

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER
AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY**

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Please join us for our next chapter event!

March 15, Sunday

An Afternoon with Deborah Henson-Conant

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1710 Moorpark Ave., San Jose

2:00: Baroque Flamenco: Hands on workshop for harpists (lever and pedal). Learn the basic techniques in Deborah Henson-Conant's innovative showpiece for harp. The cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non members. Please RSVP in advance for the workshop. The sheet music for "Baroque Flamenco" can be purchased on Deborah's website: www.hipharp.com/ccorder.html. When you RSVP, ask Janet for the discount code to purchase not only the sheet music, but also the DVD and CD that include "Baroque Flamenco". Deborah will also be posting a single sheet for the workshop that people can download (for free) from her website, but not until about a week before the workshop.

4:30: Strings of Passion: Deborah will perform and talk about her life, her work and the development of "HipHarp". The cost is \$15 in advance, and \$20 at the door. Group rates are available.

6:00: Open reception

RSVP to Janet Hamm at (408) 866-6438 or jhammeez@hotmail.com by Thursday, March 12, 2009.

If you would like to attend this event but find the cost prohibitive, please contact Linda Rollo (the major sponsor of this event) at 408-395-4327 or LWRollo@gmail.com as scholarships may be available.

Deborah Henson-Conant is best known for her high-energy performances that blur the line between concert and theatrical events. She is a Grammy-Nominated recording artist and star of her own Public Television special, "Invention & Alchemy", with 80-piece orchestra. She sings and plays the harp, with a theatrical narrative of storytelling and humor. She performs solo concerts and One-Woman Shows – and also appears frequently as a featured guest with orchestras, performing her original music. Her symphonic performance is captured in the award-winning 2006 CD & DVD "Invention & Alchemy".

Deborah has been described as "the wild woman of the harp" by bandleader Doc Severinsen and "a cross between Leonard Bernstein, Steven Tyler and Xena, the Warrior Princess" by the Boston Globe. Her playing ranges from full-out bluesy to delicate ballads in a genre she describes as "Blues-Flamenco-Celtic-Funk-Folk-Jazz-Musical-Theatre." Her audiences cross generation, gender and genre. Henson-Conant has revolutionized her instrument. She's brought vibrant passion and individuality to its sound – and in the process she herself has been transformed. Her work is an exploration of possibilities – a transformation that moves her audience out of the ordinary and into the extraordinary.

Directions: The church is located on the northeast corner of Moorpark and Leigh, immediately across the street from San Jose City College. From I 280 take the Bascom/Leigh exit from both directions. From the east take the exit and go to the stop light at the corner of Parkmoor and Leigh. Turn left and you will see the church across the street. From the west take the exit and come past San Jose City College. You will see the church at the corner of Moorpark and Leigh. Parking is available on both sides of the street of Moorpark, Leigh, and across the street at City College as well as in the small parking lot at the church.

Elections are approaching and our chapter needs your help!

An Important Message from our Chapter President

As Spring approaches, I look at the future of our chapter with some trepidation. The next newsletter after this one will be the last for 2008 – 2009, and it will contain a ballot for you to vote on a new slate of officers. Our Chapter Secretary and Treasurer have agreed to stand for reelection, but we need new people to serve in all of the other positions: President, Vice-President, Newsletter, Membership, and Website.

Next year is our chapter's 40th year and, if we are to continue to exist, we need the support of our membership. It takes more than money to run a chapter – it takes member participation and the help of many volunteers. In the past, just a few people have done most of the work to bring you our chapter programs such as the wonderful "Covering Your Mistakes" workshop in January, the upcoming Deborah Henson-Conant event and the newsletter. These few people get so overworked that they are often unable to continue in their positions beyond a single term.

Please, please, please help me help this chapter continue into its 40th year and beyond! Please consider how you might be able to help or what board position you would like to hold, and then call or email me and let me know how you would like to volunteer. I will pass your name on to the nominating committee and together we can create a plan for the future.

Your president,
Lynne Rovin

Member News

Performance Opportunity

The Filoli Flower Show invites harpists to play in the Dining Room on May 8, 9, and 10, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm each day. If you would like to play for as little as one song or as long as a full hour, please contact **Carol Holsinger** at (650) 326-3146 or carol@holsingerharps.com. Please note that this is background music, not a concert setting. Compensation will be a pass for the performer and one guest to enjoy the Flower Show.

Thanks to Linda Rollo for submitting the following three items:

Upcoming Masterclass by Susann McDonald

Susann McDonald will be holding a masterclass on Sunday, April 5, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. The price for a participant is \$75 and for an auditor \$25. Scholarships are available and if chapter members and interested parties would like to assist, that is also negotiable. For more information, contact Linda Rollo at (408) 395-4327 or lwollo@gmail.com.

