

# NEWSLETTER

## The Lipman Harp Duo

*Australian Harp Couple to Present Concert at CMU  
Kresge Recital Hall*



*Lipman Harp Duo- Sebastien and Sayo Lipman*

On Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 5:30 pm, Sebastien and Sayo Lipman, also known as the Lipman Harp Duo, will perform in recital. Sebastien was formerly the principal harpist with the Berlin Philharmonic under Herbert von Karajan. The husband and wife team, hailing from Australia, will present a program of light classical pieces sure to delight any audience.

The performance will take place at Carnegie Mellon University in the College of Fine Arts' Kresge Recital Hall. The Chapter and CMU are co-sponsoring the event. Tickets will be available at the door, and the chapter is hosting a reception in the lobby after the performance. Anyone wishing to help with the reception should please contact Julia Scott at 412-922-4344.

Everyone should have received posters

advertising the event via email, along with a sample program. Please print them out and post them in and around your neighborhood. Ask at school, at church, and at the coffee shop if you can put them up. Community bulletin boards are good places, too.

In addition to the concert, Mr. Lipman will conduct a master class on Saturday, October 1, from 9am to 3pm. *We have extended the master class sign-up deadline to September 20.* Anyone who wants to participate in the master class may do so by filling out the enclosed application and sending it with payment to Gretchen Van Hoesen (address on the form). Please include a 100-150 word bio and an email address. Anyone with questions about the master class should contact Gretchen at 412-247-3916.

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## NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING TO FEATURE CONCERT BY JO MORRISON



*Jo Morrison, nationally known  
Folk Harp player*

On Sunday, 6 November, there will be a *very short* chapter meeting at the Oakmont Presbyterian Church, beginning at 2pm.

At 3pm, we will enjoy a concert and lecture presented by folk harpist Jo Morrison. Afterward, enjoy a potluck while getting to meet Jo. The concert is open to the public. A free-will offering will be collected after the concert.

For more information about Jo Morrison, please visit her website at:

[www.triharpskel.com](http://www.triharpskel.com).

Place: Oakmont Presbyterian Church  
415 Pennsylvania Ave, Oakmont PA  
Date: Sunday Nov. 6th  
Time: 2pm- Meeting  
3pm- Jo Morrison concert/lecture

## CHAPTER ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The results of the election held in June are as follows:

President: Rebecca Yuille  
President: Julia Ann Scott  
Secretary: Stephanie Miller  
Treasurer: Craig Johnson



The chapter's board of directors comprises the following:

Nadina Bembic  
Carol Henley  
April Howsare  
Cheryl Pfingstl  
Helen Rudd



We extend our deepest gratitude to our outgoing officers and board members:

Rick LeBeau, Laura Lockard, Lucy Scandrett, Gretchen Van Hoesen, Denise Ventura, and Vanessa Young.

Thank you for a job well done!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Please extend a hearty welcome to the following new members:

Anita Tamburo, Lourie Stewart, Emily Hayes, Samantha Dreyer, and Rachel Abrams.

Some of our former members have re-joined the chapter as well:

Samara Egan, Emily Mistick, Lana Greenawald, Paula Bonino, and Tammy Blumenfeld.  
Welcome back!

## CHAPTER KICK OFF WAS A BLAST



More than twenty people came to the chapter kick-off meeting and potluck on August 27. We had tons of great food and a very informative meeting, during which we discussed the results of the online survey and some of our plans for the coming year.

The meeting was held at the home of chapter president Becky Yuille. Members came from as far away as Harrisville, Uniontown, and Glassport. Two people even

traveled from Pittsburgh to Cranberry Township on bicycles!

Let's not forget the bear some of us saw in the woods - maybe he wants to join the chapter, too!

Hope to see you at our next meeting!!!

Place: Oakmont Presbyterian Church

415 Pennsylvanina Ave, Oakmont PA

Date: Sunday Nov. 6th

Time: 2pm- Meeting

3pm- Jo Morrison concert/lecture

## MUSIC EDUCATION AUDITIONS SCHEDULED

Music Education auditions have been scheduled for the following two Saturdays: 28 January and 3 March.

The auditions will be held at Perry Highway Lutheran Church, 11403 Perry Highway, Wexford PA, 15090.

**Transportation will be available on both days for students needing rides to the church.**

More details will be provided in the next newsletter.



Dates: January 28, 2012  
March 3, 2012

Place: Perry Highway Lutheran Church  
11403 Perry Highway  
Wexford, PA 15090

## HARP REGULATION

Jason Azem of Lyon and Healy will be in Pittsburgh the week of September 25.

