



## Chapter Presents Holiday Harp Ensemble Concert

On Sunday, December 5, 2009 at 2:00pm, our chapter's Holiday Harp Ensemble concert will take place in the PPG Wintergarden, downtown Pittsburgh, with Mr. Jeffrey Turner conducting. This exciting concert is one of our most popular events, keeping the harp and our chapter visible in the community. The Wintergarden is a new location for our chapter, and we would like to see as many chapter members there as possible. More than twenty-five 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, November 15, from 5-7 pm and on Saturday November 21, from 2-4 pm. The rehearsals will be in room 322 of the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. 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: Gretchen Van Hoesen: 412-247-3916, Lucy Scandrett: 724-327-8363, or Julia Ann Scott: 412-922-4344.

To sign up for the concert, please fill out the registration form included with this newsletter. Deadline to register is October 20. Unpaid dues can be sent in with your registration form. Registration forms and membership applications can also be downloaded from our website: <http://www.orgsites.com/pa/harpsocietypittsburgh>.

## Chapter Elects New Officers

The Pittsburgh chapter recently elected new officers to serve two-year terms:

President: Gretchen Van Hoesen

Vice President: Tula Ruggiero

Treasurer: Denise Ventura

Secretary: Rebecca Yuille

Serving on our board of directors are April Howsare, Richard LeBeau, Laura Lockard, Lucy Scandrett, and Vanessa Young.

## New Year's Pot-Luck Party

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Last year's holiday potluck party was such a blast that we have decided to do it again! This is a great way to meet and greet other chapter members. Gretchen Van Hoesen will host the party at her home on Monday, January 11, 2010 anytime after 5pm. Gretchen's address is 7300 Overton Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218. Please RSVP no later than January 6, 2010 by calling 412-247-3916. See you there!

## Music Education Auditions

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Music education auditions (aka "Adjudications") will be on February 13 and March 13 of 2010 from 9am to 4pm. Room A2 at Carnegie Mellon University's Fine Arts Building has been reserved for both days. Sign-up forms will go out in January, and will be available on the website. There will be theory worksheets to complete on February 13, which are designed to help students understand the theory behind the notes. All student Pittsburgh Chapter AHS members are encouraged to participate in this non-competitive and educational opportunity.

## Nancy Hurrell Brings Renaissance Dance Music to Pittsburgh

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Put on your dancing shoes - Nancy Hurrell is coming to Pittsburgh on May 1! She is a well-known harpist, harp historian and consultant for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Nancy will present "History of the Harp," a lecture chronicling the harp from ancient times to the present, and a workshop entitled "Renaissance Dance Music for Harp," in which participants not only will learn to play the 16<sup>th</sup> century music but also to dance the steps! The workshop will be followed by a recital on some of Nancy's historic harps. Don't miss this chance to learn some new music and have fun. More details will be published soon. For more on Nancy, visit her website at <http://www.hurrellharp.com/>.



## Chapter Recital Slated for April

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Our annual business meeting and chapter recital will be in April 2010. This will be our fourth annual chapter recital. It is an event that has been very successful, well attended and can be a great time to get to know other chapter members, hear and learn great harp repertoire and have a chance to listen to our own members perform. The exact date and time will be determined soon, so please check future newsletters and the website for more details.

*We wish to express our thanks to the following chapter members:*

**Thank You!**  
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**Debbie Vallin**, outgoing chapter Vice President,  
**Julia Ann Scott**, outgoing chapter Secretary,  
**Craig Johnson** and **Barbara Hicks**, outgoing Board members, and  
**Russ Hoffman**, true and loyal friend of the chapter.

*Your hard work on the chapter's behalf is greatly appreciated.*

*We also thank **Suzanne Hershey**, **Ron** and **Melissa Kleiner**, **Kathy Piston**, and the **Stern family** for their generous donations.*

## Harp Technicians Visit the Area

Our Chapter has already hosted harp regulators this fall. We have had, and will have visits by harp technicians Edward Galchick, Jason Azem, Tom Bell, and Scot Baker. Thanks to Lucy Scandrett for organizing and scheduling all of the regulations.

## Future Events

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the AHS is working on plans for the 2010/2011 season to bring Sebastien Lipman to Pittsburgh for a recital and master class as well as jazz harpist Park Stickney.



