



# New England Regional Newsletter Fall 2009

Felice Pomeranz, New England Regional Director

Happy Fall and Greetings from New England! We all have been very busy, so let's get to the news!

## 2010 American Harp Society Conference June 30-July 5, 2009 Tacoma, Washington

Updates will be posted on [www.ahsconference.org](http://www.ahsconference.org).

### National Membership Renewal

AHS National Membership dues for the year September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2009. You can now renew and pay on line using PayPal. Please visit <http://www.harpociety.org/Membership/JoinRenew.asp>

### **DISTINGUISHED HARPIST SERIES**

Boston-area recitals featuring the world's top harpists

#### **THE ANN HOBSON PILOT SCHOLARSHIP 2009 Winners are:**

**Tomina Parvanova,  
Winner  
Samuel Karlinski,  
Runner up**

The scholarship celebrates Ann Hobson Pilot's illustrious career and her retirement from the position of Principal Harpist of The Boston Symphony Orchestra. It is to be awarded on an annual basis to a harp student of musical promise and financial need. Special consideration will be given to students preparing for major harp competitions, or other special projects.

The series revives the century-old tradition of salon concerts in grand homes, where audience members not only experience the visceral pleasure of music performed in intimate spaces, but also can meet the artists in post-concert receptions. We anticipate hosting two such concerts annually.

The opening concert (**November 15**) features the French harpist [MARIE-PIERRE LANGLAMET](#), principal harpist of the Berlin Philharmonic, first prize winner of the Israel International Harp Competition (1992) and a dazzling soloist and recording artist who rarely performs in the US. The program (below) includes music for harp solo and for harp-violin duo, the latter played by Jean-Claude Velin, formerly of Staatsoper Berlin and the Metropolitan Opera (and Marie-Pierre's husband). The previous evening they perform a by invitation-only Annual Gala Concert at Lyon-Healy in Chicago.

**Sunday, November 15, 2009** Masterclass at 3:30 & Recital at 7:00 18 Chase Street, Newton Center (1 block from Newton Center T stop) home of Judy Kogan and Hugh Wolff Limited seating. Prepaid reservations suggested.

AHS Boston Members

\$25 – master class/recital package \$25 - recital only

\$10 – masterclass only

Non-Members

\$25 - recital only

\$25 – masterclass only

\$40 - recital/masterclass package

MASTERCLASS PARTICIPANTS (must be AHS Boston members)

\$50 – masterclass participation and recital admission

Checks payable to: AHS Boston Chapter, 18 Chase Street, Newton, MA 02459

To apply to participate in master class, send resume and CD of proposed piece to above address. For further information, contact Judy Kogan. [judithkogan@earthlink.net](mailto:judithkogan@earthlink.net)

Save the date: The next recital in the series (May 2) will feature the Dutch harpist GWYNETH WENTINK, winner of the International Israel Harp Competition (1998) and international soloist and recording artist.

Jointly produced by the Distinguished Harp Series committee (Judy Kogan, Cynthia Price-Glynn) and the Boston chapter of the American Harp Society

## ***News from the Boston Chapter***

**A HS-Boston President Elections.** Ina Zdorovetchi has retired from being President of the Boston Chapter. We so appreciate all of her many achievements as President and the tremendous job she did as our Chapter President. We wish her only the best in her inspiring career!

**Jessica Brizuela**, student at Berklee College, has been named first year representative for Berklee in the New England Region American Music Therapy Association.

**Maeve Gilchrist** has a new CD which she'll be recording in Dec for spring release. She'll be working with String Legend Darol Anger on this new one, it should be exciting!

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:ahs.boston@gmail.com) and make sure to mail the fee to Rebecca Bogers.

## ***News from the Connecticut Chapter***

The CT Chapter is finalizing plans for their Fall '09 meeting and Newsletter. In addition, they look forward to the annual Holiday Performance at the Marvin Nursing Home in Norwalk in December. Spring plans include a Master Class with a distinguished harpist, and a Chapter Meeting with a Harp Performance, plus the Annual Student Recital in June.