To schedule a regulation with Jason, call Lucy Scandrett at 412.491.6555 or email [lucy@blondelharpist.com](mailto:lucy@blondelharpist.com).

Tom Bell and Scot Baker will be available for regulations from Thursday, October 20 through Saturday, October 22.

To schedule an appointment, contact Scot at 330-687-5034 or [bellharp43@yahoo.com](mailto:bellharp43@yahoo.com).



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**PREPARATIONS FOR THE HOLIDAY ENSEMBLE CONCERT ARE UNDERWAY**

On Sunday, 18 December at 1:00pm, our chapter's Holiday Harp Ensemble concert will take place in the PPG Wintergarden, downtown Pittsburgh, with Elizabeth Heath Charles conducting. This exciting concert is one of our most popular events, keeping the harp and our chapter visible in the community. Twenty-two members of all skill levels played in our last holiday concert, and we hope even more of you will participate this year. All chapter members in good standing are encouraged to join the fun, so if you haven't paid your dues yet, now is the time! No fee is required to perform in the concert, but you must have paid this year's dues if you want to participate.

There will be two rehearsals prior to the concert: Sunday, 20 November from 1-4:30 pm, and Sunday, 11 December from 6:30-9 pm. The rehearsals will take place at Harbour Assisted Living of Monroeville, 2589 Mosside Blvd, Monroeville, PA.

Members who intend to perform in the concert must attend at least ONE of the rehearsals, however attendance at both is strongly recommended. The music has been chosen and distributed to our chapter's harp teachers, who will assign parts to their students. If you are not a student, please contact

one of the following to get the music: Julia Ann Scott: [412-922-4344](tel:412-922-4344), Gretchen Van Hoesen: [412-247-3916](tel:412-247-3916), or Lucy Scandrett: [724-327-8363](tel:724-327-8363). To sign up for the concert, please mail the enclosed registration form to Julia Scott with your name, email address, phone number, make and model of harp, and part (Harp I or Harp II) you intend to play. Deadline to register is **15 November**.



*2009 Holiday Harp Concert*

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**WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE FOR OUR CHAPTER**

At long last, the chapter has a permanent place on the web to call home!!

Our new

Pittsburgh Chapter URL:  
[ahspittsburgh.org](http://ahspittsburgh.org).

Update your bookmarks and check it out. In addition to our usual newsletters and forms, the new site has interactive

features including a forum and a calendar with maps to locations. Use the form to post harps and accessories for sale, what food you are bringing to the next potluck or reception, or just ask questions.

To use the new features, you must register on the website with your name

and your email address. All are welcome to register; seventeen have signed up so far.

Thanks to Russ Hoffman for finding a host and setting up the site!



Register on our new website to use our new interactive features.

To register enter:

Your name

Email address

Website: <http://ahspittsburgh.org/>



## CONGRATULATIONS

Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton- Congratulations to Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton who now holds the position of Principal Harpist for the Toronto Symphony. Ms. Van Hoesen Gorton will begin the season under the baton of Peter Oundjian at Roy Thompson Hall. The September 22nd and 23rd Toronto Symphony performances will consist of three musical works: *Henry V: A Shakespeare Scenario* composed by William Walton and featuring actor Christopher Plummer as narrator; the world premiere of *Behold the Night* for children's choir and orchestra, composed by Larysa Kuzmenko, and Tchaikovsky's *Overture to Romeo and Juliet*.

In April 2011, Heidi was one of six winners of the Pittsburgh Concert Society Majors Competition. Cash prizes were awarded, and each of the six will be featured in a Winner's recital. Heidi's recital will take place on

13 November at 2pm in the Kresge Recital Hall at Carnegie Mellon University.



Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton

Sophia Sunha Lee- Congratulations to Sophia Sunha Lee for winning a harp position in the Pittsburgh

Youth Symphony. She will start rehearsing and performing in September 2011.

Natalie Severson and Sage Po - Congratulations to our AHS National Competition contestants. Natalie Severson tied for 6<sup>th</sup> place in the Advanced Division, and Sage Po placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Intermediate II division.

Well done, ladies!

The chapter also welcomes Sage to Pittsburgh. She began her studies at CMU this fall.