*Reuben the kitten gives Tom Bell some harp regulating advice*

## For Sale

- **Lyon and Healy Folk Harp**—34 strings, mahogany. Good condition, built in 2003. Asking \$800. Contact Renee Boyka 412-576-8151.
- **Venus Encore**—excellent condition, colonial maple finish. \$12,000 includes extra strings, bench, and two harp covers. Call Lesley Kuhl at (cell) 740-350-7213 or (work) 740-374-5346.

## Member News

*Due to a computer malfunction, the following news items were inadvertently omitted from the last newsletter. Please accept our apologies for not printing these items in a timely manner.*

### *January 2009*

- January 29—**Lucy Scandrett** and students **Alexis Balog, Brittany Ellis-Moore, Heather Harrington, Emily Oblak, and Gianna Pipitone** performed for the Ellis Winter Concert at 7pm. **Kay Hughes** performed for the Candlelight Assembly on February 20. Lucy and all of the students presented an ensemble program in Alumni Hall for the Ellis Fine Arts Day on April 26 at 1:30 pm.
- January 31—**Lucy Scandrett** played for the memorial service for Phyllis Semple at the Presbyterian Church of Sewickley. Lucy had the pleasure of knowing Phyllis, a harpist who played professionally in Pittsburgh. She was also a supporter of the arts and various charitable organizations. Her enthusiasm, wit, and love of the harp, golf, and her family are all wonderful attributes of this great lady.
- **Manon Sohn** performed with the District Orchestra in January, and will perform with them again in Erie in March.

### *February 2009*

- **Lucy Scandrett** and IUP student **Jacqueline Gordon** presented programs for elementary schools in Indiana PA during February, March, and April.
- February 15—**Manon Sohn** performed with the Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra at Memorial Park Church. The orchestra accompanied the choir in works by John Rutter. Manon was a featured soloist and performed Ibert's *En-tr'acte* with flutist Rachel Ellenberger.
- February 18—**Olivia DeSimone** and **Juliana Peebles** performed Rimsky-Korsakov's *Russian Easter Festival Overture* with the CAPA orchestra. Olivia performed *Cantique de Jean Racine* by Faure with the choir of St. Ursula's Catholic Church for their Ash Wednesday service.
- February 21—**Juliana Peebles** performed with the Three Rivers Youth Orchestra at Ross Park Mall for the Play-a-Thon. The orchestra performed *Capriccio Espagnol* by Rimsky-Korsakov and *Overture to Candide* by Bernstein.



## Member News (cont'd)

- February 24—**Jacqueline Gordon** performed Debussy's *Petite Suite* with the Indiana University of PA orchestra.
- February 27—**Rebecca Mitchell** and **Lucy Scandrett** presented a program for the orchestra, band, and choir of Franklin Regional High School. Rebecca also performed works by Copland for the orchestra concert in April at the school.

### March 2009

- March 12—**Lucy Scandrett** joined her husband Dr. Jack Scandrett, French Horn, in an Indiana University of PA faculty recital at the DeCico Recital Hall at 8pm. Works by Pierne, Longinotti, Massenet, and Andres were performed. Lucy also played with tuba professor Dr. Zach Collins in a piece by S. Kanga. Prior to the recital, she performed for the president of IUP and the Council of IUP trustees in the Blue Room of Sutton Hall.
- March 12, 13, 14—**Manon Sohn** performed the musical *Beauty and the Beast* with the North Allegheny High School Orchestra at the North Allegheny High School.
- March 14—**Lucy Scandrett**, principal harpist of the McKeesport Symphony, played with the orchestra at the McKeesport High School at 7:30 pm. The orchestra performed works including Grofe's *Grand Canyon Suite* and Smetana's *the Moldau*.
- March 17—The Three of Harps (Jan Bishop, Ruth Papalia, and **Lucy Scandrett**) presented a recital for the Sewickley Music Club at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary of St. James Catholic Church, Sewickley. The concert was followed by a tea. The group also presented a recital as part of the Music Series of Dayton, OH at 7:30pm on March 18 at the Christ United Methodist Church.
- March 20 & 28—**Rebecca Pfingstl** performed with the Pittsburgh Youth Pops Orchestra at the Carnegie Library in Homestead (on the 20th) and at the Chartiers Valley Middle School (on the 28th). Rebecca will perform on both piano and harp for the concerts. She is also the harpist for the Shaler Middle School Orchestra.
- March 21—**Olivia DeSimone** and **Julianna Peebles** performed *Coppelia* with the CAPA orchestra under the direction of David Knapp at 7pm.
- March 23 — **Lucy Scandrett** and **Jacqueline Gordon** presented a program for PCMEA at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania at 7pm.



