

AHS Midwestern Regional Newsletter, Fall 2014

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There are so many wonderful things going on in the local chapters and at the National level that I will try and highlight them!

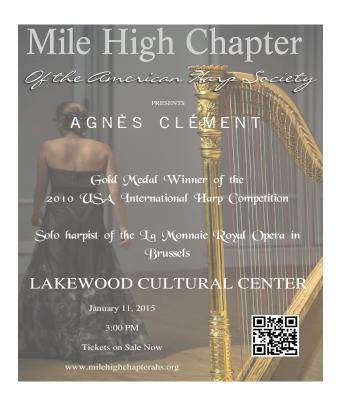
But first I want to congratulate Cathy Anderson, Chair of the AHS 41st National Conference which took place in New Orleans, LA this past summer, June 22-26, 2014. It was a wonderful conference highlighting so many fantastic artists and features from their region!

Next summer the AHS Summer Institute will be held in Logan, Utah from Sunday, June 21 – Wednesday, June 24, 2015 Utah State University, Logan, Utah. My hope is that as many harpists as possible from Colorado and the Midwestern Region will attend the Institute. It is designed for students, teachers, competitors, amateurs and professionals. Since it is within a reasonable distance for many of us to drive, it would be amazing if we could put it on our calendars and make it a priority to attend. More information is listed near the end of this newsletter.

The Georgia Chapter welcomes the American Harp Society, Inc. to Atlanta in 2016 Please put on your 2016 calendar the following dates and plan to come to the 42nd AHS National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia June 30 - July 3, 2016. Emory Conference Center Hotel The Schwartz Center, Emory University Atlanta, Georgia.

Just around the corner of the New Year, the Mile High Chapter of Colorado would like to invite the harpists of the Midwestern Region and surrounding States including Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico and Utah to a wonderful concert featuring Agnes Clement, Gold Medal Winner of the 2010 USA International Harp Competition and solo harpist of the La Monnaie Royal Opera in Brussels, Belgium.

Concert Recital will be January 11, 2015 at 3 pm, Lakewood, Cultural Center, CO Master class will be January 10, 2015 at Unity Church of Denver, 3021 S. University Blvd, Denver 80219



A gnès Clément Master Class

January 10, 2015 Unity Church of Denver, 3021 S. University Blvd., Denver, CO 80219

First Prize Winner of the Eighth USA International Harp Competition

Harpist Agnès Clément has been studying at both Clermont-Ferrand and Boulogne-Billancourt Conservatoires, at the Koninglijk Conservato rium of Brussels with Jana Bouskova and at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique de Lyon in the harp class of Fabrice Pierre

Born in 1990 and prize-winner of famous competitions, Agnès Clément is one of the most outstanding young figures of the harp world.
"She's just 21 but a mature musician with full mastery of her harp. In addition, she commands a rare sensitivity for her chosen repertoire. Herald Time 2011/11

She is already the winner of numerous national and international prizes

- First Prize of the eighth USA International Harp Competition in
- Bloomington in 2010

 "In its eighth year, the competition is the highest level it's ever been", said Susanna McDonald, the competition founder
- Second Prize of the International Harp Competition Valentino Bucchi in Rome in 2009,
 Third «Grand Prix» of the International Harp Competition Lily Laskine in Paris in 2008,
 Raynaud-Zurfluh Prize and a French scholarship from «Royaume de la Musique» in 2007,

These different awards have earned her invitations to play as a soloist through out the world, performing concertos of Zabel, Haendel, Boieldieu, Glière, Mozart, Parish-Alvars and Debussy.

Agnès Clément first solo CD, "Dance", released by Lyon & Healy Records label, has been awarded "Choice of France Musique" by French Radio. She plays a Lyon & Healy Concert Gold harp which was First Prize in the USA International Harp Competition

Agnès Clément is currently Solo Harpist of the La Monnaie Royal Opera in Brussels

Participant Fee will be \$60.00 (this fee includes one ticket to the concert on January 11, 2015)
Registration MUST be post marked by December 31, 2014. After this date Registration is \$70 and will be accepted on a space available basis only. Space is limited

Auditor Fee \$20.00 Please plan to attend the entire Master Class if po Please fill out page two and mail to : Catherine Rands 755 Clarkson St. Denver, CO 80218

Make checks payable to Mile High Chapter

Chapter Polluck

February 8, 2015

1PM at

Kolacny Music

This is always a great time to get together and find out what everyone has been up too. Like last time, we will have harps and ask that you bring music that you think would work for the Harp Fantasia 2015. We will have fun reading thru the music and enjoying good food and company.

