

philly harp

Newsletter for the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Harp Society

Summer/Fall 2009

Want to get more from your lessons? Need some new repertoire suggestions? Curious to learn more about harp maintenance? ...or perhaps you'd like to win an iPod??

If you answered "yes" to any these questions, Harp Day is for you!
Best of all, it's FREE for Chapter members!

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL HARP DAY EVENT

The Philadelphia Chapter of the AHS is proud to present its very first Harp Day, a mini-conference designed to inspire and invigorate harpists, on November 14, 2009.

Come early and spend the day, because participation in the day's events will be your ticket to win an Apple iPod full of harp music. The more you attend, the greater the chance you have to win!

At Harp Day, there will be something for everyone! Whether you're looking to better understand your instrument or fine tune your practicing to maximize your lessons, you won't want to miss the morning workshops. If you're in the mood for some music, be prepared to sit back and enjoy performances by several of our local professional harpists. Hopefully you'll discover a few new pieces for future concerts, church performances or as a supplement your "background" music book. Be sure to stay for lunch -- it's on us!

A student recital will close the day's events. We are allowing both solos and ensembles to perform, so be sure to sign up through your teacher!

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

Harp Day 2009 Schedule

- 9:15 am Registration & light breakfast
- 9:25 am "Know your Harp!"
Workshop given by Harp Technician Guild Member, Ivan Gardner
- 10:00 am "Maximize your Lessons"
Workshop given by Kimberly Rowe, editor of The Harp Column Magazine
- 11:00 am "Music Wish List"
Get inspired by great performances, and make your future repertoire list!
- 12:15 pm Box Lunch
Provided by your Philly Chapter!
- 1:30 pm Student Recital
Both Solo and ensemble -- including members of the Temple Prep Harp Ensemble.
- 2:30 pm iPod winner chosen!

HARP DAY 2009

NOVEMBER 14 * TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH * AMBLER, PA

708 S Bethlehem Pike, Ambler, PA 19002 at the Corner of Bethlehem Pike and Highland Avenue

Calendar of Concerts and Workshops

September 20, 2009. 7:00 PM. Benefit concert of Irish music and dance, featuring Joanna Mell on Celtic harp and vocals, Alison Gillespie on fiddle, Fiona Gillespie on Irish whistle and vocals; and the Heart of God Harp Ensemble; plus the O'Grady-Quinlan Dancers. Zion Mennonite Church, 149 East Cherry Lane, Souderton, PA. Tickets \$15.00. All proceeds benefit Grand View Hospital Hospice. If you would like to advertise in the concert booklet, please contact Joanna Mell at 215-257-8185; joannamell@hotmail.com.

October 5, 2009. 6:30PM. Masters of the Celtic Harp, Grainne Hambly & William Jackson, will perform at the Vineland Public Library, 1538 E. Landis Ave., Vineland, NJ

October 9, 2009. 8:00 PM Anne Sullivan will be performing in the University of Delaware's Faculty Gala Concert. University of Delaware, Mitchell Hall.

October 16-18, 2009. Harpers Escape Weekend at the University Inn and Conference Center in New Brunswick, NJ. Registration open until Oct. 1. Instructors are Grainne Hambly, William Jackson, Kathy DeAngelo, Sharon Knowles and Debbie Brewin-Wilson teaching 5 levels of players from beginners to advanced. For details: <http://www.harpersescape.com>. or 856-795-7637.

October 24, 2009. 7:30 PM. The Brandywine Harp Orchestra will present their Halloween Show at the Everett Theatre. The show will feature 17 harpers in costumes, dancers, singers and other spooks! Show is produced and directed by Janet Witman. 41 W Main St Middletown, DE 19709 www.everetttheatre.com or 302-378-7038

October 30, 2009. 7:30 PM. Repeat performance of Brandywine Harp Orchestra Halloween Show. Smyrna Opera House SW Corner of Main St. and South St. Smyrna, DE 19977 www.smyrnaoperahouse.org 302-653-4236

October 30, 2009. 8:00 PM. Anne Sullivan will be performing at the New Music Delaware Concert. University of Delaware, Gore Recital Hall.

November 6 and 7, 2009. 8:00 PM. Elizabeth Hainen performs The Mask of the Red Death by Andre Caplet with Music Director Jose-Luis Novo and the Annapolis Symphony at the MD Hall for the Creative Arts.

November 14, 2009. 9:15 AM to 3:00 PM. Philly Chapter's Harp Day! You won't want to miss it -- concerts, workshops and a raffle to win an iPod! Harp Day will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem Pike and Highland Ave, Ambler, PA. Free Admission to Philly Chapter members!!!

