

Happy Fall and Greetings from New England!

Save the Dates!

AHS 9th Summer Institute and 19th National Competition

June 19–23, 2011

University of North Texas in Denton, TX

Registration opens January 2011

<http://www.ahsummerinstitute.org>

(Preceded by Lyon Healy Awards, June 18–19, 2011.)

11th World Harp Congress

July 24 to 31, 2011

Vancouver, Canada

Registration is now open at the WHC Conference website.

Link: www.worldharpcongress2011.com

AHS 40th National Conference and 50th Anniversary

June 30–July 3, 2012

Marriott Marquis, New York City

National Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your AHS Membership?

It's not too late! Renew online at: <http://www.harpsociety.org/Membership/JoinRenew.asp>

or download the form and renew by mail:

<http://www.harpsociety.org/pdfs/membership/MembershipForm.pdf>

Questions? Contact Membership Secretary Nancy Donohue at hellonancy@earthlink.net

News from the Boston Chapter

The Boston Chapter closed last year with the launch of a new event. Harp Fest 2010 took place at the Boston University's Concert Hall and included performances of small harp ensembles from throughout the Boston Chapter including the Boston University Harp Ensemble, The New England Conservatory Preparatory School Harp Ensemble, Stephanie Curcio's Harp Ensembles and more! Encouraging new music for the harp, the program featured one solo performance by Michael Maganuco of his own work, *Awakening Stillnesses*, which last year won the USA Harp Composition Prize. Additionally the Boston University Harp Ensemble performed Michael's arrangement for four harps of the first movement of the Ravel String Quartet. The evening concluded with Total Harp, a performance lead by Stephanie Curcio with twenty-four harps on stage! The Boston Chapter looks forward to Harp Fest 2011 coming this spring.

DISTINGUISHED HARPIST SERIES

Boston-area recitals featuring the world's top
harpists

The Distinguished Harpist series launches its second season. Established by Judith Kogan in 2009, the series invites distinguished harpists from around the world to perform a salon style concert in the historic home of Judith Kogan.

Last year's series featured Marie-Pierre Langlment and Gwyneth Wentink.

This year the series will feature **Jessica Zhou** and **Deborah Hoffman**. The opening performance on November 21, 2010 at 8pm features Jessica Zhou in her first Boston solo recital since her appointment last year as principal harp of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

To purchase tickets and for further information please call **617-527-0818**

Calendar - Boston area

November 21, 2010 8:00pm

Jessica Zhou solo recital

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March 1, 2011, 7:00 pm

Berklee Harp Extravaganza VIII,
Alma Berk Recital Hall, 1140 Boylston Street,
Boston, MA

The Boston Chapter's other events will be announced soon!

Website Classifieds

Harp for sale or for rent listings can be now included on your new website. Please submit your information to ahs.boston@gmail.com

Website Teachers Directory

Listing fee: \$20. Teachers, to have your information listed, please send us your contact information and position to ahs.boston@gmail.com and make sure to mail the fee to Rebecca Bogers.

AHS Boston is thrilled to announce the Second Annual Ann Hobson Pilot Scholarship Award.

The first scholarship was awarded by AHS-Boston in September 2009 to celebrate Ann Hobson Pilot's illustrious career and to mark her retirement from the position of Principal Harpist of The Boston Symphony Orchestra. The goal of the scholarship is to transform Ann Hobson Pilot's legacy into an inspiration for the young and aspiring harpists and to encourage them to further continue their study of the harp and pursue their performing dreams. This year's scholarship deadline is March 1, 2011 and the scholarship will be awarded at Harp Fest 2011.

The scholarship is to be awarded on an annual basis to an AHS Boston member harp student of musical promise and financial need. Students apply for the scholarship by submitting a project proposal and musical recording. Special consideration is given to students preparing for major harp competitions, or other special projects.

If you would like to support the scholarship's mission, please consider making a contribution to the **Ann Hobson Pilot Scholarship Fund!**

Donations are tax-exempt and should be sent to:

**Marilinda Garica
23 School St.
Salem, NH 03079**

Membership Renewal

Please remember to renew your AHS-Boston 2009-2010 membership: \$30/adults, \$15/students.

The form can be downloaded from our website

www.ahsboston.org

Please mail your form to Rebecca Bogers

Chapter Officers

Rebecca Bogers - President

Amanda Romano - Co-Vice President

Felice Pomeranz - Co-Vice President

Marilinda Garcia- Treasurer

Barbara Poeschl-Edrich - Secretary

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News from the Shoreline RI Chapter

There will be demonstration on the Suzuki Method given by Alyssa Smith
Saturday, November 13th 10:30 am
Hampton Inn and Suites, Coventry, RI. (off exit 7)
The demonstration will be held on the first floor at 10:30 a.m.

We are still in the planning stages for our Winter and Spring Activities.

Have a wonder fall Holiday Season.
Respectively,
Maggie Day,
Shoreline Chapter President

News from the Connecticut Chapter

The CT Chapter will hold its annual Holiday Performance on
Sunday, December 5th
at the **Marvin Nursing Home** in Norwalk, CT.
All Chapter students are welcome to participate. Harps will be provided.
Please call **Emily Oppenheimer** at **203-838-5972** if you would like to play.

The CT Chapter is planning to host a master class this Spring, and will hold the annual Student Recital in June.

"European Voyage" harp and violin recital. Susan Knapp Thomas, harp; Brunilda Myftaraj, violin.
Prosser Public Library Stories and Music Series. 1 Tunxis Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002. Music of Paganini, Spohr, Saint Saens, Andres. Free. www.prosserlibrary.info.

Students of Susan Knapp Thomas will be providing background music for The Friends of Mark Twain Holiday House Tour. Sunday, Dec. 5, 11-12:30 p.m., Prospect Ave., Hartford, CT

Connecticut Valley Harp Intensive Summer Camp ran for its 2nd successful year last summer in Simsbury, CT, with 14 students from CT, NH, NJ and RI. Guest artist Felice Pomeranz ran a lively workshop on improv, taught private lessons, and wowed us all in concert with her jazz trio. Watch for our 3rd season next summer, July 16-22, 2011! www.ctvalleyharp.com. 3rd season next summer, July 16-22, 2011! www.ctvalleyharp.com.

CT Chapter dues:

- \$8.00 Individual membership
- \$12.00 Family membership,
- \$20.00 Friends of the Chapter,
- \$30.00 Contributing Member,
- \$45.00 Sustaining Member
- \$60.00 Sponsor of the Chapter,
- \$85.00 Patron of the Chapter.

Membership begins September 1st and ends August 31st.
Please send dues for the CT Chapter to:

Susan Farmer, Treasurer:
26 Doubleday Lane
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Please keep me informed of all of your harp events. I am happy to include them in next fall's newsletter, or we can advertise them in email blasts as well.

Happy Harping and keep in touch!

Respectfully submitted,

Felice Pomeranz
New England Regional Director