Vanessa Young - Congratulations to former vice president of the Pittsburgh Harp Chapter, Vanessa Young, who recently won the Principal Harp position with the Debut Orchestra. Vanessa will be

performing with the Debut Orchestra at Broad Stage in Santa Monica under music director Jorge Mester. Vanessa will tour China from December 23, 2011 to January 5, 2012 and has enrolled in the

doctoral program at University of Southern California to continue harp studies with JoAnn Turovsky.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pittsburgh freelance harpist, Susanne Hershey, has a new website [www.pittsburghharpist.com](http://www.pittsburghharpist.com). Please visit the website for more information about Susanne and the music that she provides for all occasions including weddings and company functions like her Sept. 30th event for Federal Investors and the Hillman Company held at the Mansions on Fifth Ave.
- The deadline for submitting news to the regional newsletter is 31 October. To submit news, send an email to [midatlanticahs@gmail.com](mailto:midatlanticahs@gmail.com). There is only one regional newsletter per year, so feel free to send the regional director all of your plans for the year. Don't forget to send a copy to your faithful chapter secretary at [sphmiller@gmail.com](mailto:sphmiller@gmail.com)!
- The chapter member's directory will be published early in November. Anyone who wants to be included in the directory MUST pay their dues by 31 October.
- The next newsletter is due out in early December. If you did not submit news for this issue, please send it in for the next one.

## MEMBER NEWS

June 2011 – Gretchen Van Hoesen and Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton served as judges for the Junior and Intermediate I and II divisions of the 2011 AHS National Championships in Denton, TX.

July 23-30, 2011- Natalie Severson and Natalie Stafford attended Connecticut Valley Harp Intensive Camp with harpist/director Susan Knapp Thomas and Brandee Younger. Along with lessons and master classes, a workshop was held with harpist Ray Pool. On July 30<sup>th</sup> Natalie Stafford performed Tournier's *Féerie* and Natalie Severson performed Faure's *Impromptu*.

August 6-13, 2011- Natalie Severson studied the Suzuki Harp method with Mary Kay Waddington at Lyon and Healy West in Salt Lake City. Natalie holds a certificate for Suzuki teaching.

August 22, 2011- Gretchen Van Hoesen presented a harp master class at her home. The following harpists attended/performed in the class: Rachel Abrams, Jessica Ding, Erica Driscoll, Sierra Pastel, Nadia Pessoa, Hannah Piston, Sage Po, Dana Schneider, Natalie Severson, Natalie Stafford, Avery Turley and Sherry Stewartson. The next class will take place on October 22 at 1:00 PM.

August 7-15, 2011 – The Advanced Chamber Music Camp was held at Shadyside Academy in Fox Chapel. Student harpists Jessica Ding, Sophia Sunha Lee, Michelle Sunjoo Lee, Hannah Piston and Dana Schneider attended the camp. They were coached by Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton. There were performances of the Saint Saens *Fantasie* for violin and harp, Hovhaness's *Garden of*

*Adonis* for flute and harp, Haydn's *Concerto* for harp and strings, Andres's *Chants D'Arriere Saison* for cello and harp, Debussy's *Clair de Lune* for two harps, *La Ragazza* for multiple harps and Andres's *Zerbina* for violin and harp.

August 22-September 12, 2011-The Pittsburgh Symphony completed a three week tour with twelve concerts in Germany, Lithuania, Austria, Great Britain and France. The concert in Bonn, Germany was broadcast live on a jumbo screen in the center of the city as well as on television. The Proms concert at Royal Albert Hall in London was also broadcast live across Great Britain.

The final concert at the Berlin Philharmonie was streamed live on the world wide web through digital concert hall and the performance of Mahler's *Symphony #5* was chosen to help commemorate the tenth anniversary of 9-11-2001.

September 10, 2011- The City Music Center at Duquesne University, which now includes harp lessons in its curriculum, opens its new semester. Julia Ann Scott, Adjunct Faculty, will be the harp teacher there. Call [\(412\) 396-5872](tel:4123965872) to register.

September 21 and 23, 2011- September 21, 2011 at Carnegie Music Hall and September 23, 2011 at Wilksburg High School, the Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic will present the first concert of the year. The concert will feature *Symphony Fantastique* by Hector Berlioz, *Les Preludes* by Liszt and *Quattro Versioni Originali della "Ritirata notturna di Madrid"* by Luciano Berio. Harpists Erica Driscoll, Sage Po, Natalie Severson and Natalie Stafford will be performing.

September 25: Sarah Stern will perform Debussy's *Trio Sonata* with a Chilean flutist and British violist as part of a chamber series at the Teatro Municipal in Santiago, Chile.

September 30th: Alia Musica Pittsburgh holds its first Conductors' Concert at Synod Hall, in Oakland (behind St. Paul's Cathedral.) Ivan Jimenez's, *Burning the Deep Red Sea*, Mark Fromm's *Harmonices Mundi*, Federico Garcia's *Pluribus* and Kerrith Livengood's *Song of the 144,000* will all include harp, performed by Julia Ann Scott. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$12 for students and seniors.

