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### Greetings Harpists!

Spring is upon us in the Mid-Atlantic Region. I am enjoying getting to know you all and learning just how many wonderful, talented and busy harpists we have in our region. Please let me know if there is any way I can facilitate communication between our local chapters and with the National organization. Please be sure to visit the American Harp Society's Website at <http://www.harpsociety.org> for all the latest news and updates. The next deadline for news for the Fall newsletter is September 1, 2008. Please send me your news!

### ***THE AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY*** ***38th NATIONAL CONFERENCE*** **June 23-26, 2008**

Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, Michigan

The 2008 conference of the American Harp Society scheduled for June 23-26, will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan. There are many wonderful harpists who will be performing, including the closing artist **Isabelle Moretti**. Come see the Harpists from our amazing Mid-Atlantic Region who will be featured performers: **Mindy Cutcher, Lucy Scandrett, and The American Youth Harp Ensemble**. Registration, the event schedule and other information about the conference can all be found at: [www.ahsdetroit.org](http://www.ahsdetroit.org) Remember--all registrations and hotel reservations can be done online. Don't miss out on a great event. Hope to see you there!

### **Announcing the Young Artist's Harp Competition**

The first Young Artist's Harp Competition will take place July 2-5, 2008, in Rabun Gap, Georgia. Complete details, along with rules and repertoire, can be found at [www.harpcompetition.com](http://www.harpcompetition.com). For more information, e-mail [info@harpcompetition.com](mailto:info@harpcompetition.com).

### **Beginning in the Middle Seminar for Adult Harp Students**

April 3-6, 2008 at Williamsburg Hospitality House. Williamsburg, VA.

Faculty: **Lynne Aspnes, Robbin Gordon-Cartier, Marissa Knaub, Felice Pomeranz, Kim Robertson and Frank Voltz.** Visit [www.beginninginthemiddle.com](http://www.beginninginthemiddle.com) or call 800.582.3021 for more details and registration.

## Chapter News

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### Charm City Chapter

*President: David Ponder*  
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March 2, 4pm Towson United Methodist Church  
501 Hampton Lane Members of the Charm City Chapter of the AHS are presenting a concert of harp ensemble pieces, solo and chamber music. Harpists performing on this program include: **Lori Peters, Elaine Bryant, Jane Krieger, Stephen Belcher, Julia Martin and David Ponder.** The concert is free of charge. March 18, 2008 ~ 12 pm Solo Harp Recital, Music at Noon Concert Series, Academy Art Museum, Easton, Maryland

March 26, 8pm "A Celebration of Marion Alsop" Evolution Contemporary Music Series, An die Musik, Baltimore, Maryland The program will include Christopher Rouse's "Compline" for string quartet, flute, clarinet and harp with harpist **Jacqueline Pollauf**

April 13, 3pm **Jacqueline Pollauf** performs Solo Harp Recital, Sunday Afternoon Concert Series, Harford Community College, Bel Air, Maryland

May 2, 5:45pm **Jacqueline Pollauf** performs a Solo Harp Recital, Peabody at Homewood Series, Homewood Museum, Baltimore, Maryland

### Morgantown Chapter

*President: Cindy Lewellen,*  
*Secretary/Treasurer: Christine Mazza*

The Morgantown Chapter is still performing monthly concerts at the Health South Rehabilitation Center. It is our 10th year there. Additional community concerts this year include a Christmas Concert for the Stewartstown Community Center and for a nearby fall arts festival. We are busy gathering funds to repair the WVU School Harp. Individual performers are **Christine Mazza** (director), **Joan Allender, Calla Fulmer, Janice Harris, Eric Harshbarger, Cindy Lewellen** and **Katie Sutton.**

### North Jersey Chapter

**You Gotta Have Harp Summer Camp** will take place June 22-27. This camp has two tracks--pedal harp and celtic harp--or a combination of each. Read details and download the registration form at:

<http://www.harpagecy.com/summercamp.htm>

North Jersey Chapter presents **Frank Voltz**

Saturday, February 9, 8:30am - 4:30pm.

