



AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY

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Fall may just be getting into full swing here in New Jersey, but my thoughts are already on spring and summer harp gatherings. Plans are underway to bring the 5th annual Mid Atlantic Harp Fest to Philly in the early spring of 2015. We're narrowing down our choices of venues and dates and can't wait to share details of the event with you. We plan to make this Harp Fest a day to celebrate (and celebrate with) the harpists of the Mid Atlantic Region and hope you all will be able to join us!

In June 2015, the AHS will hold its 11th Summer Institute in Logan, Utah. The Lyon and Healy Awards and the AHS Competition will run concurrent with the Institute.

Speaking of the Competition, local chapters are encouraged to invite the current Concert Artist, Alexandra Katelyn Mullins to perform locally. The AHS will pay transportation costs. To request a Concert Artist performance, please contact the Chairman of the Concert Artist Program, Karen Lindquist, at speyquist@earthlink.net.

If you're not already a member of your local chapter, please use the information in the right-hand column to find your local chapter. If your membership or contact information is not up-to-date, take a moment to renew.

Be sure to keep up with the AHS on facebook and on twitter, too! Keep me posted about your harp news through the year and share it with other members on our facebook group page.

-Diane, November 2014

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AHS and Regional News

Mark your calendars:

Spring 2015: You are invited to attend the
5th annual Mid Atlantic Region Harp Fest

We hope you will join us for a harp-filled day in Philadelphia celebrating
the harpists of the Mid Atlantic Region. Stay tuned for more details!



42nd American Harp Society Inc. National Conference
June 30 - July 3, 2016

Emory Conference Center Hotel
The Schwartz Center, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
The Georgia Chapter and Conference Co-Chairs
Carolyn Lund and John Wickey

Welcome the American Harp Society, Inc. to
Atlanta in 2016!

Washington, DC Chapter News

Officers: David Crookston, President; Anna Pike, Vice President; Michaela Trnkova, Treasurer; and Elizabeth Blakeslee, Secretary

Chapter Member News

Barbra Bailey Bradley will be giving a solo harp concert at St. Peters Church in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 1:00 pm. It is part of the "Olde Tyme Christmas" celebration that Harpers Ferry has been having for many years - in fact, this year is the 44th annual event.
www.beeharp.com

Summer Music Day Camp for Band, Harp and Strings for ages 11-15 will be held July 6-10, 2015 in Alexandria, VA. Harp students have opportunity to play with strings, band and in harp ensemble and take fun elective courses. **Melissa Dvorak** is the Harp Instructor.
www.alexandria-band.org/summer-camp

Charm City (Baltimore) Chapter News

Officers: Julia Martin Frazier, President; Lori Peters, Vice President; Jacqueline Pollauf, Secretary; Stephen Belcher, Treasurer

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Chapter Member News

Jacqueline Pollauf's upcoming season highlights include a performance with the Choir of Clare College, University of Cambridge from England at the Library of Congress in Washington D. C. on December 6, 2014; performances with the harp and saxophone duo, Pictures on Silence, at New York University and Rutgers University in March, 2015; and a performance of works by Gubaidulina and Takemitsu with flutist Lisa Cella and violist Mark Menzies on April 16, 2015 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Janet Holland retired from the Army Field Band in 1998, but as the Field Band is between harpists, she has been asked to join them on their fall tour as a contract civilian harpist from October 20 to November 21, 2014 as they perform in VA, NC, TN, MS, AL, LA, TX, and NM. They also perform with the Soldier's Chorus, a component of the Field Band. And, as they are between harpists, it is fitting to note that auditions will be held in January if anyone below the age of 35 is interested in this job. Ms. Holland held the post for 20 years and had a great experience while serving our country.

North Jersey Chapter News

Officers: Odarka Stockert, President; Faye Fishman, Vice President; Marie Sass, Treasurer; Nia Pierce, Secretary

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The North Jersey Chapter began its year with a potluck dinner at Marie Sass' home on October 27. While enjoying a tasty feast and listening to harp and piano music courtesy of students from **Robbin Gordon Cartier's** harp studio, officers and members discussed ideas and events for the coming year, including a master class to be held in January, a presentation by Sam Milligan in the spring and another annual gala featuring the students of the Chapter in May.

Chapter Member News

13-year-old harpist **Emily DeLia** was selected to compose a piece for the upcoming MATA Jr. Festival in NYC. Her piece, "Aria of a New Age" is for Lever Harp and String Quartet, and

will be performed at the festival on November 17 at the DiMenna Center for Classical Music with members of Face the Music. Emily will also be performing Steven Mackey's "Eating

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"Greens" with the Face the Music Philharmonic in January.

The Montclair State University Prep Harp Ensemble concert will be held in January 2015. Interest in the program, directed by **Loretta O'Driscoll** has grown and this year, the concert will feature two ensembles, one for lever harp and one for pedal harp.