### April 2009

- April 24—**Jacqueline Gordon** performed with the IUP orchestra for PMEA at the Convocation Center in Valley Forge, PA. The performance was part of the tour by the orchestra April 23-25.
- April 26 — **Lucy Scandrett** performed the harp, organ, and percussion edition of Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* with the chancel choir of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Upper St. Clair for services at 9 and 11am.
- April 26—Congratulations to **Manon Sohn**, who was selected as principal harpist for the All State Orchestra. The orchestra performed in concert under the direction of Dr. Jason Worsby at the Convocation Center in Valley Forge PA.

### May 2009

- May 2 — **Lucy Scandrett** accompanied the chancel choir of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church of Braddock for a special Mass at 4pm. Lucy also played solo works during the Mass.
- May 9—**Julianna Peebles** and **Manon Sohn** performed with the CAPA orchestra at Soldiers and Sailors Hall at 7pm. The program included *Berceuse* and *Finale* from Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*, *Rumanian Rhapsody #1* by Enesco, and *Es-pana* by Chabrier.
- May 17—At 2pm, the following students of **Lucy Scandrett** gave a recital for harp, harp and flute, and harp ensemble: **Alexis Balog, Emily Cook, Bella Danailova, Olivia DeSimone, Conor Dugan, Brittany Ellis-Moore, Jacqueline Gordon, Heather Harrington, Kay Hughes, Cristina Kruk, Emily Mistick, Rebecca Mitchell, Jenna Montelione, Larry Nelson, Emily Oblak, Laura Oswiany, Rebecca Pfingstl, Gianna Pipitone, Anastasia Pryor** and **Manon Shon**. The recital took place in the Sanctuary of the Church of the Ascension, Shadyside. A reception in the Hunt Room followed the recital.

### General

- **Suzanne Hershey** has a new website: [www.pittsburghharpist.com](http://www.pittsburghharpist.com).

## Member News (cont'd)

- **Sarah Stern** recently received her Konzertdiplome in harp interpretation and performance from the Musik-Akademie der Stadt Basel, studying with Sarah O'Brien. Over the summer she participated in the 40th Festival Internacional de Inverno de Campos do Jordão, in Brazil, performing in orchestral and chamber music concerts, and studying with Rita Costanzi and Geneviève Létang. She also performed with the Britten-Pears Festival Orchestra in Aldeburgh, United Kingdom, and will return there in two weeks to perform Britten's chamber opera *The Turn of the Screw* in the composer's home town. Sarah is now studying baroque harp at the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis and working on her second masters degree.

### June 2009

- American Harp Society National Competition and Institute in Salt Lake City, UT. Pittsburgh Chapter members who attended the Institute and Competition were **Gretchen Van Hoesen, Jessica Ding, Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton, Hannah Piston, Katherine Redlus, and Lucy Scandrett**. Congratulations to Jessica, Heidi, Katherine and Hannah who were accepted into the final round and competed in the Junior, Advanced, Lyon and Healy, and Young Professional divisions. Gretchen Van Hoesen judged the Intermediate I Division of the National Competition on June 29. Jessica won 1st place in the Junior Division, Hannah won 3rd place in the Junior Division, and Heidi won 1st place in the Young Professional Division. Heidi, Jessica and Hannah received cash awards and were honored in the winners' recital on July 2. Heidi performed *Piece Symphonique* by Henriette Renie and Jessica performed *Minstrel's Adieu to His Native Land* by John Thomas. As a result of winning the Young Professional Division, Heidi will hold a two-year title as Young Artist of the American Harp Society and will present recitals throughout the United States by invitation from local AHS Chapters. As a result of winning the Junior Division, Jessica has been invited to perform in the "Harp Stars of Tomorrow" concert at the USA International Harp Competition on July 15, 2010 in Bloomington, IN.