The 2008-2009 Season finished with a bang, with the CT Chapter's 2009 Student Competition. It was held in the lovely Cheshire, CT Congregational Church, and judged by New York harpists Karen Lindquist and Karen Strauss. There were four categories: Beginner, Intermediate I, Intermediate II and Advanced

### **Beginner:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Megan Jo Cook

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (split): Kara Petzold and Elizabeth Nadeau

### **Intermediate I:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prizes: Hannah Bryant and Amelia Haynes

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (split): Sandra Davis and Isabella Brennan

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (split): Morgan Grady Benson and Maria Lattanzi

Honorable Mention: Pearl Rourke

### **Intermediate II:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Noelle Farmer

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (split): Samantha Turley and Elisha Beaucourt

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (split): Alexandra Kovatch and Aiden Ford

### **Advanced:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Natalie Stafford

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Katie Critelli

The December performance will be Sunday, December 13th starting at 3pm, please contact Emily Oppenheimer at 838-5972 to participate. The June Student Recital will be Sunday, June 6th - at the Weston Public Library - they should contact me - Wendy Kerner Lucas to participate.

## ***News from the Shoreline RI Chapter***

Our usual Christmas Concert at The Breakers in Newport is cancelled, as the Newport Preservation Society has planned to put in an audio tape in the Newport mansions this Christmas.

On **Sunday, October, 17th 2009**, Susan Knapp Thomas, the harpist with the Hartford Symphony, will be our guest. She'll give a short concert and will speak to our Chapter on different teaching styles. This meeting will be held at The Hampton Inner and Suites, exit 7 off I. There will be a business meeting at noon, and our program will begin at 1pm.

Looking forward to seeing you. Dues of \$15 are payable at this time. Please come and join us; we'd love to have you. Also, this coming June, our Chapter is sponsoring a Music Festival for harp students. We are currently in the process of organizing this, and will keep you informed. The date is Sunday, June 5th, 2010.

We are planning another program for the early part of next year, but plans haven't been finalized as yet, as our Chapter is awaiting the birth of Megan and Albert's baby. Megan was the first president of the Chapter, and is the harpist with the Coast Guard Academy; she's due anytime!.

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

## **Calendar - Boston area**

October 11, 2009, 8:00 pm

### **Ann Hobson Pilot Scholarship Winners Concert**

Boston Conservatory, 8 Fenway, Boston, MA

Sunday Oct. 25 3:00 pm

### **Harp Music for an Autumn Afternoon**

Phillips Church, Phillips Exeter Academy

Tan Lane - Exeter, NH

November 8, 2009 4:00 pm,

### **Barbara Poeschl-Edrich**

#### **The Boston Camerata, "A Symphony of Psalms"**

**(double row harp)**

Harvard Memorial Church, Cambridge

Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 9:30pm

### **Maeve Gilchrist**

Cantab, Cambridge

November 15, 2009

### **Marie-Pierre Langlamet Masterclass and Concert**

Judith Kogan's home, 18 Chase Street, Newton, MA

November 22, 2009 7:30 pm,

### **Barbara Poeschl-Edrich**

#### **Handel - Concerto (Italian triple harp)**

#### **Boston University Baroque Orchestra**

Boston University, CFA

DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 9:00 pm

### **Boston Show, Maeve Gilchrist**

Ryles Jazz Club

December 24, 2009 3:30 pm

### **Barbara Poeschl-Edrich**

#### **Rutter - Dancing Day for SSA voices and harp**

All Saints Church Brookline

January 23, 2010

### **Boston Harp Gala**

Boston Conservatory, 8 Fenway, Boston, MA

Spring, 2010 (TBD)

### **Student Recital & EnsembleFest**

Rebecca Bogers, coordinator

May 2, 2010

### **Gwyneth Wentink Concert**

Judith Kogan's home, 18 Chase Street, Newton, MA

## **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](http://www.ahsboston.org)

290 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02215.

Please mail your form to Rebecca Bogers,

### **Chapter Officers**

Rebecca Bogers - President

Felice Pomeranz - Co-Vice President

Mathew Doherty - Co-Vice President

Marilinda Garcia- Treasurer

Barbara Poeschl-Edrich - Secretary

Jessica Schaeffer - Communications Coordinator

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### **Membership Forms:**

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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