New Jersey Youth Symphony Music Center 570 Central Avenue

New Providence, NJ 07974

Come participate in workshops on arranging hymns and pop tunes; learn techniques to increase pedal/lever facility and how to learn music faster!

March 5, 12:00 noon Lenten Recital Series, Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church with **Merynda Adams**, harp and Christopher Collins Lee, violin

March 16, 3pm, St. Peter's Church, Morristown, featuring **Merynda Adams**, harp, and Brian Harlow, organ

### **Philadelphia Chapter**

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Congratulations to **Christina Hardister**, harp student of **Gloria Galante**, for winning the music scholarship for 4 years to Villa Victoria High School.

The results are in for the AHS Philadelphia Student Competition 2008. Congratulations to all the students that participated.

Junior Lever Division:

1st **Anya Grace Garipoli**

2nd **Audrey Kindsfather**

3rd **Amber Meck**

Junior Pedal Division:

1st **Ruth Boyajian**

2nd **Kathryn Blackhurst**

3rd **Gabrielle Disanza**

Senior Lever Division:

1st **Audrey Green**

Senior Pedal Division:

1st **Audrey Jenkins**

2nd **Alexa Lichtenstein**

3rd **Meghan Littlejohn**

March 2, 2:30pm **Andrea Wittchen** will be performing the Saint-Saens Morceau du concert and the Debussy Danses sacree et profane with the Bloomsburg University Chamber Orchestra, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 123 Market Street, Bloomsburg, PA.

March 8

Celtic Master Harpists to give Recital and Workshop

225 High Street, West Chester, PA, housed with the Chester County Historical Society, presented by AHS Philadelphia and the Chester County Historical Society.

Touring as The Masters of the Celtic Harp, **Gráinne Hambly** from County Mayo and **William Jackson** from Glasgow will present "Two Sides of Celtic", a multi-faceted concert featuring their dynamic blend of two harp styles as well as their complimentary talents on concertina, tin whistle and bouzouki. At 2pm Gráinne will teach "Irish Traditional Dance Music: an Introduction to Ornamentation and Arranging". At 3:45pm William will teach "Arranging Pipe and Fiddle tunes for Harp". Concert at 7pm, For more information, call 610-692-4800.

March 9, 2:30pm and March 10, 7:30pm, **Elizabeth Hainen** performs the Boieldieu Concerto and Debussy Dances at the Perleman Theatre at the Kimmel Center.

April 7, 7:30pm, **Maryanne Meyer** graduate recital, Rock Hall, Temple University.

April 16, 7:30pm, Temple Harp Studio spring recital, Rock Hall, Temple University.

April 28, 7:30pm, Tomlinson Hall at Temple, **Maryanne Meyer** performs Ravel's Introduction and Allegro,

June 13-15, The Harp Music Festival of Philadelphia, Church of the Holy Trinity. Featuring harpists **Joan Holland** and **Karen Thielen**. For more information visit: [www.harpmusicfest.com](http://www.harpmusicfest.com) or call (215) 563-4848 or email harpmusicfest@yahoo.com

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**Lucy Scandrett**, Principal Harpist of the Mckeesport and BVP Symphony Orchestras will perform concerts February 14, March 8, April 17 and May 17. Two premieres are scheduled for the concerts. She will also perform "The Requiem" by Rutter on February 24 at The Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. Lucy, Adjunct Professor of Harp at Indiana U. of PA, performs the solo harp work "Two Moods for Harp" by Nancy Galbraith on a Faculty Recital at Gorell Hall on Saturday, March 29. She also will perform in the performance of "Symphony of Psalms" by Stravinsky on April 2 at Gorell Hall, IUP.

Sunday March 2 at 2pm at Church of the Ascension, Students of **Lucy Scandrett** will give a "Mini" Recital.

Sunday May 18 at 2pm at Church of the Ascension, Students of **Lucy Scandrett** will present a full recital which will include harp ensemble. Everyone is welcome to attend the recital and reception following.

**Lucy**, who is President of the AHS and a member of "The Three of Harps," will give a workshop/recital with **Jan Bishop** and **Ruth Papalia** at the AHS National Conference in Dearborn. They will perform 2 works written for them by the British composer Simon Proctor and discuss commissioning works for harp. The composer plans to attend.

