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## Mid-Atlantic Regional Newsletter Fall 2007

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### Greetings Harpists!

I am happy to introduce myself to you as the new Mid-Atlantic Regional Director of AHS. I am looking forward to helping our region with communication. Please let me know if there is any way that I can facilitate communication between our local chapters with each other and with the National organization. The next deadline for news for the spring newsletter is February 15, 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. Hope to see you there!

### Congratulations

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**Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton** of Pittsburgh, PA was awarded the 2007 Victor Salvi Foundation award.

### **AHS 17th National Competition Winners from the Mid-Atlantic Region**

#### **Advanced Division:**

4th Prize - **Madeline Blood** of Pennsylvania

5th Prize - **Grace Browning** of Virginia

#### **Intermediate II:**

2nd Prize - **Angela Liu** of Pennsylvania

#### **Junior:**

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4th prize - **Helen Gerhold** of Pennsylvania

## Chapter News

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### Charm City Chapter

*President: David Ponder*  
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### Morgantown Chapter

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

The Morgantown WV Chapter is in its 12th continuous year of performing monthly concerts at the Mountainview Rehabilitation Hospital. The current project is to raise money for repair of the West Virginia University School harp of which they have currently raised half of, through harp ensemble performances. The chapter is also active in planning a wedding gazebo to be built at the new Botanical Gardens in Morgantown.

### North Jersey Chapter

Wednesday, May 23, 2007 Corpus Christi Parish, The North Jersey Chapter of the American Harp Society presented The North Jersey Harp Gala, a concert featuring prominent professional New Jersey harpists including **Merynda Adams, Elaine Christy, Kristy Chmura, Kimberly DeRosa, Frances Duffy, Robbin Gordon-Cartier, Joanne Hansen, Diane Michaels, Aideen O'Donnell, Karen Stern, Odarka Stockert, Andre Tarantiles,** and others.

Saturday, September 22, 2007 at 7:30 PM  
Peter Hall, Hurd Campus, Moravian College  
<http://www.moravian.edu/events/concertSchedule/index.htm>

Sunday Sept. 23 at 3 pm  
Baker Hall, General admission  
<http://www.zoellnerartscenter.org/cwo.php>  
Presented by NYC harpist **Frances Duffy** with members of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra. Program includes: Bax: Elegiac Trio, Locklair: Dream Steps, Nielsen: The Fog is Lifting, Op. 41, Debussy: Sonate pour Flute, Alto et Harpe

### Philadelphia Chapter

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*Secretary: Alison Reese*

*Treasurer: Cheryl Dugan Cunningham*

September 22, at 10am, workshop with **T. Edward Galchick**, former Master Regulator/Technician for Lyon & Healy Harps and now an independent harp technician for the North American region.

November 4, at 3 pm Student Recital  
St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, 800 Church Road, Oreland  
The first half will feature Temple University Graduate students, **Maryanne Meyer** and **Alisa Coffey**, the second half will feature students from area harp studios.

Feb. 2, 2008

Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J.

Student Competition. Repertoire and requirements can be found on [www.phillyharp.org](http://www.phillyharp.org)!

February 3, 2008

**Yolanda Kondonassis**, will perform in a solo recital at Rowan University, following the student competition winner's recital.

The Second Harp Music Festival of Philadelphia will take place June 13, 14, 15, 2008, at Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia. For more information visit: [www.harpmusicfest.com](http://www.harpmusicfest.com) or contact Saul Davis Zlatkovsky Artistic Director, at [harpmusicfest@yahoo.com](mailto:harpmusicfest@yahoo.com)

### Pittsburgh Chapter

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*Vice-President: Debbie Vallin*

*Secretary: Julia Scott*

*Treasurer: Denise Ventura*

Saturday October 13, 2007 7pm, **Elizabeth Hainen** presents a recital and master class in Alumni Concert Hall, Carnegie Mellon University.

December 8, 2007, from 12-12:45pm, the Pittsburgh Chapter will present a Holiday Harp Ensemble Concert at the Carnegie Museum.

In March 2008, **Gretchen Van Hoesen**, will perform the world premiere of the Previn Harp Concerto, under the direction of composer Andre Previn at Heinz Hall.

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### Richmond Chapter

On June 2, 2007 the American Youth Harp Ensemble performed at Carnegie Hall and concert included over 40 harpists performing repertoire that spans from Baroque to Jazz to Latin to Modern and displays the virtuosity and range of these exceptional young musicians. For more information: [www.harpensemble.org](http://www.harpensemble.org) or 804-837-9355.

### Tidewater Chapter

*President: Elisa Dickon*  
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Students of **Elisa Dickon** and **Vince Zentner** presented a recital in May. **Gabrielle Linnelle** performed several works as a final recital in the Tidewater area. She will be moving to Richmond. Other performers were **Julie Nelson**, **Bonnie Nelson**, **Denise Copeland**, **Mayowa Afolayan**, and **Melody Stein**.

Two students in the Tidewater area attended harp camps: **Leana Alpino** attended Blue Lake Camp, **Katie Harms** attended MPLUS at University of Michigan with Lynn Aspness. Both girls play in the Governor's School for the Arts orchestra and in the Williamsburg Youth Orchestra. **Mika Catolano** plays principal harp in the Bay Youth Symphony.

### Washington, DC Chapter

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*Secretary: Sharon Strange*  
*Treasurer: Brian Stevenson*

Tuesday, October 2, 2007 7:00 pm  
Pit Survival Workshop with **Rebecca Anstine Smith**  
Lecture Hall Room 2200  
Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts, University of Maryland, College Park MD

Saturday Nov 10, 2007 from 1-4pm Park Stickney Jazz Workshop  
Knox Presbyterian Church, 7416 Arlington Blvd. in Falls Church, VA

Dec 30, 2007, 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm  
Christmas Harp Ensemble at the historic Mormon Temple visitors' center. This event is for students, teachers, and anyone who loves to play the harp.

## For Sale or Rent

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For Sale: Ayoama Lever harp 140D, 36 string ( with tuning key) 18 years old, hardly played. Cabinet beautiful except for a 1- 1/2" hairline crack at top of soundbox which has not changed in our 4 years of ownership. Needs replacement of at least 6 strings. Asking best offer over \$1700. Come visit it soon as we are moving from the area. Call 845 359 2607, e-mail: [judiththomas@verizon.net](mailto:judiththomas@verizon.net)

For Sale: Lyon and Healy style 11 (gold), serial 7075-11, from the early 70's, a stellar time in harp making. The board is hand-painted and remains perfectly flat. The gold is in excellent condition. It was just felted and regulated last month by Erich Rase. \$24,000. No trunk or other accessories, just a history of having been played on major recordings with artists like Tony Bennett, Gladys Knight, Natalie Cole, George Michael, Harry Connick, Jr., on many films and in performance with Stevie Wonder. Contact Stacey Shames at [sshames@aol.com](mailto:sshames@aol.com)

For Sale: "Grape" harpsicle, excellent condition, no levers, brand new Sylvia Woods case (bought separately & selling for \$120 on her site) that is a bit more sturdy than the bag it came with, set of strings, tuning key & rainbow strap. Asking \$250 for all. Contact Lauren Longo at [harp4joy@yahoo.com](mailto:harp4joy@yahoo.com)

For Rent: Lyon and Healy 85GP, natural with decorated board; Salvi Ana, natural with decorated board For sale: Triplett Christina, walnut, less than a year old, excellent condition! \$1295 Please contact Merynda Adams at [NJHarpist@aol.com](mailto:NJHarpist@aol.com)