



## AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY

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Happy Fall! I'm delighted to introduce myself to you as your new Mid Atlantic Regional Director and thank Melissa Dvorak for the wonderful job she did during her term. As a former president of the North Jersey Chapter, I love viewing our vast network of harpists from the local level. Biannual conferences and summer institutes are exciting, but it's the events that take place in our own communities that sustain the AHS throughout the year. If you're not already a member of your local chapter, I hope that reading the news from harpists in your area in this newsletter encourages you to join them. And if your membership in the AHS is not up-to-date, it's never too late to renew.

Did you know you can renew your membership on the AHS website? I hope you'll visit the newly redesigned site and create a personal account for yourself. You'll be able to stay current with all AHS news as well as access the latest edition of the membership directory. Another perk of membership is being able to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> National Conference June 22-25, 2014 in New Orleans.

I look forward not only to acting as your liaison with the AHS but also connecting with all of you here in the Mid Atlantic Region.

*-Diane*, November 2013

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## AHS News

Congratulations to all of the winners of the Twentieth American Harp Society National Competition at the Colburn School, Los Angeles, California, 2013, including those from the Mid Atlantic Region: Ian McVoy (VA) – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Young Professional Division; Charles Overton (VA) – 6<sup>th</sup> place Advanced Division; Cara Suto (NJ) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Intermediate II; Sophia Lee (PA) – 1<sup>st</sup> place and Jessica Ding (PA), 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Intermediate I; and An-Ya Olson (VA) – 6<sup>th</sup> place, Junior Division.

Congratulations also go out to winners of the Lyon and Healy Awards from our region: Helen Gerhold (PA) and Rachel Hall (VA); and Ian McVoy (VA), honorable mention.

### Mark your calendars:

Anne Adams Awards – June 20-21, 2014 at The University of New Orleans

*Harp Carnivale 2014* – June 22-25: AHS 41st National Conference in New Orleans  
Astor Crown Plaza Hotel in the French Quarter

## Washington, DC Chapter News

An interim slate of officers (David Crookston, President; Anna Pike, Vice President; Michaela Trnkova, Treasurer; and Elizabeth Blakeslee, Secretary) is in place and formal elections will be held soon to elect permanent Chapter officers.

### Member News

Friday, Nov. 1, 2013 – the harp students of **Crookston** Music Studio performed a Halloween Concert for Children at St. John's UMC in Springfield VA.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 8:00 pm – **Meredith Mancini** plays with the Prince George Philharmonic, Bowie Performing Arts Center, Bowie MD. More info: Meredith Mancini, hrpldy@his.com

Sunday, Dec. 21, 3:00 and 7:00 pm – Howard Co. Ballet, Centennial High School, Columbia, MD. More info: **Meredith Mancini**, hrpldy@his.com

Saturday Dec. 7 at 1:00 pm – “Olde Tyme Christmas”, **Barbra Bailey Bradley** performs on solo harp, St. Peters Church, Harpers Ferry, WV. Free, but there is a charge if you park your car in the National Park. More info: beebiebee@starpower.net, 301-424-3459, www.beeharp.com

Sunday, January 19, 2014, 1:00-4:00 pm – Edinburg Mill Museum, 214 S. Main, Edinburg, VA. **Barbra Bailey Bradley**, harp. Free, but if you want to tour the entire museum there is a \$2.00 fee. The museum is housed in an original mill that was spared from the burning during the Civil War. More info: beebiebee@starpower.net, 301-424-3459, or www.beeharp.com

July 7-11 – Summer Music Camp (Band, Strings and Harp) at Northern VA Community College Alexandria **Melissa Dvorak**, Harp Instructor. www.alexandria-band.org/summer-camp Harpists aged Ages 11-15 will play in the harp ensemble and have the opportunity to play with the band and string ensembles. Other cool daily classes: singing, Jazz improv, piano, garage band, world drumming, stage combat, computer music, music composition, conducting and performing.

