



NEWS FROM THE PACIFIC REGION

*Hawai`i and Southern
California*

Fall 2008

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Aloha to all Pacific Region harpists!

Many of the Region's Chapters have already begun busy seasons and others have exciting plans underway. Harpists in Hawaii have news to share in this issue as well.

NATIONAL NEWS

2009 AHS 8th Summer Institute and 18th National Competition

Westminster College
Salt Lake City, Utah
June 28-July 2, 2009

Preliminary details can be found online at the AHS website (harpociety.org) under Summer Institutes. Co-chairs ShruDeLi Ownbey and David Day (curator of the AHS Archives and World Harp Congress Archives have included in conference registration a field trip to the International Harp Archives at Brigham Young University (optional bus fee \$18).

For further information contact Kathleen Moon, AHS Executive Secretary. Email address: kmooon@UCLAalumni.net

11th World Harp Congress

Vancouver, Canada

July 24-31, 2011

For those of you who like to plan far ahead – www.worldharpcongress.org

MEMORIALS

Alice Chalifoux

For those in attendance at the AHS Conference in Dearborn, MI this past June, one of the highlights will surely be the extraordinary tribute to Alice Chalifoux. On July 31, 2008, Ms. Chalifoux died at the age of 100. She was the Principal Harpist of The Cleveland Orchestra from 1931-1974 and a renowned teacher.

Lucile Jennings

An auto accident claimed the life of Lucile Jennings on September 21, 2008, near her home in Athens, OH. She was Professor of Harp at Ohio University for over 30 years and served the AHS as a Regional Director and was also responsible for the AHS Repository at the Library of Congress.

PACIFIC REGION NEWS

CONEJO VALLEY CHAPTER

Toni Robinson-Bogart reports that the chapter has scheduled a Holiday Buffet on December 14, 2008 and a Spring concert with a performance of the Mozart Flute and Harp Concerto featuring Kathleen Moon, harp, and Rhondda Dayton, flute. On the same program will also appear harpist Rachel Johnson.

HAWAI'I

Celia Canty, an AHS harpist in Maui, will join with harpists Ginny Morgan, Geoffrey Naylor, Kristine Snyder and Alfred Wolf on November 29 and 30, 2008 in a concert entitled "Peace on Earth – Glad Season of Harp & Song."

From Celia~

"We'll strike the harps and you join the chorus as Maui Choral Arts celebrates the start of the festive season with many harps playing, adults and youth singeing. "Dona nobis pacem" (grant us peace) winds its way through our songs with a Hawaiian twist, a solo moment, and even a Mozart version! Experience the joy of multiple harps performing Pachelbel's Canon and Vivaldi's Winter Largo. How often do you hear many Maui's harpists all performing in the same place? Plenty of holiday & Christmas favorites for you to enjoy and even join in on."

If you happen to be on Maui for Thanksgiving, join Celia and her colleagues in this celebration.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Excerpted from the LA Chapter newsletter by Ellie Choate, Corresponding Secretary~

Events of Note

Michelle Whitson Stone, harp John Robles, folk harp

Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula
November 8, 2009
Santa Paula Concert Series
Donations to be used to restore the 1891 stained glass windows in the church.

Emmanuel Ceysson, harpist North Orange County Community Concerts Series

March 16, 2009
World-renowned concert artist presenting a solo recital
First United Methodist Church
Fullerton, CA

Healing Harp opportunity

From Carey McCarthy
Special Services Coordinator
UCLA Medical Center
310.267.8186. Valet parking provided.

"UCLA Medical Center recently opened a brand new hospital and is currently developing a music program for patients and visitors. If you would like to make a BIG difference in the lives of others, and

help in the healing process, please consider sharing your musical gift.”

Harpists interested in volunteering one hour per month to help soothe patients waiting to be admitted, or to have a procedure, etc., please contact Carey McCarthy.

Los Angeles Chapter Events

Alexander Technique Workshop

Linda Rose Hembreiker

November 9, 2008

Learn how to incorporate the benefits into daily practice for greater fluidity in playing and concepts for facilitating the teaching and learning process.