Addie Stephens Wins Concerto Competition

Addie Stephens, harpist with the Oakland Youth Symphony, recently won their concerto competition, which was open to instrumentalists from the entire orchestra. It is a rare and noteworthy accomplishment for a harp to win a competition that is open to all instruments. 17-year-old Addie, who lives in San Leandro, will perform the Dittersdorf Harp Concerto with the orchestra on May 15th. She will also join the San Jose Youth Orchestra for their June tour of Argentina and Chile.



Chapter Members Perform on YouTube Concert

Vanessa and **Sabrina Unglaub** performed the Dittersdorf Harp Concerto on the Bay Area Chapter's YouTube concert in February. Sabrina and her pianist sister, Vanessa, are 14 and 15 years old, respectively, and live in San Ramon. **Addie Stephens** also performed Nataliana by Deborah Henson-Conant. Both performances can be viewed on www.youtube.com.

Changes to Membership Roster

<u>Additions:</u>	Sue Dinwiddie 543 Jackson Dr. Palo Alto, CA 94303 (650) 325-3033 sued@daise.com	Ariel Flaster 1126 Castle Way Menlo Park, CA 94025 (650) 838-0678 arieldayna@gmail.com	Roberta Peek 15 Cermenho Ct. San Rafael, CA 94903 (415) 479-9219	Colleen Tapia 117 Bernal Road 70-314 San Jose, CA 95119 (408) 966-5681 colleen@newera.com
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Please send any membership roster corrections or changes to Celeste Misfeldt at:

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News and Articles Requested

We can only print what we know about, and we rely on members, like you, to send in material for the newsletter.

- Do you know of a harp event coming up soon?
- Do you know someone who has a regular gig at a restaurant?
- Other ideas you would like to see in the newsletter?
- Ads are free to members

Send all news items to Stephanie Janowski, Newsletter Editor, at newsletter@scvharp.org or 408-366-8810. Unless otherwise requested, all events and ads submitted will appear in both the newsletter and on the website.

All news items for the next newsletter must be received by April 10.

Spring 2009 Event Calendar

- Sat. Feb. 28 **20th Annual Festival of Harps: Free Family Activities**
3:00: **Lecture Demonstration** by jazz harpist Park Stickney, followed by a brief Q&A session.
4:00: **Celtic harpist** and teacher Margie Butler will introduce and discuss various harps.
4:30: **"Harp Petting Zoo"** – children and families will be able to touch, sample, and play harps.
4:30: **Young harp stars** from Modesto will perform, playing different harp styles from Latin to pedal harp.
Gallo Center for the Arts, 1001 I Street, Modesto. Information (209) 338-2100 or www.galloarts.org.
- Sat. Feb. 28 8:00 pm
20th Annual Festival of Harps: "A Celebration of World Harp Music". A world tour via the harp! Under the direction of **Diana Stork**, the Festival of Harps will present renowned harpists performing Celtic, African, Latin, European, and Jazz harp – all in one concert! Featuring: Park Stickney, Jazz harp; Kim Robertson, Neo-Celtic harp; Rudiger Oppermann, Celtic and African harps; Ramón Romero, Paraguayan harp and "Cuerdas de Fuego". Gallo Center for the Arts, 1001 I Street, Modesto. Tickets and information (209) 338-2100 or www.galloarts.org.
- Sun., Mar. 1 3:00 pm
San Jose Wind Symphony "That's Italian" with **Stephanie Janowski**, harp. Program includes *Venetian Spells* by Ellerby, *Scossa Elettrica-Marcetta Brillante* by Puccini, *La Forza Del Destino* and *Manzoni Requiem*, by Verdi, *The Pines of Rome* by Respighi, *Funiculi Funicula* by Denza, and *Concerto for Two Trumpets* by Vivaldi. McAfee Center, 20300 Herriman Ave., Saratoga. Info: www.sjws.org.
- Sat., Mar. 7 7:30 pm
Silicon Valley Symphony "2009 Arabian Nights" with **Celeste Misfeldt**, harp. Program includes *Adagio for Strings* by Barber, *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Copland, *Roman Carnival Overture* by Berlioz, famous opera arias (TBA) sung by Khori Dastoor, star of Opera San José, and *Scheherazade*, Op. 35 by Rimsky-Korsakov. Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Road, Los Gatos. Info: www.siliconvalleysymphony.net.
- Sun., Mar. 15 3:00 pm
Carol Channing in Concert with the California Pops with **Bob Fonda**, **Carol Holsinger**, and **Mary Pless** on harp. A glittering show of Broadway tunes, memories, humorous storytelling and, of course, several of her signature numbers, including "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend", "Little Girl From Little Rock" and the title song from "Hello, Dolly!". Venture Christian Church Theater, 16845 Hicks Road, Los Gatos Info: 650-856-8432 or www.californiapopsorchestra.com.