### **Richmond Chapter**

**The American Youth Harp Ensemble** Touring Ensemble will participate in the 38th National American Harp Society Conference June 23-26 in Detroit.

**Caroline Bryan, Abby West, Caroline Fernandez, and Darailia Evans** all received superior ratings (the highest mark possible) at the Charlottesville Music Teacher's Association Festival. All are students of **Adrienne Wager**.

James Madison University launches its new harp program with the purchase of a new L&H Style 85CG. The harp will make its debut on April 23, 2008, when Professor **Adrienne Wager** performs Ravel's Introduction et Allegro with the JMU chamber orchestra.

### **Tidewater Chapter**

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March 29, Student Evaluation Session for the students of the Tidewater Area. Students of: **Barbara Chapman, Elisa Dickon, Hye-yun Bennett, Marian Harding** and **Vince Zentner** will be invited to participate.

### **Washington, DC Chapter**

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**Bailey Jorgensen** won 1<sup>st</sup> place and **Caroline Jorgensen** won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Northern Virginia Music Teacher Associations' Strings Concerto Competition. Both studied with **Cate Todd**.

January 25, 7pm-AHS/DC Presents a Workshop with French harpist **Emmanuel Ceysson**, Silver Spring, MD

Feb. 6, 7:30pm, Strathmore Mansion. Recital of works for harp and viola presented by **Elizabeth Blakeslee**, harp and Miranda Blakeslee, viola.

February 16-17 at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Flute Fair--Eclatante Harp and Flute Duo, **Melissa Dvorak**, Harp and Sharon Woster Pabon, Flute, along with guest violist Mary Dausch, performed Debussy's Sonate and the Beau Soir Ensemble, **Michelle Lundy**, Harp and Lauren Panfili, flute performed new music for flute and harp.

February 23, AHS/DC presents a Masterclass with **Barbara Chapman**, principal harp of the Virginia Symphony and Virginia Opera, from 2-5pm at MENC, Reston, VA

March 2 & March 30—The AHS/DC Chapter will conduct the Music Education Auditions in Silver Spring, MD.

March 9, 7pm at the Music Center at Strathmore the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra Harp Ensemble performs, under the direction of **Astrid Walschot-Stapp**.

March 11, 7pm, La Maison Francaise presents the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia with harpist **Elizabeth Hainen**, as soloist for Boieldieu Concerto in C Major and Debussy Danes sacree et profane.

May 4, 6pm, The Kennedy Center's Millenium Stage, the Regional Winners of the 2007 AHS Solo Competition perform in concert. Performing are: **Hannah Blalock**, **Madeline Blood**, **Grace Browning**, **Helen Gerhold**, **Angela Liu**, and **Alexandra Mullins**

## For Sale or Rent

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For Sale: Padded transport cover for 85P, excellent condition. \$200 (new \$325)  
contact Rebecca Smith at [rasmith@umd.edu](mailto:rasmith@umd.edu) or 301.261.0303

For Rent: Celtic harp rentals available 215-342-9397

For Sale: Lyon Healy 15 #5792 natural \$16,500. new cover, wood trunk,  
excellent student harp contact Alison Simpson 215 348 5288 or  
[asimpsonharpist@aol.com](mailto:asimpsonharpist@aol.com)

For Sale: Triplet Eclipse 38 walnut lever harp #84798 asking \$3000 (new\$5395)  
Contact Bess Haile [besshaile@hotmail.com](mailto:besshaile@hotmail.com) or 804-443-4813

For Rent: Salvi Electra concert harp. Nice touch and sound. Call 609-882-9336.

For Sale: Venus Concert Pedal Harp, Natural with Bronze, 46 strings. Extended  
soundboard, padded harp cover, stool and custom harp cart. \$9500 (or best offer).  
Contact [mradike@hotmail.com](mailto:mradike@hotmail.com)

For Sale: Venus Prodigy, 44 strings with extended soundboard, walnut finish.  
Bought new in 2002. Cover and adjustable stool included. \$9,600. Call 443-745-  
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