Holiday Harp Extravaganza XI

Elaine Litster, Director

December 13, 2008

Contact: harplits@earthlink.net

Westfield Santa Anita Mall, Arcadia
Harpists of all levels invited!

Teachers are encouraged to bring their student and play along with them. All music is playable on lever or pedal harp. Repertoire: Triptic Dance, Winter Processional, Four Christmas Carols, Chanukah With Friends, selections from “50 Christmas Carols for All Harps,” and Carol of the Bells.

Music Education Auditions

March 22 and April 19, 2009

Valeria Finzi Memorial Scholarship Auditions

May 3, 2009

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Excerpted from the OC Chapter Fall newsletter by Mindy Ball, president~

“Our 2008-2009 year of exciting artistic and educational experiences has been planned and I invite you to join us as we begin our second year together.”

Laura Zaerr, Celtic Harpist

Master class/workshop

October 4 & 5, 2008

Co-hosted by Salvi Harps, Inc.
Anaheim, CA

Kim Robertson

Master class/workshop and concert

October 11, 2008

Co-hosted by Salvi Harps, Inc.
Anaheim, CA

San Diego Symphony excursion

Yolanda Kondonassis, harp

World Premiere harp concerto of
Never Far Away by Bright Sheng

Julie Smith, harp

The Planets by Gustav Holtz

October 26, 2008

Yolanda Kondonassis

Master class

October 27, 2008

Co-hosted by Chapman University

Harp Ensemble Holiday Concert

Crowell Hall at Biola University

December 14, 2009

***Pacific Harp Ensemble, Southern
CA Harp Ensemble, Pacific Harp
Duo and Southern CA Harp Duo***

Reception to follow. Admission free.

Second Annual Lasagna Night

February 21, 2009

Salvi Harps, Inc. Anaheim

Guests KUSC radio host **Rich**

Capparela wife, **harpist Marcia Capparela**

Free to OC Chapter members. \$20 for guests.

Annual Spring Fiesta

April 4, 2009

Salvi Harps, Inc. Anaheim

Featuring **The Far South Trio**

Free to OC Chapter members. \$20 for guests.

Scholarship Auditions and Recital

May 16 and 23, 2009

Salvi Harps, Inc. Anaheim

San Diego Chapter

Excerpted from the San Diego Chapter Newsletter by Joyce Peterson, President

Minding the Arts

NeuroSciences Institute annual gala
September 13, 2008

Support of this event directly helps the San Diego Chapter by allowing its student recitals to continue to be held and providing local harp students with a wonderful performance venue.

Kate Loughrey in Concert "The Pleasure of Your Company" Music Series

Jazz and classical harp music

October 19, 2008

Scripps Ranch Library
San Diego, CA

Tasha Smith Concert

Spring, 2009

Date & location - to be announced

Student Recital

Spring, 2009

Date - to be announced

NeuroSciences Institute
La Jolla, CA

SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER

In April and May 2008, the Chapter presented free classical and jazz harp concerts featuring **Christine Holvick, harp**. Performing with her in April were Linda Holland, flute, Steve Stockmal, drums and Vince Chafin, bass. Jim Altizer, flute and trumpet, joined the group for the May events.

Members of the Chapter, along with families, fans and harps were invited to gather on October 18, 2008 for a Potluck Barbeque Party.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Junior Chamber Music organization has added harp to their list of instruments in the San Gabriel Valley chapter. This is a wonderful opportunity for young harpists (ages 9-20) to learn about the wealth of chamber music available for the harp in combination with other orchestral instruments.

If you, your child or any of your students are interested in increasing their knowledge of chamber music and working with other musicians in exploring this genre, contact Mary Dropkin, Junior Chamber Music at

arrfa@aol.com or Susan Boettinger,
the coordinator, at
susan@pianoedge.com go to
www.juniorchambermusic.org.

Wishing you all a happy holiday
season and a wonderful 2009!
Madeleine Brandli