
NEWSLETTER

THE CARNEGIE MUSEUM HOLIDAY ENSEMBLE



Twenty-seven members of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the AHS participated in the Carnegie Museum Concert on Saturday, December 8, 2007. The Concert was well attended by a large, appreciative audience, and was quite successful. Many thanks to all who played and to their teachers who helped them prepare the music. Thanks to Craig Johnson, Julia Scott and Debbie Vallin for serving on the committee, and to all those who helped out that day, in particular Gretchen Van Hoesen who made the arrangements at the Museum (including parking passes) and who supplied percussion instruments for Sleigh Ride for rehearsals and for the concert. Special thanks to our conductor Michael Frank for his leadership and also for the use of Beulah Presbyterian Church for the two rehearsals preceding the concert. Congratulations to the chapter members who performed: Miriam Adams, Emily Cook, Virginia Cook, Olivia DeSimone, Conor Dugan, Cristina Kruk, Craig Johnson, Chelsea Lane, Angie Layton, Angela Liu, Emily Mistick, Rebecca Mitchell, Lauren Monks, Larry Nelson, Laura Owsiany, Sierra Pastel, Julianna Peebles, Hannah Piston, Madeline Potter, Lucy Scandrett, Julia Scott, Kristen Thomsen, Gretchen Van Hoesen, Debbie Vallin, Samantha Weston, Philomela Wyble, and Rebecca Yuille.



**Bridget Kibbey
& Westmore-
land Symphony
Orchestra Feb-
ruary 9, 2008**

Bring your
Valentine to this
exciting
“romantic get-
away” with
Creston’s *Night
in Mexico*,
Chabrier’s

delightful *Espana* and Ravel’s enchanting
Rhapsodie Espagnole. Bridget Kibbey performs
Rodrigo’s *Harp Concerto*, and the concert ends
with the romantic *Capriccio Espagnole* by
Rimsky-Korsakov. 7:00 pre-concert lecture.

Ticket prices: \$36, \$25, \$18, \$10 and \$5

[www.westmorelandsymphony.org/
at_palace.cfm](http://www.westmorelandsymphony.org/at_palace.cfm)

**Gretchen Van Hoesen to Premiere New
Harp Concerto By Andre Previn.**

Gretchen Van Hoesen, Principal Harpist of the
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, will be pre-
miering a new work for harp and orchestra by
renowned composer and conductor, Andre
Previn this **March 7th, 8th, and 9th**. Group
discount tickets are available to all members of
the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Harp
Society. Please see the ticket ordering form on
page 3 of this newsletter for more details, or
call Denise Ventura at (724) 794-1374

**Music Education Evaluations To Be
Held Feb. 23rd and March 19th**

Ever the harbinger of Spring, the Music
Education Evaluations, also referred to as the
“Adjudications,” will be held in the CMU
School of Fine Arts, Room A2, this year. We
are truly excited to have some dynamite judges!
Our adjudicators will include PSO Assistant
Conductor **Lawrence Loh**, former PSO
pianist **Patricia Jennings**, Mt. Lebanon
Organist/Choir Director **Larry Allen**, and
Wheeling Symphony Principal Cellist **Elisa**

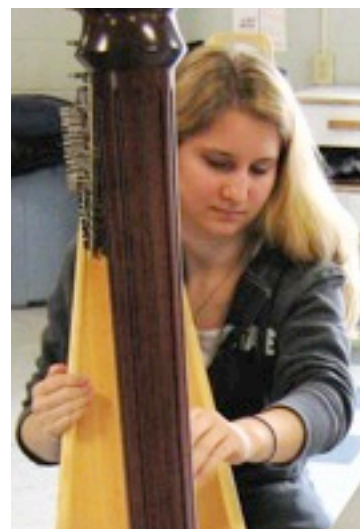
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Gaelic Arts Society Invites Us to Play!

The Gaelic Arts Society has invited the Pitts-
burgh Chapter of the American Harp Society
to present a concert for their members at
Synod Hall in Oakland on May 18th. We feel
very honored to have been invited to be a part
of their fine concert series. Please consider
contributing your talents to this event! Al-
though the Gaelic Society has expressed a
preference for the lever harp, this event is
open to you no matter what kind of harp you
would like to bring. The Gaelic Arts Society
has asked for a three part concert: a 30-minute
solo section presenting a variety of styles of
harp playing and repertoire, 20 minutes of harp
history, and 25 more minutes of lever/Gaelic
harp ensemble playing. All soloists and ensem-
bles are welcome. Additional ensemble music
will be available from **Julia Scott**, the Chair
of the event, by Feb. 15th. If interested, please
contact Ms. Scott **(412) 922-4344** or at
harpist@whiterose.net.

