



## AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY

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### Mid Atlantic Region Winter/Spring 2015 News

The **Mid Atlantic Harp Day** takes place on April 25th from 9:00am-6:30pm at the Chateau at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. Designed to bring together harpists from all of the Chapters of the Mid Atlantic Region of the American Harp Society, we are offering many exciting workshops, performance opportunities, and activities for harpists of all levels. Please visit our websites for up-to-date information about the event, a list of nearby hotels and online registration. If you prefer to pay by check, you can download a registration form at the bottom of the page. Look for the link labeled "Registration MAHD 2015.pdf." If you wish to eat lunch at the Chateau, early registration is a must so we know how many lunches to provide.

Information: <http://www.phillyharp.org/upcoming-events/mid-atlantic-harp-day-2015>

Registration: <https://phillyharp.yapsody.com/event/index/7819/mid-atlantic-harp-day-2015>

Schedule of Events to include:

Complimentary Breakfast and Socializing

Lunch at the Chateau (available for an additional fee of \$12)

Master classes with Robbin Gordon Cartier and the musicians of Apple Orange Pair

(Email [president@phillyharp.org](mailto:president@phillyharp.org) to reserve a space)

Memorization Skills with Anne Sullivan

An Introduction to Popular Teaching Methods (Suzuki, Orff, Kodaly)

Pop Improv and the Pop Harpist Lifestyle with Mia Theodoratus

Arranging for Harp Ensemble with Christine Mazza and Diane Michaels

A Look Back at The History of the Harp with Ellen Tepper

A lunchtime concert with the Mid Atlantic Region Harp Ensemble (Ensemble open to all)

Final concert by Apple Orange Pair

Recording studio time with a professional audio engineer

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A showcase of newly released harp pieces with the Virginia Harp Center

Harp maintenance for professionals and fresh beginners

Browsing a wide variety of harp vendors, a chance to try out new models of harps

A Harp Hike through the beautiful Wissahickon Valley

And More...

### News from Our Chapters

The **North Jersey Chapter** presents Sam Milligan and tenor Dustin Vye in "Thomas Moore, the Sentimental Irish Patriot," a program of Songs with Celtic Harp Accompaniment on Sunday, March 22 at the Morris County Public Library in Whippany, NJ.

On Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00, the chapter invites all to its annual Harp Gala at the Church of the Assumption in Morristown, featuring many wonderful chapter members.

On January 27, the **Philadelphia Chapter** presented French master harpist Agnès Clément in a master class at the Settlement Music School in Philadelphia. Ms Clément performed an astonishing program of virtuosic harp pieces in the beautiful Presser Hall of Settlement Music School on January 29, followed by a cookie and punch reception presented by the Virginia Harp Center.

The Chapter plays host to the Mid Atlantic Harp Day on April 25 (see above).

The Philadelphia Chapter Competition will take place on June 6th, 2015, with a concert on June 13<sup>th</sup> featuring the winners. All applicants should plan to attend both events, as they may be one of those winners.

For information about the competition, visit <http://www.phillyharp.org/chapter-news/student-harp-competition-2015> or email [president@phillyharp.org](mailto:president@phillyharp.org) 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. The application deadline is April 1, 2015.

The **Pittsburgh Chapter's** *Harpe Diem* performed in the lobby of the Butler Intermediate High School in Butler, PA, prior to the Holiday performance of the Butler Symphony. Members of the ensemble include Julia Ann Scott, Michael Frazier, Lana Greenwald, Emily Hayes, Helen Rudd, and Rebecca Yuille. The group performed a mixture of Christmas, Celtic, and Renaissance music for attendees as they arrived for the concert on December 6.

Music Education Auditions & Evaluations program, organized by Lucy Scandrett and Gretchen Van Hoesen, took place on Saturday, February 21, 2015, and Saturday, March 21, 2015. The adjudicator was Henry Spinelli, Professor Emeritus at Chatham University.

The Morgantown Harp Ensemble, which represents the **Morgantown Chapter**, performs monthly concerts at the Village at Heritage Point Retirement Community.

The **Southwest VA** held round one of its first student Auditions and Evaluations on February 28, with the second session scheduled for April 11. Both auditions will be at Central United Methodist Church in Radford, 1:00-3:00pm. Renowned harpist and teacher Mario Falcao will give a master class for the chapter's students following the second round of Auditions on April 11.

### **National News**

The 2015 AHS Institute and Competition will be held June 21-24 on the campus of Utah State University in Logan, Utah, located 90 minutes north of Salt Lake City. The focus of the Institute will be on furthering education of students of all ages.

Visit <http://www.harpsociety.org/summer-institute/> for more details