In March, 2010, the AHS Young Artist, **Heidi Gorton**, will present a solo recital, open to the public. If you are anywhere near Milwaukee, you should make every effort to attend. Heidi is a spectacular harpist, and is currently completing her Master's at The Juilliard School, studying with Nancy Allen.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Chapter's annual Solo and Ensemble Recital will feature Classical Works arranged by Marguerite Williams. This music was featured in concert at the Salt Lake City Institute last summer.

Member news:

**Jeanne Kahn** and students played at Café Sopra Mer Villa Terrace Sept. 20.09

**Kim Robertson's** new CD Shady Grove is coming soon. She has a Concert Dec.5., '09 at Irish Cultural Center at 7:30 PM

**Sue Richards** is doing a workshop in Madison on Oct, 25. See [www.madharpers.org](http://www.madharpers.org) for details.

**Jeanne Henderson's** student **Christina Brier** will play the Gliere Concerto with Menomonee Falls Orchestra May 8, 2010.

**Ann Lobotzke** performed programs with flutist Marie Sander at Saint John Cathedral, and Cafe Sopra Mare at the Villa Terrace. Ann is looking forward to performances this seasons of Cinderella, Nutcracker, and a world premiere of Peter Pan with the Milwaukee Ballet. Works performed with the Milwaukee Symphony will include Bartok's opera Bluebeard's Castle, Bruckner 8th Symphony, Brahms' German Requiem and Elgar Symphony #2, among others. Ann completed her Suzuki Book 2 teacher training at the American Suzuki Institute this past summer. Her student **Juliana Henry**, who won the state division of the National Federation of Music Clubs award, will be giving her junior recital at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee in October.

#### **For Sale**

**Gerry Elliott** has a Lyon Healy Prelude, 38-string lever harp for sale. This instrument is in mint condition, and includes 3-piece transport cover and 2 wheeled dolly all for \$3700.00. Contact Gerry at [gelliott@wi.rr.com](mailto:gelliott@wi.rr.com).

**Diane Wiedenbeck** has a 29-string Celtic Harp for sale to a loving home. Contact her at [wdwieden@verizon.net](mailto:wdwieden@verizon.net)

## **News from Minnesota**

### **Jann Stein reports:**

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009** - *Harp Ensembles perform at the James J. Hill House* This was a fun experience for the 15 people who performed with a total of 3 ensembles.

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009** - *Alfredo Rolando Ortiz Workshops and Concert* We always enjoy having Alfredo come and share with us. We had 2 afternoon workshops and ended the day with a fabulous concert by Alfredo.

**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – 10 am to noon** - *“Harp Therapy... Fact or Fiction,”* presented by Ron Price. Ronald D. Price, Ph. D. held teaching positions at Northern Illinois University, Ohio State University, and the University of Toledo. His harp teachers included Jan Bishop, Ruth Inglefield, and Liz Cifani. Price initially worked with a group of children who were emotionally disturbed and socially maladjusted. Price’s unique background in music and medicine allowed him to work in schools, hospitals, and hospice. Price is the co-founder of Healing Harps. This meeting will be held at St. Therese Terraces in Hopkins, MN.

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 9:30 am to noon** - *Healing Harp Seminar* “Sounds of Healing: Using the Harp as a Therapeutic Instrument,” will be presented by Tami Briggs, a national speaker on the healing power of harp music. Sharon Roznick, a neo-natal nurse, graduate professor and harpist, will present “The Influence of Harp Music in the Neonatal Environment.” This event is sponsored by the Woodwinds Hospital, the American Harp Society and MusicMakers. This event will take place at the Woodwinds Hospital in Woodbury, MN.

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010** - *AHS Music Education Evaluations* The AHS Music Education Evaluation is a two-part program for beginning and intermediate harp students sponsored by the American Harp Society. It consists of two evaluations, with the first phase taking place at Northwestern College, Roseville. Applications are due by January 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jann Stein, 651-483-3072 or [jann@jannsteinmusic.com](mailto:jann@jannsteinmusic.com) for more information.

**Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010** - *AHS Music Education Evaluations, AHS Meeting, Recital* The second phase of the Music Education Evaluations will take place at Northwestern College, Roseville. There will be a chapter meeting at 3:00 pm, followed by the evaluation participants performing in a recital.

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010** - *Scholarship Auditions* To apply for the Scholarship Auditions, you must be a current member of the MN Chapter of the American Harp Society as of October 31, 2009. Applications for the auditions must be submitted by

April 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Jann Stein, 651-483-3072 or [jann@jannsteinmusic.com](mailto:jann@jannsteinmusic.com).

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 2:30 pm** *Performance by the Scholarship Winners & “Upper-body Health & Injury Prevention”* Kathryn E. Ananda-Owens, a piano professor at St. Olaf, will be our speaker. She is a specialist in preventing and treating over-use injuries by promoting knowledge of basic arm anatomy, and proper hand positioning. Ms. Ananda-Owens is the author of a series of articles on this topic.

**Sharon Kimball** reports:

The Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit at St. Cloud Hospital in coordination with Central Minnesota's March of Dimes has invited harpists to volunteer their time and harp skills. The program is called Lullabies for Babies. Sharon Kimball's students Alexander Ames and Hannah Kellerman will provide music from October 2009 - May 2010.

**For Sale:** Two books of original tunes for Beginning and Intermediate Harpists who wish to improve knowledge of bass notes as well as dexterity and techniques for left hand are available. Chasin' the Bass Books I and II (\$10.95 each) can be ordered through Lyon & Healy West or Sharon Kimball - Email: [shareharp@hotmail.com](mailto:shareharp@hotmail.com) and be sure to mention Chasin' the Bass in the Subject box.

### **News from South Dakota**

**Anna Voorhes** reports the Jubal Chapter will have its biennial concert on Nov 29, 2009, at the First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD, at 7:00 pm. It will be Worship and Christmas music, featuring 30 harpists in ensemble and solo performances.

Anna's former student, **Ann McLoughlin**, is a student at the University of North Texas, where she studies with another former student, Dr. **Jaymee Haefner**. (Editor's Note: Jaymee Haefner presented an outstanding workshop on Henriette Renie at the Institute)

Another former student, **Luke Brechtelsbauer**, was the winner of the North Atlantic Celtic Competition, and was the Audience Favorite winner of the All Ireland Competition.