Student Evaluations

Tentative Dates set for April 11 and May 9 More Information to come soon.

Harp Fantasia 2015

Yes! It's that time again to start planning. The Board of the Mile High Chapter is looking for interested people to help be a part of the planning. We welcome harpist and non-harpist to help make this another successful Fantasia as in years before.

The tentative date is set for October 10, 2015

At the Lakewood Cultural Center

Come to the Potluck on February 8

And help be a part of this wonderful chapter tradition!

This information was posted on Kathy Bundock Moore's Facebook page. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and her family at this difficult time. If you would like to send Kathy some caring thoughts, please go to Caring Bridge as indicated below.

"Kathy Bundock Moore has recently been placed under Hospice care for her most recent bout with cancer. So many people have wanted to communicate with her that we are opening this CaringBridge site to make it easier."

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From the Great Plains Chapter, Nebraska

I am pleased to send you notes about this past year's activities of the Great Plains Chapter in Nebraska. I am also sending you three photos.

First on a sad note, we report the passing of our beloved chapter president Karen Conoan.

A professional harpist and teacher for many years in Omaha, she lost her year-long battle with brain cancer this past summer. She was a pillar of the harp community as well as a dear friend to many of us.

In the late Spring 2014, our chapter held a two-day workshop in Omaha. Several harpists conducted workshops. Our special guest was Arizona harpist Steve Hartmann, who demonstrated his carbon-fiber harp at a concert in Omaha, where he also presented a workshop, "Caring for Your Harp," for area harpists.

PHOTOS: Two photos available of Steve Hartmann: 1) Steve playing his carbon-fiber harp and 2) Steve giving workshop. Both these photos are being sent in a separate email.

In late October, the chapter welcomed internationally-known harpist Alice Giles of Australia. While in Omaha and Lincoln, Ms. Giles gave master lessons and appeared at an in-home concert and buffet dinner in Omaha. In Lincoln, she performed for the public in concert. Photo of Alice Giles attached to this email.

Finally, In Spring 2015, the chapter plans to present its bi-annual, "Harpening" event. The concert, which is open to the public, will feature nearly thirty harpists.

Submitted by,

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Wichita Chapter - November 2014

RoJean Loucks has published some new harp arrangements, including some holiday pieces that are available on her website, www.roharps.com/.

RoJean, Suzanne Shields, and members of the Prairie Winds Harp Ensemble and the Wichita Harp Ensemble performed at the Scottish Festival in McPherson, KS in September.

Faith O'Neal is the harp instructor at Oklahoma City University. One of her students, Urszula Rucka, played the Debussy Dances with the University Orchestra in November.

Faith was the harpist for the Guild Hall Players' performance of "A Little Night Music" in August.

Jane Hyde is the harp instructor at Friends University.

Jane will be celebrating her 30th anniversary as first harp with the Wichita Symphony in 2015.

Suzanne Shields has set up a Facebook page, Midwest Harpists and Fans, to facilitate communication with the area harpists about events, available instruments, etc.



May you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Hope to see you at the Summer Institute in June 2015 in Utah!

May we experience Peace on Earth Goodwill to Men!

Pictures from Kathy Bundock Moore's Funeral Service, 12/10/2104 Our sympathies and prayers go out to Bruce and Eric Moore and family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Kathy Bundock Moore, Ph.D ENTERED INTO THIS LIFE August 23, 1952 ~ North Hollywood, California ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST December 5, 2014 ~ Greeley, Colorado FUNERAL SERVICE 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2014 First Church of the Nazarene Greeley, Colorado INTERMENT Evans Cemetery Evans Cemetery Evans Cemetery Seans Colorado Special thank you to the Harpists who played Jenilee Elsbernd ~ Jeanene Gage Joelle Gaspord ~ Alisa Hickox Jenna Hunt ~ Rachel Start Ellins Nathalie Krainock ~ Ann Marie Liss Joni Martin ~ Kaitlin Miller Sigorney Moore ~ Eun-Joo Song Arrangements entrusted to Stoddard Paperal Home Gredey, Colorado, To pay tibute to the life of Kaithy Moore, please visit www.stoddardsunset.com