### July 2009

- Mooncrest Summer Music Camp: **Debbie Stackrow** assisted teacher **Julia Scott** in giving a harp class for 30 summer campers at the Mooncrest Community Center Summer music program. The camp lasts for three weeks each summer and teaches basic musical skills to children of the Mooncrest Development near McKees Rocks.
- **Lucy Scandrett** and flutist Tom Godfrey gave performances for Gateway to the Arts for the Allegheny County Outreach program. Lucy also performed and gave an all-day hands-on presentation for a Jewish camp near Warren, PA for over 500 students.

### August 2009

- August 3—**Lucy Scandrett** gave a week-long harp summer camp at the Church of the Ascension in Shadyside. The camp culminated in a performance on Friday, August 7 at 2pm.
- August 23—**Craig Johnson**, along with harpist Vicki Vaughan, played a special duo arrangement of *Amazing Grace* for Sunday morning mass at St. Irenaeus Church in Oakmont. Although Vicki is visually impaired, she continues to play and perform, and is currently studying with Julia Scott.
- August 29—**Rebecca Pfingstl** performed with flutist Kate Falk for the Shaler Library Mother/Daughter Tea.
- In August, **Debbie Stackrow** attended a harp training workshop in The Netherlands as part of the International Harp Therapy Program. The program strives to train harpists to use the harp for therapeutic benefits in such places as hospitals, cancer centers, personal care homes or any type of organization or business wanting to promote health and well-being. Some of the other countries represented by the twelve women in attendance were: Denmark, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, the United Kingdom and The Netherlands.
- **Lucy Scandrett** presented a one-week harp camp at the Church of the Ascension in Shadyside. The week culminated in a performance of 11 harpists at UPMC Canterbury Place. The harpists, **Alexis Balog, Bella Danailova, Olivia DeSimone, Abby Hall, Susie Hall, Larry Nelson, Rebecca Pfingstl, Lucy Scandrett, Heather Semple, Victoria Serra** and **Manon Sohn** performed classical, folk, and pop harp ensemble works.

### September 2009

- September 6 – Harp master class by **Gretchen Van Hoesen** at 1:30 PM at her home. Harp students attending were **Yi Wen Chang, Jessica Ding, Madison Jenkins, Jordana Kleiner, Chelsea Lane, Sohia Sunha Lee, Michelle**

## Member News (cont'd)

**Sunjoo Lee, Sierra Pastel, Hannah Piston, Tula Ruggiero, Dana Schneider, Natalie Severson, Avery Turley and Vanessa Young.**

- September 8 – A Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Harp Society Officers and Board meeting was held at Panera Restaurant at 7:00 PM. Attending were **Gretchen Van Hoesen, Denise Ventura, Becky Yuille, Tula Ruggiero, April Howsare, Lucy Scandrett** and **Vanessa Young**.
- September 12-20 – **Gretchen Van Hoesen** performed with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on a European tour to Cologne, Bonn, Essen, and Lucerne. The orchestra received excellent reviews and was invited back to major European Festivals in 2011. The Pittsburgh Symphony will tour to Europe again in May 2010 and to Montreal, Canada in July 2010.
- September 14 – **Julia Scott** performed harp and tuned water glasses in composer Reza Vali's *Seven Folksongs* with Alia Musica of Pittsburgh at the Bellefield Theatre. Mr. Vali's piece featured soprano Kelly Lynch, and used motives from folk music of seven different musical traditions. Federico Garcia conducted.
- September 16 - **Vanessa Young** and **Natalie Severson** performed *Symphony No. 4* by Shostakovich under the direction of Ronald Zollman, conductor with the CMU Philharmonic, Carnegie Music Hall at 8:00 PM.
- September 19—**Lucy Scandrett** performed with the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra for the Opera Gala concert at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center. The orchestra, under the baton of Itsvan Jarey, performed works by Gounod, Lehar, Puccini, Strauss, Schonberg, and Rogers and Hammerstein.
- September 23—**Julia Scott** donated her services (through the annual Pittsburgh Youth Symphony garden party auction) to Angel's Place for their annual silent auction held at the Holiday Inn Select, Southpointe.
- September 25—**Julianna Peebles** had the honor of performing with the CAPA orchestra under the direction of David Knapp for Michelle Obama.
- September 27 – **Gretchen Van Hoesen** and Andres Cardenes recorded *Caprichios No. 2, Samba, Tango and Jarabe* for harp and strings by Leonardo Balada at Carnegie Mellon University. Mr. Balada is on the composition faculty of Carnegie Mellon University, and this completes a recording project of all three Caprichios to be released soon on CD.
- September 27— Under the direction of Brue Lauffer, **Lucy Scandrett** performed with the McKeesport Symphony Orchestra on their season-opening concert at the McKeesport High School. Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and other contemporary composers was featured with Griffes' *Poeme* for flute and orchestra.