**Duquesne Student Lana Greenawald wins
the Vira Heinz Award**

Congratulations to **Lana Greenawald**
(student of Gretchen Van Hoesen), winner of
the Vira Heinz Scholarship at Duquesne
University. Lana will use this \$5000
scholarship for intensive harp study this
summer in
Courcheval,
France. Lana will
stay in the French
Alps for four
weeks and will
have daily lessons
with Isabelle
Perrin, Marie
Pierre Langlemet
and Germaine
Lorenzini.



WORLD PREMIERE HARP CONCERTO TO BE PERFORMED BY GRETCHEN VAN HOESEN

On March 7, 2008 at 8:00 PM at Heinz Hall, Gretchen Van Hoesen, Principal Harpist of the Pittsburgh Symphony since 1977, will present the World Premiere of André Previn's Concerto for Harp, conducted by the composer. This concerto will be featured in the December 1 newsletter published by Schirmer, which will include an interview with Gretchen Van Hoesen. The concert will be repeated on March 8, 2008, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle, PA and again at Heinz Hall on March 9, 2008 at 2:30 PM.

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Offers Group Discount to Pittsburgh AHS Members

A 25% group discount ticket price will be available for any member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Harp Society. See enclosed form and description of available seats in Heinz Hall. Please send your ticket money to Denise Ventura, Treasurer of the Chapter, by February 1, 2008. She can be reached by calling 412-563-2399 or emailing dmventura@verizon.net

Please tear off this form and mail to Denise Ventura with your check.

Andre Previn Returns

	Friday, Mar 7	Sunday, Mar 9
Dress Circle	\$54	\$48.50
Main Floor	\$36	\$32
Family Circle	\$29	\$24
Gallery	\$14.50	\$13

Student tickets cost \$12 in the Gallery for either date.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Performance: _____

Cash _____ Check _____ (made payable to Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Harp Society)

Send ticket money by February 1, 2008, to Denise Ventura, Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Harp Society. Chapter members may contact Denise for more information concerning tickets sales.

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Principal Harpist of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, **Gretchen Van Hoesen**, working out the final details with composer and conductor, **André Previn**, in a one-on-one rehearsal in New York City. Don't miss the upcoming Premiere of this exciting new work!

Katie Ventura played for the Carnegie Mellon Opera in *The Consul* by Gian Carlo Menotti, Robert Page, conducting, at the Purnell Center for the Arts, Jan. 24-27.

A harp masterclass was given by **Gretchen Van Hoesen** on January 30, 2008 from 5:30-7:30 PM at her home. Participating: **Chelsea Lane, Angela Liu, Sierra Pastel, Maggie Backstrom, Lana Greenawald, Katie Ventura, and Elizabeth Hounshell.**

Brianna Dillon performed Maurice Ravel's *Introduction et Allegro* in the Grove City College Concerto Competition on February 1st. Brianna is a student of **Julia Scott.**

Gretchen Van Hoesen's February 20th harp masterclass by **has been rescheduled** for February 16, 2008, 4 to 6 PM, 7300 Overton St., Pittsburgh. Performing will be: **Maggie Backstrom, Chelsea Lane, Lana Greenawald, Elizabeth Hounshell, Jordana Kleiner, Angela Liu, Sierra Pastel, Hannah Piston, Hannah Stater, and Katie Ventura,** as well as visiting harpists.

Feb 4, '08: **Gretchen Van Hoesen** will give a masterclass at the Manhattan School of Music, Greenfield Recital Hall, with AHS members Katie Andrews, Cameron Huster & Brittany Hickens attending.

On February 9th, **Julia Scott** will appear as Principal Harpist with the Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg, performing Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol*, Ravel's *Rapsodie Espagnole*, and Chabrier's *Espana*.

Washington Sym. Orch. Concert at Trinity High School, Feb 9, at 8 PM **Lana Greenawald** and **Chelsea Lane** will perform the 2nd movement of *La Mer*, by Debussy. **Lana** will perform *The Flying Dutchman* and *Scheherazade*, also. \$15 for adults, \$10 for students & seniors

The Butler Symphony's "Spotlight on Joe Negri and Friends" Concert, on Feb. 16 at 8:00PM, with **Julia Ann Scott**, Principal Harpist, includes Franck's *Symphony in D minor*, and Dvorak's *Carnaval Overture*.

The Pittsburgh Philharmonic, Feb 16-at 7:00PM **Chelsea Lane** will be Principal Harp on excerpts from Puccini's *La Boheme*, and selections from *Brigadoon* and *South Pacific*.

February 17, Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra concert at Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland. **Lana Greenawald**, Principal Harp, will perform Bartok's *Dance Suite* and D'Indy's *Symphony on a French Mountain Air*.