November 15, 2009. 3:00 PM. WCU Holiday Harpfest Concert. Free admission. WCU CVPA 817 S. High Street West Chester, PA 19380

November 15, 2009. 4:00 PM. Janet Witman will be featured in music for harp, flute and organ at Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S. Duke St, Lancaster, PA. The program will include Mozart's Flute and Harp Concerto, Callahan's Legend, Variations Pastorale by Samuel-Rousseau and a new work for Celtic harp and organ by Nieminski.

November 16, 2009. 7:30 PM. WCU faculty concert of harpist Gloria Galante WCU CVPA 817 S. High Street West Chester, PA 19380

November 28, 2009. 7:00 PM. The Brandywine Harp Orchestra will present a Candlelight Advent Concert at Lancaster Church of the Brethren located at 1601 Sunset Ave, Lancaster, PA.

December 9, 2009. 7:00 PM. The Brandywine Harp Orchestra will perform a Christmas concert at the Longwood Gardens Conservatory Ballroom. Janet Witman, director.

December 13, 2009. 3:00 PM. Duo Parisienne: Nancy Bean, violin/viola and Anne Sullivan, harp present "Wister and More!" concert with selections by: Schubert, Vivaldi, Bach, V. Williams, and Piazzolla at the German Society of Philadelphia. www.germansociety.org.

December 19, 2009. 7:00 PM. Gloria Galante and WCU Harp ensemble Concert Winter Solstice Celebration Customs and Music. Silverlake Nature Center 1306 Bath Road Bristol, PA 19007. Tickets at the door or contact www.SilverlakeNatureCenter.org

January 28, 29, and February 2, 2010. 8:00/2:00/8:00 PM, respectively. Elizabeth Hainen performs Theme and Variations by Turina with conductor Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos and The Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center. Visit www.kimmelcenter.org for details and ticket information.

February 20, 2010. Philly Chapter 2010 Competition to be held at Ancillae-Assumptia Academy in Wyncote, PA. See newsletter insert for application and repertoire.

February 21, 2010. 2:00 PM. 2010 Competition Winner's recital. Saint Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, 800 Church Rd, Oreland, PA.

February 24, 2010. 7:30 PM. Temple Harp Studio recital. Rock Hall, Temple University. Cecil B. Moore Ave. and Broad Street. Free.

A Note from your Chapter President

Dear Philadelphia Harpists and Friends of the Harp,

Big things are happening in our Philly harp chapter! Everyone should mark their calendars for our first Harp Day, which is really a half-day harp mini-conference. Tell your students about it! Come learn more about the harp and enter to win an iPod! We are happy to have Ivan Gardner and Kim Rowe as our guest clinicians.

You'll be happy (I hope) to know that the officers are still the same since we were re-elected in the spring. My fellow officers are Melia Repko, Vice President, Cheryl Cunningham, Treasurer and Peter Speziale, Secretary and newsletter editor/designer. The officers and I really want to know why you are a member, what events you'd like to see in the future and how we can improve our already fabulous chapter. So, PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEY! We greatly appreciate it.

We also have BIG spring news. We are honored to have Ela Szymt as one of our guest judges for the 2010 student competition, February 20th. The Indiana U professor will also be giving a masterclass that same weekend. (competition forms are enclosed in this newsletter and will soon be available on our website to download). We also have internationally-known harpist, Maria Luisa Rayan-Forero performing a solo recital in April, 2010.

BIG newsletter news: You will soon be receiving email newsletters! Don't worry if you aren't online as a copy will still be mailed to those members. See you at Harp Day!

*Sincerely,
Mindy Cutcher
President, Philadelphia Chapter AHS*

Kathy DeAngelo successfully directed the 9th annual Somerset Folk Harp Festival. For those who missed it, or couldn't travel to Alexandria, VA, there's good news: The 10th annual Somerset Folk Harp Festival will be moving back to New Jersey! Save the date now: July 29-August 1, 2010, Parsippany NJ. 2008 pricing will remain in effect. Join 20+ presenters and performers and choose among 70+ workshops and classes and 4 days of concerts. Check the website www.somersettharpfest.com as artists are signed and plans are developed.

Anne Sullivan's Harp in the Mountains Summer Festival had another successful year. The group premiered Anne Sullivan's new ensemble arrangement of the Brahms Hungarian Dance No. 5, which is now available for download at harpmusicdownloads.com. Next year's festival dates are set for July 11-17, 2010.