### October 2009

- October 1—**Lana Greenawald** performed Mahler's *Um Mitternacht*, Holst's *Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda*, and Strauss's *Don Juan* with the Duquesne University Wind Symphony at 8pm at the Carnegie Music Hall.
- October 2—**Rebecca Pfingstl** performed solo works for harp at the wine and cheese party for the Shaler Library.
- October 6 – **Katie Ventura** performed Barber's *Symphony No. 1* with the Chicago College of Performing Arts Orchestra, conducted by Alexander Platt at 8 PM in the Harris Theater, Chicago, IL.
- October 7- **Tula Ruggiero** and **Madison Jenkins** performed works by Colgrass, Dzubay, and Auric with the Carnegie Mellon Wind Ensemble, conducted by Dennis Cowell at the Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh, PA.
- October 8, 10, 11— **Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton** will perform Mahler's *Symphony #9* at the Belding Theater in Hartford, CT with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra & Maestro Edward Cumming.
- October 10—**Julia Scott** will perform with the Butler Symphony Orchestra in Peter Boyer's *Ellis Island: The Dream of America* and Hermann's *Italian Fiesta*. The concert begins at 7:30 PM at the Butler Area Intermediate High School, and features Betsy Heath, conductor.
- October 10—**Lana Greenawald** joins the Washington Symphony Orchestra for a performance of Elfman's *Edward Scissorhands: Main Title*, and Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* at 7:30 pm in the Trinity High School. Admission \$15.
- October 11—**Lucy Scandrett** will perform Welsh music at the Westminster Presbyterian Church for the Welsh Celebration.
- October 11 —**Lana Greenawald** will perform Milhaud's *Concerto #1 pour Violon et Orchestre* and *Concerto Pour Violoncelle et Orchestre* with the Duquesne University Symphony Orchestra at 8pm in the Carnegie Music Hall.
- October 11—**Jacqueline Gordon** will play with the Indiana University of PA orchestra for a performance of Bernstein's *Mass* at 3pm in Fisher Auditorium. She will join the wind ensemble for concerts in November and December.



## Member News (cont'd)

- October 17- **Tula Ruggiero** will perform Respighi's *Pines of Rome* and *O Mio Babbino Caro* by Puccini with the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra, conducted by Warren Davidson at 7:30 pm at the Upper St. Clair High School Theater, Upper St. Clair, PA.
- October 17—**Lucy Scandrett** will play works by Bach for the memorial service for Jerry Shannon at Calvary Episcopal Church in Shadyside at 4pm. She will join the choir under the direction of Alan Lewis for music by Faure and Rutter.
- October 18, - **Katie Ventura** will play Chabrier's *Espana* and Ravel's *La Valse* with the West Suburban Symphony, conducted by Peter Lipari at 4 PM in LaGrange Park, IL.
- October 24— 8:00 PM – **Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton** will perform with the Connecticut Pops featuring the singing quintet Five By Design. Maestro Edward Cumming will conduct at Mortensen Hall; Hartford.
- October 25—The Three of Harps (Jan Bishop, Ruth Papalia, and **Lucy Scandrett**) will present “A Harvest of Harps and Friends” at 2pm at the Church of the Ascension in Shadyside. They will be assisted by Laura Very, soprano, Nancy Foster, flute, and harpists **Alexis Balog, Emily Baroody, Amberly Buehl, Bella Danailova, Conor Dugan, Jacqueline Gordon, Heather Harrington, Kay Hughes, Cristina Kruk, Emily Mistick, Larry Nelson, Laura Owsiany, Rebecca Pfingstl, Julianna Peebles, and Victoria Serra**. The ensemble will be under the direction of Dr. Andrew Kohn. The concert is a benefit for the East Liberty Family Health Center. A free will offering will be taken. All are invited to this concert.
- October 26 - **Julia Scott** will perform Verdi's *La Forza Del Destino*, De Falla's *The Three Cornered Hat*, Respighi's *The Fountains of Rome*, and Stravinsky's *Fireworks* with the Youngstown State University Symphonic Orchestra, John Wilcox conducting. The concert starts at 8 PM at the Ford Family Recital Hall located in the DeYor Performing Arts Center, formerly Powers Auditorium, on Federal Plaza West in downtown Youngstown, Ohio.
- October 26—**Lucy Scandrett** will perform the Fauré Requiem with the Pittsburgh Festival Orchestra under the baton of Andres Cardanes at St. Andrews Church, Highland Park, at 7:30 PM.
- October 28— 8:00 PM – **Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton** will perform *Das Lied von der Erde* by Gustav Mahler with the Juilliard Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in NYC under the direction of Michael Tilson Thomas.
- October 29,30,31 & November 1—**Julianna Peebles** will play with the CAPA orchestra for performances of *Les Miserables* at the Byham Theatre. She will also perform *The Nutcracker* at CAPA in December. Check the CAPA website for more details.