October 8, 2011-Thomas Hong will conduct the Butler Symphony's performance Liszt's *Les Preludes* at the Butler Area Intermediate High School, 551 Fairground Road, Butler, PA at 7:30 PM. Julia Scott, Principal Harpist.

October 11, 2011- Hot Pink Pittsburgh 2011 will feature the ensemble "Hot Pink Harps" a group of seven harps led by Gretchen Van Hoesen. The ensemble will perform works for harp ensemble by Milhaud, Andres and Gershwin. Pittsburgh Harp Chapter members Rachel Abrams, Erica Driscoll, Sierra Pastel, Sage Po, Natalie Severson, Natalie Stafford and Gretchen Van Hoesen will be performing. The performance starts at 7:30 PM, at Byham Theater in downtown Pittsburgh. Tickets are available at the door. Proceeds benefit breast cancer victims who have no health insurance.

October 16, 2011- Jeff Turner will conduct the Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra in Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*, Wagner's *Prelude and Liebestod*, and Copland's *Rodeo* at 8:00 PM at the Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland, Pittsburgh. Julia Ann Scott, Principal Harp.

October 19, 2011- At 7:00 PM Gretchen Van Hoesen, Jennifer Conner and Meng Wang will perform the *Debussy Trio* for flute, harp and viola for the Annual Meeting of the Pittsburgh Symphony Inc. at Heinz Hall.

October 22, 2011- At 3:00 PM Gretchen Van Hosen will be holding a harp master class at her home in Regent Square.

October 25, 2011- At 10:30 and 1:30 PM, Julia Ann Scott, Principal Harp, will perform with the Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra in their Young People's Concert Series at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg, PA, with Daniel Meyer, conductor.

October 29, 2011- Julia Scott will perform Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* with the Westmoreland Symphony at the Palace Theatre, Greensburg, PA, at 8:00 PM with Daniel Meyer, conductor.

November 5, 2011- Julia Ann Scott will perform Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain* with the Butler Symphony at 7:30, PM at the Butler Intermediate High School in Butler, PA.

November 13, 2011- Julia Ann Scott will perform Tomasi's *Trumpet Concerto* with the Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra in a concert at Heinz Hall at 8:00 PM, Jeff Turner conducting. Call

the Duquesne Music School Office for ticket information at (412) 396-6080.

November 13, 2011- At 5:30 PM Gretchen Van Hoesen will perform for the Pittsburgh Symphony's *Salon Noche Latina*, at the Reed Smith Center. Andrew Reamer, Principal Percussionist of the Pittsburgh Symphony will also perform music from South America with three other percussionists also from the PSO.

November 20, 2011- Gretchen Van Hoesen will perform the Rutter *Magnificat* at Sewickley Presbyterian Church under the direction of Craig Dobbins. The performance will start 11:00 AM.

November 20, 2011- Sophia Sunha Lee and Hannah Piston will perform the Overture to *Romeo and Juliet* by Tchaikovsky with the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Lawrence Loh, Music Director at Heinz Hall. The concert starts at 7:30 PM. The free tickets are available on line and at the door.

December 3, 2011- Julia Ann Scott will perform a variety of Christmas selections with the Butler Symphony at 7:30 PM, at the Butler Intermediate High School in Butler, PA.

December 10, 2011- At 3:30 PM a Studio Class Recital of students of Gretchen Van Hoesen will take place. The recital is located at the Alumni Concert Hall, College of Fine Arts at Carnegie Mellon University. This recital is free of charge and members of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the AHS and families are welcome to attend.

December 10-11, 2011- Julia Ann Scott will perform Tschaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* with the Westmoreland Symphony and the Laurel Ballet at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg, PA, with conductor Daniel Meyer. Performances will be December 10th at 2:00 and 7:00 PM. and December 11th at 2:00 PM. Tickets are available at [www.westmorelandsymphony.org/events/tickets](http://www.westmorelandsymphony.org/events/tickets) or by calling (724) 837-1850.

December 11, 2011 At 3:00 PM Michelle Sunjoo Lee and Hannah Stater will perform *Suite No. 1* from *Carmen* by George Bizet and *Polovtsian Dances* from *Prince Igor* by Alexander Borodin with the Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestra at Carnegie Library of Homestead under the direction of Joseph Wilcox, Music Director.

December 25, 2011- Julia Ann Scott will perform harp solos and chamber works for the 11:00 PM Christmas Mass at St. Alexis's Catholic Church in Wexford, PA, with Mary Rita Rossetti, organist.