## Charm City (Baltimore) Chapter News

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, the chapter hosted All Hallows Harpers' Eve, a benefit concert and silent auction for the Chapter and TWIGS, the Baltimore School for the Arts outreach program. The Charm City Harp Ensemble provided spooky, family-friendly music following a reception and silent auction.

Sunday, January 26, 2014, 3 pm – Baltimore Harp Chapter Open Student Recital at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in the Fine Arts Building Recital Hall. From 1:00 – 2:30 there will be a harp ensemble rehearsal for all who will be performing in the ensemble. The concert begins at 3:00 and will feature student soloists as well as the harp ensemble.

Visit [http://www.baltimoreharp.org/AHSWebsite/News\\_and\\_Events.html](http://www.baltimoreharp.org/AHSWebsite/News_and_Events.html) for more details about signing up and the ensemble repertoire.

## North Jersey Chapter News

Sunday, November 17, 12:30 pm – Chapter Meeting/Harp Maintenance Workshop. In conjunction with that meeting, master harp technician Tom Bell presented a Harp Maintenance Workshop for lever and pedal harpists.

The Chapter is planning several events for the first half of 2014 including educational evaluations in February and March, a master class with Eastman Professor Kathleen Bride and our Student Gala Concert in May. All of the dates for these events will be finalized soon so you can plan and prepare for these events. We are also looking into having a concert/workshop event in June. As soon as details are finalized, they will be sent to all chapter members.

### Member News

Thursday, December 5, 7 pm – Slight Imperfection, **Odarka Stockert**, Celtic Harp and Redentor "Red" Jimenez, Guitar play Winter Favorites at the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside 908/233-0115

Sunday, January 19, 2014 – Festival of Music Concert at Montclair State University, featuring students in the MSU Prep Harp Ensemble Program, directed by **Loretta O'Driscoll**

Music for Healing & Transition Program – Mid-Atlantic classes, 2014. New students are welcome to join the classes at any of the first four Modules, and may take Modules at

any site. Baltimore, MD at Mercy Hospital: Module 2 January 18-19 (there are a few seats left); Virginia, Summer Camp: Modules 1 and 2 June 15-19 and Modules 3 and 4 August 10-14. See the full class schedule at <http://www.mhtp.org/Calendar.aspx>

July 31-August 3 – Somerset Folk Harp Festival, Parsippany NJ – It's a 4-day harp party with more than 2-dozen presenters and performers and over 100 hands-on workshops and lectures for all levels of players. Shop in the East Coast's largest harp showroom and come and hear some *North Jersey Chapter Member News, cont.* of the world's finest players in

concerts throughout the weekend. There's something for everybody. Find out why Jakez Francois, president of Camac Harps, called Somerset "the best harp event I've ever been to." Website re-launches on January 1, 2014  
[www.somsetharpfest.com](http://www.somerset harpfest.com).

April 26 – The Somerset Folk Harp Festival will be offering 4 festival

scholarships to first-place winners in the harp competition at the Mid-Atlantic Fleadh Cheoil, held at the Hilton Parsippany, Parsippany NJ. There are 4 age levels in the competition: under 12, 12-15, 15-18 and over 18. For information on the competition rules and other details:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/ccemidatlanticfleadh>

## Philadelphia Chapter News

October 26th and December 7th, 2013, 9:00 am – Phillyharp will once again be hosting Auditions and Evaluations located at Temple Preparatory Room 508 (1515 Market St). This wonderful program allows students of all ages to receive valuable feedback from a master teacher by performing two solo works of their choice and then performing the same two works again six weeks later. The evaluator can give advice based on the improvement of the student in a way that is impossible in standard master class settings. The first round will be held on October 26th, 2013 and the second will be held on December 7th, 2013, both at 9:00 AM. Participants should plan on attending both rounds. Because this is a unique two-part program, the focus is especially on the improvement that can only be made by participating on both days. A fee of \$25 will be charged for each participant. This fee covers both rounds and will not be charged twice. email [president@phillyharp.org](mailto:president@phillyharp.org) by October 15th.