### November 2009

- November 7— **Julia Ann Scott** will perform as principal harpist with the Butler Symphony at 7:30 pm. The program will include Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* and selections by Morton Gould and Percy Grainger.
- November 7—**Lucy Scandrett** will joins organist David Billings for an “Organ Plus” concert at 7:30pm at the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. They will perform Grandjany's *Aria in Classic Style* and give a Pittsburgh premiere of *Legend* by Charles Callahan. They will be joined by flutist Michelle Regan for Friedell's *Elegy*.
- November 12-14, 8:00 PM & November 15, 3:00 PM – **Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton** will perform *A German Requiem* by Brahms, with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Maestro Constantine Kitsopoulos at the Belding Theater; Hartford, CT.
- November 13 and 15—**Julia Ann Scott** will perform Second Harp with the Pittsburgh Symphony at Heinz Hall in Strauss's *Also Sprach Zarathustra*.
- November 15— 7:00 PM: Harpists **Chelsea Lane** and **Dana Schneider** will perform with the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony at Heinz Hall under the direction of Lawrence Loh, conductor. They will perform *Afternoon of a Faun* by Claude Debussy and *Sorcerer's Apprentice* by Paul Dukas. Admission is free of charge.
- November 15—**Lucy Scandrett** will perform with the University of Pittsburgh Women's Choir at 3pm in Bellefield Hall. *Winter Solstice* will be premiered and recorded for the February publication of the work.
- November 17—the *Tone Row Blues for Harp and Piano* by **Julia Ann Scott** will be premiered at the Tuesday Music Club's Composers' concert at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Highland Park, 12:30 pm.

### December 2009

- December 3-5, 8:00 PM & December 6, 3:00 PM – **Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton** will perform Smetana's *The Moldau* with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra & Maestro Andrew Grams at the Belding Theater, Hartford, CT
- December 4 - **Katie Ventura** will perform the Bax *Elegiac Trio* for Flute, Harp, and Viola with flutist Elizabeth Hopkins and violist Andrew Dowd at 12:15 PM in Ganz Hall, Chicago, IL.