July 23-26, 2015 – 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 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."

www.somersetharpfest.com.

Central Pennsylvania Chapter News

Officers: Rachel D Eardley, President; Barbara Weller Crain, Secretary/Treasurer

Central Pa Harp Society is planning a workshop presented by Anne Sullivan for May 2015. Following the workshop, they will hold a rehearsal and on Sunday afternoon give a concert with at least fifteen harps. There will be small ensembles and music for the entire group encompassing beginners to advanced harpists. Plans are to host these events during the first weekend in May at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Altoona, PA.

Philadelphia Chapter News

Officers: Elizabeth Huston, President; Kimberly Rowe, Vice President; Sarah Javaux, Secretary; Cheryl Dungan Cunningham, Treasurer

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And on twitter: <https://twitter.com/phillyharp>

The Chapter is delighted to announce its next competition, taking place on June 6th, 2015, with a concert featuring the winners on June 13th, 2015. All applicants should plan to attend both events, as they may be one of those winners. Visit www.phillyharp.org or contact president@phillyharp.org for more information. All applicants must be 18 year of age or younger on June 1st of 2015. Junior applicants must be 14 years of age or younger on June 1st of 2015. All music is available in Haddonfield, NJ at the Virginia Harp Center.

The Chapter held its Halloween-themed fall member meeting and potluck on Sunday, October 26th. They discussed upcoming events, including their plan to host the 5th annual Mid Atlantic Harp Fest this spring.

Philly Chapter News, cont.

We are excited to announce that French master harpist Agnès Clément will be coming to Philadelphia in January 2015. On the 27th Ms. Clément will present a masterclass for Intermediate-Advanced students and professional harpists. This will take place from 5:00 until 8:00, but observers may come at any time. Observation is free, and we will be accepting a small number of participants for \$50 each. If you are interested in playing, email president@phillyharp.org for further information. On the 29th Ms Clément will be performing an astonishing program of virtuosic harp pieces in the beautiful Presser Hall of Settlement Music School. The concert begins at 7:30 and will be followed by a cookie and punch reception presented by the Virginia Harp Center. At this time, you will be given the opportunity to meet Ms. Clément and mingle. Both events will take place at the Settlement Music School, 416 Queen Street, in Philadelphia.

Chapter Member News

Saul Davis Zlatkovski is pleased to announce a commission from harpist Andrew Chan for a work to be performed at his Harps on the Hill Festival in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Davis Zlatovski is accepting

commissions for major solo works and transcriptions from other harpists as well.

Pittsburgh Chapter News

Officers: Lucy Clark Scandrett, President; Suzanne Hershey, Vice President; William Van Patten, Secretary; Craig Johnson, Treasurer
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The Chapter presented Nancy Allen in a master class on October 4 and in concert on October 5. Both events were held at Carnegie Mellon University.

Chapter Member News

Congratulations to **Sophie Graf**, one of the winners of the Anne Adams Awards this summer. Miss. Graf is a

student of **Gretchen Van Hoesen** at Duquesne University.

Southwest Virginia Chapter News

Officers: Colleen Potter Thorburn, President; Kara Baumann, Vice President; Renee Rippe, Secretary-Treasurer
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The Southwest Virginia Chapter celebrated its reactivation with a launch party on September 21, 2014 at Christ Episcopal Church's library in Blacksburg. Harpists, harpers and friends of the harp were present for a delightful afternoon of harp

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music, refreshments, fun and the organization of future events. Students, adults, and professionals within the chapter presented a program of classical, folk and modern harp music. Performers included **Karlee Lanum, David Scheim, Mark Owen Martin, and Colleen Potter Thorburn.**

On Saturday, December 13 the Chapter presents a Christmas concert showcasing its members. 7:00pm at Central Methodist Church, 803 Wadsworth St., Radford, VA. Suggested donation is \$10.

Chapter events planned for the 2014-2015 season include student auditions and evaluations on February 28 and April 11 at Hollins University in Roanoke; a master class and concert with visiting harpist Mario Falcao, also on April 11 at Hollins University; and a chapter student recital on May 3 in Blacksburg.

Member News

Colleen Potter Thorburn just completed her final recital and oral examinations in October for a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Yale School of Music. Ms. Thorburn will be performing two concerts with the Virginia Commission for the Arts in

winter/spring 2015. January 18, 3pm in Abingdon, Virginia: Horn and Harp concert at Virginia Highlands Community College. April 18, 8pm in Onancock, Virginia: Harp and voice concert at Cokesbury Church.

Tidewater Chapter News

Officers: Barbara Chapman, President; Elisa Dickon, Vice President; Vince Zentner, Secretary

The Tidewater Chapter looks forward to hosting two upcoming events: an adult social on Thursday, January 15, 2015 and a youth showcase in March.

