

# NEWSLETTER

## Berklee Jazz Harpist to Present Concert and Workshops



*Felice Pomeranz, Harpist*

Join Harpist Felice Pomeranz and your fellow chapter members on Saturday, November 10th, for a day of fun with harmony and jazz! It doesn't matter if you are just a beginner, or an advanced harpist: Felice will have materials appropriate for you!

Felice is Professor of Harp and Jazz Studies at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA, where she teaches classical, jazz, and pop harp. She will be giving two different workshops in which pedal and lever harpists will enjoy learning to "jazz up" their tunes. Other topics will include easy arranging for pop and religious music, and a little jazz harmony. You may attend either workshop, but Felice will give a discount on her merchandise to anyone who attends both.

The workshops will be held in the social hall of Aspinwall Presbyterian Church, 299 Center Avenue, Aspinwall PA, 15215, beginning at 12:30 PM and again at 3:00 PM. Please bring an item to share for the potluck that will be held after the workshops. After the workshops and the potluck, Ms. Pomeranz will perform harp in concert with local Pittsburgh musicians on sax, bass and drums. The concert is at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. A free will offering will be taken at the door.

Registration forms, containing descriptions of each workshop, will be sent out soon, via email and the website. Contact Becky Yuille with questions at 412-848-7162 or email [yuillerj@gmail.com](mailto:yuillerj@gmail.com).

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## Harp Care Workshop Coming in November

Is your home too dry for your harp?  
What is the best way to keep the humidity level up?

Can you tie a proper knot in a harp string, or do you get someone to do it for you? Do you know how to change a string quickly in the middle of a performance?

How long can you leave your harp in a car on a hot day? Have you ever seen someone change a pedal rod? Find



out the answers to these and other questions from master harp technician Tom Bell.

We do not have all of the details yet, but Tom will be in town for regulations sometime in November. While he is here, he will conduct a class on the care and feeding of both pedal and lever harps. Please keep checking your email and the website for the date, time, and location of the class.

## The Girl with the Golden Harp



*Claire Jones, former Harpist to HRH the Prince of Wales, performing with the English Chamber Orchestra, Conductor Paul Watkins, and flutist William Bennett OBE.*

Claire Jones, former harpist to HRH the Prince of Wales, will be in Pittsburgh for a concert and masterclass on April 20 and 21. Our chapter has teamed up with the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society this year and this concert has been included in their Tiffany Concert Series, which is held in the famous Calvary Methodist Church on the North Side of Pittsburgh.

Under normal circumstances, we do not publicize events in our newsletter so far in advance, but the AHPS reported that ticket inquiries for the Claire Jones concert started as soon as this season's brochure was published. This exciting concert will probably be sold out by April. Chapter members are urged to buy their tickets as soon as possible.

Ticket prices are as follows: General admission \$15, Senior (62+) \$10, Student \$7, Children under 12 are free.

For tickets, contact Becky Yuille (412-848-7162 or [yuillerj@gmail.com](mailto:yuillerj@gmail.com)) or Sandra Pack at the AHPS (412-323-1070).

Becky also has a few professionally printed posters for members to post in their favorite places around town. We will publish more about the concert and the masterclass in an upcoming newsletter. To learn more about this remarkable young harpist, visit her website at <http://www.clairejones.co.uk/>.

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### **Order Tickets**

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## Membership Drive

The 2012-2013 membership drive is under way. Our year begins every September 1st, coinciding with our parent organization. Membership forms were mailed to all current and prospective members, but you can download one from the “documents” section of our website: <http://ahspittsburgh.org>.

Please send your dues as soon as possible; the chapter directory will be printed November 1st, and we want everyone’s name to be included.

We also encourage everyone to consider joining our parent organization, the American Harp Society. To join the AHS, go to [www.harpsociety.org](http://www.harpsociety.org), where you may join the AHS online, or print an application and mail it in.

Please remember that national membership and chapter membership are two different things!



## Mark Your Calendars

Everyone please jot the following dates on your calendars for upcoming events. Details will be published in later newsletters:

- Holiday Pot Luck: Sunday, January 13, 2013—Becky Yuille’s house
- Harp Tasting: TBA
- Music Education: March 2 and April 6, 2013—Perry Highway Lutheran Church
- Adult Recital: 4pm March 24, 2013—Beechview Presbyterian Church
- Claire Jones Masterclass and Concert: April 20-21, 2013
- Business Meeting: May 5, 2013—Oakmont Presbyterian Church



## Congratulations



Lucy Scandrett was given the American Harp Society Lifetime Achievement Award. The presentation was made on June 30 at the opening concert of the AHS 2012 National Conference at the Marriott Marquis hotel in Times Square.

Lucy is the immediate past president of the AHS, serving 8 years in this office. She served 18 years on the Board of Directors of the AHS, started the Pittsburgh Chapter and was the National Chair for the 1987 AHS National Conference in Pittsburgh. Well done, Lucy!

