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38th National Conference Celebrates “The Whole Harpist”

June 23-26, 2008

Join us in Metro Detroit, home of the automobile, for an outstanding week that will celebrate the harp and nurture the harpist. Our Opening Night festivities on Monday, June 23, will take place at the world-famous Henry Ford Museum, a National Historic Landmark, and

will include a jazz and pop concert, followed by a delicious chocolate dessert reception inside the museum itself. On Tuesday night, the American Harp Society will collaborate with the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival to present a chamber concert featuring internationally celebrated harpists and chamber musicians, performing a variety of works rarely heard. Wednesday's events include a concert tribute to Alice Chalifoux on the occasion of her 100th birthday, a Michigan Artists and Composers concert, a Midnight Madness Sale in the exhibit hall, and a penthouse view of the Detroit/Windsor International Fireworks display hosted by our neighboring harpists from Canada. The week concludes with a final recital on Thursday by Isabelle Moretti. In addition to Ms. Moretti, a host of great harpists have been invited to perform, including Kerstin Allvin, Jacquelyn Bartlett, Mindy Cutcher, Jara Goodrich, Jody Guinn, Ann Hobson-Pilot, Bridget Kibbey, Yolanda Kondonassis, Xiao Lei Salovara, Nancy Lendrim, Amy Ley, Allegra Lilly, Judy Loman, Patty Masri-Fletcher, Ruth Myers, Sylvia Norris, Joan Raeburn Holland, Elizabeth Remy, Doug Rioth, Park Stickney, Calvin Stokes, Sivan Magen, Trina Struble, and Pat Terry-Ross.

All of the conference activities will take place in or near the Hyatt Regency Dearborn, (www.dearborn.hyatt.com) an elegant, 4 diamond, full service hotel located minutes from Detroit Metropolitan Airport. AHS has reserved rooms at the affordable rate of \$119/night. Masterclasses by leading harpists will be offered, and workshops will include a bookclub discussion, yoga and tai chi, health and wellness forums, as well as writing music on the computer with Sibelius, among others. On display throughout the conference are our Exhibitors and Vendors, who will be located in the Great Lakes Center Conference Hall of the hotel. We are planning a first-time ever car show, which will feature some of the latest “harp-mobiles” from our Detroit auto manufacturers. Optional activities include lunch at Fair Lane Estate, the historic home of Henry and Clara Ford, a tour of Hitsville USA, the legendary Motown recording studio, and a post-conference three-day tour to beautiful Mackinac Island (site of the movie *Somewhere In*

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Time). We have something interesting, educational, and enlightening for students, performers, and teachers alike!

Our website will soon be online. We invite you to visit it for further information at www.ahsdetroit.org.

Join Us - 08 is Going to Be GREAT!

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The mission of the 2008 AHS National Conference is to inspire, invigorate, challenge and refresh harpists as they aspire to reach their full potential, by presenting concerts, workshops, and recreational events that promote the mind-body-music connection, and encourage creativity and learning. Plan now to attend.

Membership in the American Harp Society: It's easy to join! Go to www.harpsociety.org and join on-line. NEW MEMBERS are eligible for a \$10 discount if you apply before November 1st, 2007. We also encourage you to join your local chapter so that you have the opportunity to participate in area events and to get announcements of concerts, harp clinics, etc.

CHAPTER NEWS

Wichita Chapter (KS)

Suzanne Shields, President; Nancy Hercher, Vice-President; Jill Wiebe, Secretary & Treasurer. Contact person Suzanne Shields at suzannels@cox.net.

The fall AHS meeting took place September 2nd at the home of Suzanne Shields. The chapter has a membership of 15. Students and family and guests were invited to perform or just listen, and to enjoy chocolate treats.

Mile High Chapter (CO)

Barbara Lepke-Sims, President Paul Wren, Secretary and Contact person, Denverharp@yahoo.com

Plans for **Fantasia 2007** are well underway for Saturday, October 20th. This is an event worth seeing, not only for the large number of harps expected, but also to hear some of the newer ensemble arrangements available for groups of varying proficiency. Music is made available through Kolacny Music in Denver.

Lyra Chapter

Roseanne Gortenburg, President and contact person, (913-422-HARP) or rgortenburg@kc.rr.com; Joan Ferguson, Vice-President; Jennifer Liebnitz, Secretary.