Chapter Member News

Melvin Lauf, Jr., **Vince Zentner** and **Barbara Chapman** performed "Knights of the Red Branch" by Kevin Kaska on October 18-19, 2014 with the Hampton Roads Philharmonic.

November 1, the Old Dominion University/Community Music Division Harp Ensemble performed a concert featuring **Anna Chamberlayne, Valeria Dapena, Janel Hakey, Audrey Harris** and **Libby Madren.**

harpists under the Direction of Professor, **Hye-Yun Chung Bennett** at Chandler Recital Hall, ODU.

Ali Calvert performed with organist, Dr. James Kosnik on November 2 at Larchmont United Methodist Church.

On November 14, **Eunice Park** performed at the Citywide Tidewater Music Teachers Forum at Zion Baptist Church, Portsmouth, VA.

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December 12, **Janel Hakey** performs at Westminster Canterbury Retirement Community, Virginia Beach.

On December 20, Hye-Yun Chung Bennett presents her Winter Student Piano & Harp Recital at Calvary Baptist Church, Portsmouth, VA.

December 20 and 21 Janel Hakey will perform on the Yorkminister Series.

February 21, 2015. **Sophia Shedd** and **Claire Moss**, harpists for the Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia perform with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

Morgantown Chapter News

Officers: Cindy Lewellen, President; Christine Mazza, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

The Morgantown AHS Chapter also serves as the Morgantown Harp Ensemble, performing community concerts throughout West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. We are enjoying our sixth year of performing monthly concerts at the Village at Heritage Point Retirement Community. Our chapter continues to finance string purchase and maintenance of our Lyon Healy 15, available for use by our members and the Morgantown harp community.

Chapter Member News

Katie Sutton enrolled at Baldwin Wallace College to study harp with Jody Guinn.

Christine Mazza announces her newly published Christmas Music for Harp Ensemble arrangements in three volumes.

On November 17, WVU harp student **Kacey Mihoces**, joined the WVU Wind Symphony as principal harpist for the performance of Hidas Bassoon Concerto with WVU Wind Symphony.

On December 7, **Brittany Blair**, **Leah Bonsall**, and **Brooke Maxwell** will perform with the WVU Community Orchestra after having attended Saturday rehearsals since August.

In February, Christine Mazza will perform the Handel Concerto, Grandjany Aria in Classic Style, and Debussy Danses with the WVU Orchestra. In April, she will perform the Handel Concerto with Johnstown Symphony, where she is principal harpist.

Region Member News

Grace Bauson presents a solo recital at James Madison University on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 4:00

pm featuring music inspired by Spanish guitars, Asian poetry, the vistas of Antarctica and more by

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Caplet, Grandjany, Louie, Westlake and others. Dr. Bauson was recently appointed harp instructor at the James Madison University School of Music, 540.568.6714 or www.jmu.edu/music.

Sunday, December 7, 2014, 3:00 pm. **Harrisburg Harp Orchestra** presents Harp-Felt Christmas "The World of Christmas" at the Grace Milliman Pollock Performing Arts Center, Camp Hill, PA. Special guests 2 Larks, Craig Graham Jazz Quartet and Seasons, plus Central Pennsylvania's leading vocalists and instrumentalists will join the orchestra of forty harpists. The

Harrisburg Orchestra's popular variety show features original arrangements of traditional carols and modern holiday favorites. The harpists and special performers play a wide range of stunning holiday selections that span every music style: classical, Celtic, popular, sacred, jazz, rock and more! This year's theme is "The World of Christmas" featuring music from around the world. Free parking is available. Reserved seating tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15.00 for students and seniors, available at www.harrisburgharporchestra.com Discounts are available for groups of eight or more.

Harps For Sale

Venus Diplomat. Reliable and sturdy, it is a perfect instrument for any school program. Ebony with soundboard decal, built in 1998, serial 2386. 47 strings with extended soundboard restrung in nylon, gut and wire and regulated in November 2013. \$13,900 includes transport cover with base cover and tuning key. For more information on this instrument, please call 856-428-1430 or email va.harpcenter@verizon.net Located at their Haddonfield store.

Marinimade Harp handcrafted by Alex Marini of New Holland, PA. The harp is four years old - no nicks and in excellent condition. It is a beautiful harp and has a wonderful tone. 40 strings, Paduck wood, engraved rose vine on the both sides of the soundboard. The name of the harp is ROMA BELLA/ROMA ROSA. Includes tuner wrench, travel case and wheels, some beginning harp books and extra strings. \$ 7,500.00 Please contact: Darlene Deisinger 717-617-2492

Salvi Aurora CG for sale, 30 years old, in very good condition, appraised 2013. Asking \$12,000. Contact Colleen Thorburn 314-803-5845.

For rent: Lyon & Healy 85CG (natural finish), purchased brand new a couple of years ago. The harp is in perfect condition and was recently regulated. Case and dolly available for rent as well. Contact Margaret Bushko 202-281-4698 or margaret.bushko@gmail.com