



Pittsburgh Chapter The American Harp Society August 2015 Newsletter

2015 – 2016 Chapter Membership Form – The 2015-2016 membership form is now available at <http://www.ahspittsburgh.org/onlinemembershipform.htm> and will be sent separately as well. Thank you for considering a Sustaining, Sponsor, or Patron Membership. All donations are of vital importance to our ability to provide quality events for members and the community. Donor membership will be recognized in chapter event programs.

New Chapter Officers – The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee at our June 13, 2015 annual meeting was voted on and elected by the membership. Officers for August 2015 through July 2017 are Craig Johnson, President & Treasurer; Melanie Sandrock, Vice President; and Bill Van Patten, Secretary.

AHS Summer Institute – Congratulations to three chapter members, all students of Gretchen Van Hoesen, who placed in the Institute Competitions held June 21 – 24, 2015!

In the Junior Division, Jadelyn Ding (front left) received 5th Place.



In the Intermediate II Division, Jessica Ding (back right) received 4th Place, and Sophia Sunha Lee (not pictured) tied for 6th Place.

Jessica also was awarded the Catherine Gotthoffer Prize for the best performance of Marcel Grandjany's Fantaisie.



Lyon & Healy Summer Concert Series – Congratulations to chapter member Alexis Balog!



Alexis, shown here with her teacher Lucy Scandrett, performed the first movement of George Frideric Handel's Concerto, on July 11, 2015.

Upcoming Chapter Events – Be sure to mark the following dates in your calendars!

Chapter Holiday Ensemble Concert – December 5, 2015, 3:00 p.m. Our chapter will present its biennial concert at PPG Wintergarden in downtown Pittsburgh. Walter Morales, Music Director of the Edgewood Symphony, will conduct. The music will be available in September; and as always, will include selections for all levels of players. We're excited to be playing some brand-new arrangements by Gary Schocker and Christine Mazza, as well as some old favorites. All chapter members are welcome to perform in the concert; however, you must attend at least one rehearsal, preferably two. Rehearsals will be in CMU's Alumni Concert Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 29, 2015 and Wednesday, December 2, 2015. You may leave your harp in the secure harp studio between rehearsals.

Tiffany Concert Series – Flute and Harp Fantasy – March 13, 2016, 4 p.m. Chapter members will be performing along with members of the [Pittsburgh Flute Club](#) and the [Flute Academy](#) on the Tiffany Concert Series at Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Avenue, on Pittsburgh's North Side. We're delighted to continue our long-time partnership with the Tiffany series with a collaboration with our flutist colleagues. More information will be available soon, but members interested in performing in an ensemble (with or without flutes) on this concert should contact Craig Johnson or Bill Van Patten as soon as possible. Preference will be given to larger ensembles.

Upcoming 2015 Performances

August 30, 3:00 p.m., Music Plus Series, St. James Parish, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley, PA. Violinist Andres Cardenes and harpist Gretchen Van Hoesen will perform works by Marin, Sibelius, Grandjany, Izmaylov and Andres. Free-will donation.

September 1, 8:00 p.m., Faculty Recital, Alumni Concert Hall, Carnegie Mellon University. Violinist Andres Cardenes and harpist Gretchen Van Hoesen will perform works by Izmaylov, Sibelius, Grandjany, Fromm, Saint Saens, Villa-Lobos and Cras. Free.

October 16 & 17 at 8:00 p.m., October 18 at 2:30 p.m., Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Heinz Hall. Gretchen Van Hoesen will perform Ginastera's Concerto for Harp and Orchestra, Jan Pascal Tortelier, conducting. The PSO has arranged a special discount for chapter members and friends, with student tickets up to 50% off, and adult tickets to 35% off. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

October 25, 3:00 p.m., Schubert on the Bluff Series, Duquesne University. Flutist Rhian Kenny, violist Marylene Gingras Roy, and harpist Gretchen Van Hoesen, will perform guest composer David Stock's *Vanished World*. \$10.00 admission. For more information, go to <http://www.duq.edu/academics/schools/music/events/schubert-on-the-bluff>

December 6, 2:30 p.m., Kresge Recital Hall, Carnegie Mellon University. Class recital of students of Gretchen Van Hoesen. Free.

Harp Technicians – Some of the country's best harp techs will be coming through town this fall! Contact them early to schedule your regulations and other work.

Chapter member Ed Galchick will be in Pittsburgh September 1 and 2.
Website: <http://www.harptweak.com/about.html>; email: harptweak@outlook.com; phone: 816-591-6638

Jason Azem is planning a trip in late September or early October.
Website: <http://www.azemharpservice.com/>; email: jasonazem@aol.com; phone: 630-229-7335

Tom Bell and Scot Baker are planning a trip to Morgantown and Pittsburgh starting October 12.
Website: <http://bellharp.com/>; email: info@bellharp.com; phone: 330-687-5034

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