## Member News (cont'd)

- December 4,5,6—**Julia Ann Scott** will perform Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* and Rousseau's *Variations Pastorales* as part of the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale series with Katherine Mueller conducting. Concert locales are as follows: Ingomar United Methodist Church (on the 4th at 8pm and on the 6th at 4pm) and Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church (on the 5th at 8pm) Adults \$20, students \$16, children 11 and under free. 412-635-7654 or [www.pccsing.org](http://www.pccsing.org) for more information.
- December 6—**Emily Baroody** will perform selections from Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* with the Women's Choir of Seton Hill University under the direction of Dr. Marvin Huls at 1:30pm and 4pm in Cecilian Hall. The concert is open to the public.
- December 8— 7:30 PM: harpist **Gretchen Van Hoesen** will be a featured performer with soprano Sara Botkin at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper Saint Clair, PA on their classical concert series. The concert will feature harp solos as well as duos for voice and harp recorded on the 2007 Christmas CD, "Breath of Heaven." Solo harp works by Tournier and Grandjany will be performed. A free will offering for the church will be taken at the door.
- December 10-23— **Katie Ventura** will perform as harpist for the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera's production of *A Musical Christmas Carol*. Show times and ticket prices can be found at [www.pittsburghclo.org](http://www.pittsburghclo.org).
- December 12 & 13—The Westmoreland Symphony and the Laurel Ballet will present Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg at 3pm and 8pm on the 12th and again at 3pm on the 13th with **Julia Ann Scott** principal harpist. Tickets range from \$10 to \$28 and can be ordered by calling 724-836-8000.
- December 13— 7:00 PM: Studio class recital by students of **Gretchen Van Hoesen** at Carnegie Mellon University, Alumni Concert Hall. All students of Ms. Van Hoesen will be performing a solo piece or ensemble work and a reception will follow. Members of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the AHS are cordially invited to attend this free of charge recital.
- December 13—**Juliana Peebles** will play a concert with the Three Rivers Youth Orchestra at 3pm at Carnegie Hall. The concert will include DeFalla's *Three-Cornered Hat*, Debussy's *Petite Suite*, and *Les Preludes* by Liszt.
- December 19—**Lucy Scandrett** will join the Oakland Girl's Choir under the direction of Kathryn Barnard for their Candlelight Concert at 7:30 pm at the Church of the Ascension. Works include Rutter's *Dancing Day* and Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*.
- December 19—**Rebecca Pfingstl** will perform with the Pittsburgh Youth Pops Orchestra for their "Sounds of the Season" concert at 2pm in the PPG Wintergarden. She will play harp and piano for the concert featuring "A Christmas Festival."
- December 20—**Lucy Scandrett** will play solo works for harp and works for harp and choir at the Church of the Ascension in Shadyside at the 10:30am service. She will also perform with the McKeesport Symphony at 2:30pm in the McKeesport High School.
- December 22—the "Heavenly Harp Duo" of **Lana Greenawald** and **Julia Ann Scott** will perform in the Holiday Concert series in the lobby of Fifth Avenue Place, Downtown, from noon to 2pm.
- December 24—**Julia Ann Scott** will perform with organist Clarke Bedford and others for the Fox Chapel Episcopalian Christmas Eve Service at 10:15pm. The program will feature a variety of chamber works, including Busser's *Le Sommeil de L'enfant Jesus*.
- December 24—**Lucy Scandrett** will play for the 7:30pm and 10pm Christmas Eve services for the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. She will join violinist Keiko Rushlander and cellist Paula Tuttle in works by Buser, Britten, Wood, and Reger, and will perform with the choir.
- December 25—Christmas Day Mass at St. Alexis Catholic Church in Wexford will feature harpist **Julia Ann Scott** and organist Mary Rita Rosetti in a variety of carols and chamber pieces. 11am.

### January 2010

- January 18— 7:00 PM: Meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the AHS board and officers at Panera in Oakland, PA.
- January 23— 2:00 PM: **Yi Wen Chang** will present a solo harp recital in Kresge Recital Hall at Carnegie Mellon University in partial fulfillment of the degree of Music Education. Yi Wen will present music by Andres, Bach, Britten, Handel, Hasselmans and Hovhaness. The Pittsburgh Chapter members are cordially invited to attend this free of charge recital.
- January 24— 7:00 PM: **Gretchen Van Hoesen** will present a recital at Kresge Recital Hall, CMU. Joining her will be guest artist Louis Lev, Associate Principal 2<sup>nd</sup> Violinist of the Pittsburgh Symphony. Included on this recital will be solo works for the concert grand and single action harp as well as music for violin and harp. Composers such as Meyer, Marin, Setzer, Andres, Rajna, Kikta and Pierne will be represented. Admission is free of charge and all chapter members are invited to attend.



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## Changes to the Chapter Website

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If you haven't visited our website yet, please do so! There you will find the latest news, upcoming events, current and past newsletters, and much more.

Our newest additions to the site are the *Member News* and *Lose Something?* pages. All member news submitted to the chapter secretary will be posted to this new page. The page will be updated frequently, so often you will see your news on the website before it comes out in the newsletter. You can even submit your news right from the site! Just to go the website (<http://www.orgsites.com/pa/harpsocietypittsburgh>), click on the "Member News" link on the left side of the page, and then click "Send Member News." Type in your news, attach any pictures (pictures MOST welcome) to the email and click "send." It's that simple!

If you need any forms, all you have to do is download new ones from the *Lose Something?* page. No more worrying, calling, or waiting for new forms to come in the mail. Try it!

