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 (harpsociety.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: kmoon@UCLAlumni.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

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**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