Katie Ventura will play in a Scholarship Winners Recital for the Tuesday Musical Club on February 17 at 2 PM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton Street, Highland Park. Reception to follow.

Julia Ann Scott will play Principal Harp for Opera Theatre Pittsburgh's production of Kurt Weill's *Lost in the Stars* at the Byham Theatre, February 21-24.

On February 24, the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra presents Bizet's *Carmen Suite*, Stravinsky's *Petrouchka*, and Torke's *Javelin*. **Lana Greenawald & Sierra Pastel**, harpists.

February 29, 2008: **Lana Greenawald** will present Carter Pann's *Slalom* with the Duquesne University Wind Symphony in Washington, DC.

March 7, '08, at the Osiris Temple, Monument Place, Wheeling W.V., the **Rhapsody Trio** will present a concert for the Woman's Club of Wheeling. The chamber music concert will feature works of Faure, Puccini, Caccini, and others. Preceding the concert, Chicago soprano **Kelly Millar**, harpist **Julia Ann Scott** and flautist **Craig Johnson** will give a local live TV interview at WTRF-TV7, a CBS affiliate.

Elizabeth Hounshell and **Katie Ventura** will perform with the CMU Philharmonic on March 25 at 8PM at Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland. Works by student composers will be performed.

Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra "Dean's Concert" features compositions by various Deans of Schools of Music with harpist **Lana Greenawald** at the Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland, March 30.

A **Senior Recital** by **Katie Ventura**: Saturday, April 5 at 3 PM in Kresge Recital Hall in the College of Fine Arts at Carnegie Mellon. Works by Grandjany, Rota, Handel, Jolivet, and Andres will be performed. Free admission, reception to follow.

A **Senior Recital** by **Elizabeth Hounshell**: Sunday, April 6 at 2 PM in Kresge Theatre in the College of Fine Arts at Carnegie Mellon. Works by Handel, Grandjany, Faure, and Debussy will be performed. Free admission, reception to follow.

April 22, 2008 will be the Side by Side performance with the Pittsburgh Symphony. High school harpists will be performing along side **Gretchen Van Hoesen**, Principal Harpist of the Pittsburgh Symphony.

On May 12, 2008, **Gretchen Van Hoesen** will be featured in the Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society Recital at Carnegie Music Hall in Debussy's Trio for Flute, Viola and Harp. She will perform along with flutist **Mathieu Dufour** (Principal Flutist of the Chicago Symphony) and **Richard Young** (Violist of the Vermeer Quartet)

Don't forget to look at the chapter website!
<http://www.whiterose.net/~harpist/AHS/>

MUSIC EDUCATION AUDITIONS (Feb 23 and Mar 29) REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone (____) _____(home)

(____) _____ (work)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

e-mail: _____

Age: (if under 21) _____ Teacher: _____ Phone: _____

Type of Harp: _____ Pedal _____ Lever

Indicate preference of time: _____ Morning _____ Early Afternoon

I will perform the following works:

TITLE

COMPOSER

TIMING

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Your name as you want it to appear on your Music Education Certificate:

Send in this registration form & \$15.00 check payable to Pittsburgh Chapter of AHS
to:

Julia A. Scott
200 School Street (Greentree)
Pittsburgh, PA 15220-2718

Please return to Julia Scott by Sunday, February 10, 2008

GAELIC SOCIETY INVITES PITTSBURGH CHAPTER FOR MAY 18 PERFORMANCE

Concert coordinator **John Webber**, of the Gaelic Arts Society of Pittsburgh, has invited us to perform at Synod Hall in Oakland, at 2:30 PM on May 18, 2008. The Board has named Julia Ann Scott as chairman of this event. Please contact **Ms. Scott at (412) 922-4344** if you are interested in playing on May 18th. The focus of the concert will be the history and legends of the Gaelic harp, illustrated with solos and small ensemble performances.

CHAPTER MEMBERS' RECITAL SET FOR APRIL 27, 2008

Duquesne University will again host our annual Chapter Members' Recital, which will also be chaired again this year by Debbie Vallin. Room 201 will open at 1:00, and the Recital will start at 2:00 PM. Come and perform, or just come to listen to your fellow harpists in an informal and friendly atmosphere! There will be a short business meeting at 3 PM, immediately after the recital, with refreshments to follow. The signed certificates will be handed out to participants who have completed the Music Education Evaluation process. Please call **Debbie Vallin at (724) 794-1374** or email her at the address below if you are planning on performing. Refreshments would also be most welcome! This would be a great opportunity for anyone performing in the Gaelic Arts Society Concert on May 18 to try out your repertoire.

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