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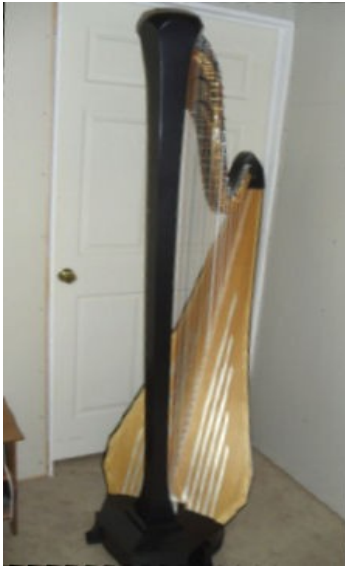
## Chapter Welcomes New Members

Our membership drive is just under way, and already we have four new members! Let's extend a hearty welcome to:

- Sophie Graf
- Jing-I Jang
- Skyler Moon
- Bill Van Patten



## For Sale



Lyon and Healy Style 30—ebony finish with unique detail: Salzedo silver stripes on soundboard!

Two years old, in pristine condition, big sound.

Price reduced: \$16,000

Email Anne Sullivan at [harpist@annesullivanharp.com](mailto:harpist@annesullivanharp.com) or call - (814) 574-9137.

Lyon and Healy Style 85 Grand Petite Pedal Harp - 44 Strings, mahogany finish.

Excellent condition: only 7 years old and has rarely been moved. Height 69" - Soundboard Width 18 3/8" - Extreme Width 37" - Weight 69 lbs.

New bass wires added in 2011. Recently regulated in 2011. Includes cover.

For more information, contact Craig Johnson at 412-824-8004 or [arpaflauto@aol.com](mailto:arpaflauto@aol.com).



One new 35-string Merlin folk harp, built this year, by Rick Rubarth.

Also one Dusty Strings Folk Harp, 36 Strings, stave back, maple. Includes pick-up, extra strings and tuning key.

Call Julia Ann Scott at (412) 654-9549 for more information.

### **FOR RENT: MERLIN HARP**

Merlin folk harp at \$60 per month, payable to Rick Rubarth.

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## Member News

*We want to hear from you! If you are interested in submitting news for future newsletters, please email your information and photographs to the following email address: [news@ahspittsburgh.org](mailto:news@ahspittsburgh.org). Please remember that we cannot include gigs in member news. Events must be open to the public. In other words, no weddings, private parties, etc. News items will be published once and only once.*

*The next newsletter will be published in late November. The exact deadline date will be announced via email by our secretary, Stephanie Miller. We look forward to your news!*

### SEPTEMBER 2012

**8th:** Lucy Scandrett was the harpist for the OvreArts premiere of 2 new ballets performed at 4 and 8 pm at the CAPA Theatre. She is the principal harpist for the orchestra.

**22nd:** "50 for 50" Concert at Seton Hill University, Greensburg, PA. The concert of 50 harps celebrated the 50th anniversary of the American Harp Society. Lucy Scandrett, professor of harp at the university, organized the event and performed in the concert. Other harpists performing were Alexis Balog, Heather Harrington and Victoria Serra. The concert featured performances by Dr. Curt Scheib, the Lyric Duo, and the Three of Harps. The concert was free and open to the public, a reception followed.

### OCTOBER 2012

**7th:** Nuiko Wadden will be playing a program of solos, duos and trios on Sunday, October 7th with Dawn Posey, violin and Katya Janpoladyan, cello. 7 pm at Monk's Place in Lawrenceville, 3364 Penn Avenue. Music by JS Bach, Saint-Saens, Lorenz, and Renie. Admission is free.

### NOVEMBER 2012

**2nd:** Lucy Scandrett will perform the Faure Requiem at 7:30 pm at Calvary Episcopal Church.

**11th:** Lucy Scandrett will perform the Bernstein *Chichester Psalms* (harp, organ and percussion version) and *Harpsonnets*, a work for solo harp and choir, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the South Hills. The concert will be at 4:00 pm.

### DECEMBER 2012

**2nd:** Lucy Scandrett and her husband will be the featured soloists at 11:00 am at the East Union Presbyterian Church.

**15th:** Lucy Sandrett will play the Benjamin Britten *Ceremony of Carols* with the Oakland Girls Choir under the direction of Kathryn Barnard. Other works with harp will also be featured for the concert at 7:30 pm at Church of the Ascension, Shadyside.

**16th:** Lucy Scandrett will perform at 2:00 pm at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. The concert includes the Saint-Saens *Christmas Oratorio*.

**23rd:** Lucy Scandrett will perform at Church of the Ascension for the Lessons and Carols Service.

**24th:** Lucy Scandrett will play for the Christmas services at 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm and 10:00 pm. Works by Britten, Buser, Vaughn Williams will be featured.

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**Chapter Members:**

Register on our website to use the interactive features.

<http://ahspittsburgh.org/>

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