The Second Great Plains Welsh Heritage Festival will take place in Wymore NE October 6-8. Representing the Lyra Chapter will be harpists Judith Brougham and Carolyn Adkins with triple-strung Welsh harps and Bob Adkins with a single rank of strings (woo-Hooo!!Bob). The contact for this event is Berwyn Jones at berwyn@alltel.net.

Upcoming in KC Harp World:

August 26, 2007 Joint meeting of the Lyra Chapter of the American Harp Society and ISFHC chapter, Harpers of the Prairie, and of unaffiliated harpists and harpers. Pot Luck, 4 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Liebnitz, 210 East 66th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. RSVP 816-444-4581.

September 22 & 23 - Plaza Art Show, Harp Stage. Harpists will perform Saturday and Sunday on the harp stage. Contact Chuck Wilson at chuck15@mindspring.com.

October 21 Harp extravaganza III, St. Mary's University, Leavenworth, KS, 3:30 PM in the Main Chapel. Dress rehearsal will be 12:30PM-2:30 PM. If you haven't yet registered to play contact Roseanne Gortenburg (913-422-HARP or at rgorten_burg@kc.rr.com, or Jennifer Liebnitz (816-878-1153) or jliebnitz@aol.com.

December 2 Christmas Concert at William Jewell University, 1:00 PM presented by the studio and university students of Dr. Nettie Ma. Nettie has announced she will retire at the end of this academic year. We wish her the best for all of her work over the years.

Cultural note: Blind Boone Park in Warrensburg MO features a wind harp, 13 feet tall. It is a great field trip for our students to learn about the Aeolian Harp effect in a big way.

Great Plains Chapter

Karen Conoan, President and contact person at keconoan@cox.net; Heidi Heunefeld, Vice-President; Pat Bames, Secretary ; Julie Greenamyre, Treasurer.

Put October 27, 1:00 PM , on your schedule for "HARPENINGS 2007" , for this 30-35 harp ensemble performance. The repertoire list for this event is at [www . Harpenings .com](http://www.harpennings.com). The location will be announced.

Hastings NE harpist Julie Ann Smith performed in Brownville, NE as part of the Brownville Concert Series. Julie is now the Principal harpist for the San Diego Symphony Orchestra. Her website is [www . harpjas .com/](http://www.harpjas.com/).

Greater Iowa Chapter

Susan Sinnett, President and contact person, (319)232-0602

Katherine Sochi, 13, and student of Pam Weest-Carrasco will perform the Debussy "Dances" on November 11 with the Iowa City Community String Orchestra in the Englert Theatre.

It's not too early to think about **Summer Harp Camps** in the Midwestern Region, two of which are in Iowa, run by Mary Foss and Gretchen Brumwell. If you live in this area and don't want to travel far these would be excellent choices. Two others that I can

recommend would be the Midwest Harp Festival in Tulsa, organized by Lorelei Barton which can accommodate the entire family. Harp at the Lake created by Phaedra Miller in the Kansas City area, has been running quite successfully for two years, and we look forward to year three.

Oklahoma News

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 11 The Signature Symphony at the Midwest Harp Academy in Tulsa will perform Ravel's Daphnes and Chloe, Suite 2 with harpists Lorelei Barton and Jenny Burdine. For details contact Barton at 918-832-0934.

Thursday, October 18 Lorelei Barton will present Concert and Commentaries at the University of Tulsa. The program will include Salzedo, Tournier, and Persichetti.

November 8 Lorelei Barton and Jenny Burdine will play Ravels' Nobles et Sentimental with the Signature Symphony.

December The Tulsa Troubadours (adult ensemble) will perform at several churches and other public venues. To be announced.

July 20-July 26 Midwest Harp Festival in Tulsa. For additional information go to www.midwestharpfestival.com.

New Chapter forming in the Quad Cities area

We look forward to the new Quad Cities Chapter which is now being formed with the help of Sarah Javaux. Lillian Lau, harpist for the Quad City Symphony, has been instrumental in helping the group of harpists apply for chapter status in the area of Rock Island, Moline, Bettendorf and Davenport. Prior to the first information meeting regarding chapter formation on September 9th, Lillian performed in concert to an enthusiastic audience. We wish you the best.