March 22, 2014 – Thanks to everyone who joined us for Harp Day, 2013! Harp Day 2014 will be taking place at the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia. Mark your calendars!

## Pittsburgh Chapter News

The Chapter was a co-sponsor of Two Sides of Celtic as part of the Tiffany Series on Sunday, September 29th. Gráinne Hambly and William Jackson, two of the foremost harpers presented workshops Celtic ornamentation and music therapy at the church prior to performing in concert.

Saturday, December 21st at noon – Chapter ensemble concert in the PPG Wintergarden. The two rehearsals are Saturday, November 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and Saturday, December 14th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Both rehearsals will be held in the atrium of the Westminster Place building at Presbyterian SeniorCare, 1215 Hulton Rd., Oakmont, PA 15139. You can read more about the event at the Holiday Ensemble page on our website at <http://www.ahspittsburgh.org/holidayensembleconcert.htm>.

*Pittsburgh Chapter News, cont.*

Saturday, February 15, 2014 and Saturday, March 22, 2014, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm – Gretchen Van Hoesen will be chairing this year's Music Education Auditions & Evaluations program. We'll be sharing all the details in the coming months, but for now, be sure to save these two dates on your calendar.

April 27, 4:00 pm – C2 Duo (harpist Claire Jones with her percussionist husband Chris Marshall) perform on the Tiffany Concert Series at the Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh 15233. There will be a harp master class with Claire Jones the day before.

## Tidewater Chapter News

The Tidewater Chapter plans two events for the upcoming year. A Winter Social for adult harpists is planned for January 2014 and a Youth Showcase for area students in March 2014.

### Member News

**Barbara Chapman** performed a recital, "500 years of Harp Music" on September 24 at Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk. She will present the same program again on January 27 (Lake Prince Woods, Suffolk) and March 1 (Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Hampton).

November 26 – **Sophia Shedd** performs Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* with Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia.

**Hye-Yun Chung Bennett** performs

*The Nutcracker* with the Richmond Ballet and Virginia Symphony Orchestra in December.

December, 6, 8, 14 and 15, 2013 – **Barbara Chapman** performs Frank Ferko's *Festival of Carols* with the Virginia Chorale.

**Melvin Lauf** performs excerpts from *The Nutcracker* and *Hansel and Gretel* with the newly formed Hampton Roads Philharmonic.

January 2014 – **Vince Zentner** and **Barbara Chapman** perform *La Mer* with the Virginia Symphony.

## Morgantown Chapter News

Sept 4-6 – Members of the Morgantown Harp Ensemble toured Johnstown PA. They performed an evening concert at the Holiday Inn, hands on harp workshops at five area schools and two retirement home concerts. The Johnstown Symphony sponsored the tour with a NEA grant for outreach projects. Participating harpists and helpers: **Cindy Lewellen, Darlene Lo Presti, Christine Mazza, Diane Sutton, and Katie Sutton**. Small harp rental provided by John Lozier of Harping for Harmony

The Morgantown Harp Ensemble, serving as our AHS local chapter performs monthly concerts at the Village at Heritage Point Retirement Community.

**Katie Sutton** competed in the Appalachian High School Division for WVASTA contest on November 9.

## **Harps For Sale**

Lyon and Healy Style 85CG, mahogany, \$17,500.00 – Beautiful harp, perfect condition, big, lush, full sound. One owner. Regularly and recently regulated. Includes padded cover, dolly and matching bench. Contact Priscilla at 410/269-7591, or email: priscummings@gmail.com. Annapolis, MD

Camac Clio S, natural finish, 44 strings – Purchased new in 2007, excellent condition and beautiful sound quality. Includes transport cover and dolly. Asking \$12,000.00. Contact: heidihchaney@gmail.com or 301/869-1176.

### **Wanted - Pedal Harp for Rent**

Tenma Otsuka recently moved to the Philadelphia area and is interested in renting a pedal harp. His contact information is 609/480-5793 or acomac@mac.com. Please contact for more information if you have an instrument available for rent.