Mary Groce celebrated her tenth year playing at the William Penn Inn.

Judith Bonaduce is entering dissertation for her doctorate in a nursing Ph.D. program at Widener. She will sit for comprehensive exams in December. Best of luck, Judith!

David and Mary Jane D'Arville, owners of Virginia Harp Center, relocated to Virginia this summer. The VHC location in New Jersey will remain open under the management of Peter Speziale.

In August, the SPARX duo, Joan Sparks, flute and Anne Sullivan, harp, presented the Liebermann Sonata for Flute and Harp at the National Flute Association Convention in New York City on a program of Liebermann's works for flute. Among others participating in the concert were the composer and Sir James and Lady Jeanne Galway.

Anne Sullivan returns to Shade Mountain Winery Chamber Music Series for their second season this November. Concerts will include "Northern Lights," featuring SPARX, "Classical Cabaret," with Paul Leskowitz, trombone, Michael Chaffin, bass and Anne Sullivan, harp, and "Silken Strings," with Debbie Trudeau, violin and Anne Sullivan, harp. The series is at the Winery in Middleburg, PA and features an intimate cabaret setting with wine and hors d'oeuvres in addition to the concert.

The Lansdale Center for the Performing Arts is now accepting beginner and intermediate lever and pedal harp students. For more information please contact the Lansdale Center for the Performing Arts at: 215-361-1296 or info@lansdalecpa.org. Instructor, Candace Lark-Masucci.

We're looking for ways to make our AHS Chapter even better -- but we need your help! Please remember to fill out the survey found inside this newsletter. Once completed, please remit the survey in the provided envelope. We appreciate your input!

**Thank you,
Philly Chapter Officers**

2010 Student Competition News

Prizes for the 2010 Student Competition have been announced!
Be sure to check our website as the sponsors are updated.

The gift certificates for 2nd and 3rd place will be from locally and nationally renowned music and harp specialty stores.

See the newsletter insert for competition repertoire and entry form.

Senior Division Pedal

1st prize: \$300 cash award
2nd prize: \$150 gift certificate
3rd prize: \$75 gift certificate

Senior Division Lever

1st prize: \$300 cash award
2nd prize: \$150 gift certificate
3rd prize: \$75 gift certificate

Junior Division Pedal

1st prize: \$200 cash award
2nd prize: \$100 gift certificate
3rd prize: \$50 gift certificate

Junior Division Lever

1st prize: \$200 cash award
2nd prize: \$100 gift certificate
3rd prize: \$50 gift certificate

*It is time to pay the national AHS dues! Membership runs from 9/1 to 8/31.
Go to www.harpsociety.org/mem_print.html for all the pertinent details.*

Marketplace

Harp Sales, Rentals, Music, and Supplies:

Planet Harp @ 800-567-7738 or www.planetharp.com

Harp Sales, Rentals, Accessories, and Music, including repertoire for 2010 Philly Chapter Competition. Virginia Harp Center North 800-985-8040 va.harpcenter@verizon.net or www.vaharpcenter.com
*** Please call or check our website for NEW store hours!!! ***

Books and CDs of therapeutic harp music available from Joanna Mell. www.joannamell.com Teachers get a 15% discount on all music.

Harp for rent/sale: 30 string lever harps; L&H Prelude; Stoney End Lorraine 30 string lever harp; Heartland Dragonheart (36 strings); Dusty Strings FH 36 Bubinga. Contact Joanna Mell, 215-257-8185; joannamell@hotmail.com.

Celtic Harp Rentals: Gloria Galante at 215-520-8748

New Christmas CD! "Angelsong: A Celebration of Christmas" is a transcendent collection of beloved Christmas carols plus a newly composed song, performed on the pedal harp by Joanna Mell. Listen to samples at www.DeepPeaceMusic.com. Purchase from Joanna Mell, or on Amazon.com.

Harp lessons, pedal and folk harp sales, folk harp rentals, & harp CDs. Contact Martha Clancy 610-783-5686 www.harpsounds.com

Concert harp for rent: gilded Salvi Electra available for long or short term rentals. Contact Georganne at 609-882-9336 or email GeorganneD@comcast.net

Help our Chapter grow! Know a harpist who is not part of the Philadelphia Chapter?
Have students who would benefit from Chapter events? Give them this membership form!

To join, please remit your 2008-2009 dues: \$20 for Adults, \$12 for Students (to age 18) & Senior Citizens, \$40 for Sustaining Members. If you have any questions please call 215-355-3872. Please make checks payable to: Philadelphia Chapter A.H.S.

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