- Fri., Mar. 20 8:00 pm, San Mateo PAC, 600 N. Delaware St., San Mateo
- Sat., Mar. 21 8:00 pm, Flint Center, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., De Anza College, Cupertino
Peninsula Symphony “Concerto-Fest” with **Celeste Misfeldt**, harp. Program includes *Cockaigne “In London Town”*, by Elgar, *Tuba Concerto in F Minor* by Vaughan Williams, *Bassoon Concerto in E Minor* by Vivaldi, *Andante and Hungarian Rondo* by von Weber, *Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Major* by Shostakovich, and *Capriccio Espagnol* by Rimsky-Korsakov. Info: www.peninsulasympphony.org
- Sat. Mar. 21 8:00 pm
Triskela Celtic Harp trio (**Diana Stork**, Shawna Spiteri, and Portia Diwa). East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Info: 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, or www.eastwest.com.
- Sun., Apr. 5 2:00 pm
Masterclass by Susann McDonald. Participant are \$75 and auditors are \$25. Scholarships are available. For more info, contact **Linda Rollo** at (408) 395-4327 or lwrollo@gmail.com.
- Sun., Apr. 5 3:00 pm
San Jose Wind Symphony “Three Concertos” featuring the top three finalists in the third annual Young Artist Solo Competition, each performing a solo concerto. Program also includes *American Overture* by Jenkins, *First Suite in E-flat* by Holst, *Children's March* by Grainger, and *Rolling Thunder* by Fillmore. **Stephanie Janowski**, harp. San Jose State University, Music Building Theater Info: www.sjws.org.
- Sun., Apr. 5 7:30 pm
Tues., Apr. 7 7:30 pm
Marin Symphony “The Rite of Spring”, with **Dan Levitan**, harp. Program includes **Mozart’s Flute and Harp Concerto** with Monica Daniel-Barker on flute, *Carnaval* by Sierra, and *The Rite of Spring* by Stravinsky. Marin Center, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael. Info: www.marinsymphony.org.
- Sat., Apr. 11 11:00 am
UC Berkeley Orchestra with **Dan Levitan**, harp. Program includes *Knoxville: Summer of 1915* by Barber, and *Piano Concerto (Left Hand)* by Ravel. UC Berkeley Campus, Hertz Hall.
- Sat., Apr. 18 7:30 pm, Spangenberg Theatre, Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto
- Sun., Apr. 19 3:00 pm, Venture Christian Church Theater, 16845 Hicks Road, Los Gatos
California Pops Orchestra “Hot Big Band Swing” with **Bob Fonda**, **Carol Holsinger**, and **Mary Pless** on harp. The Pops brings you the top tunes of the great Big Band Era from those wonderful theme songs to the biggest hits to hidden gems discovered by your Pops and our special guests. Info: 650-856-8432 or www.californiapopsorchestra.com.
- Sun., Apr. 26 2:00 pm
Harpeggio Music and **Celeste Misfeldt** student recital. West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Rd., Cupertino.
- Sun., May. 1 3:00 pm
San Jose Wind Symphony “South of the Border”. Program features Manuel Romero, guitar and vocals. Program includes *El Salon Mexico* by Copland, *Sol y Sombra* by Gates, *Mosaico de Mexico* by Henderson, *Symphonic Dance No. 3 “Fiesta”* by Williams, *Danza Brasileira* by Guarnieri, and *Zacatecas* by Codina. **Stephanie Janowski**, harp. McAfee Center, 20300 Herriman Ave., Saratoga. Info: www.sjws.org.
- Sat. May 3 2:00 pm
Triskela Celtic Harp trio (**Diana Stork**, Shawna Spiteri, and Portia Diwa). Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Info: (925) 373-5500 or www.livermore.lib.ca.us.
- Sun., May 3 7:30 pm
Tues., May 5 7:30 pm
Marin Symphony “A Tribute to Aaron Copland”, with **Dan Levitan**, harp. Program includes *“Hoe Down”* from *Rodeo*, *Appalachian Spring*, and *Symphony No. 3*, all by Copland. Marin Center, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael. Info: www.marinsymphony.org.
- Fri., May 8 8:00 pm
Sat., May 9 8:00 pm
UC Berkeley Orchestra with **Dan Levitan**, harp. Program includes *Violin Concerto* by Prokofiev, and *Symphony No. 5* by Mahler. UC Berkeley Campus, Hertz Hall.

- Sun., May 17 5:00 pm
“Music from Around the World” – Triskela Celtic Harp trio (Diana Stork, Shawna Spiteri, and Portia Diwa) and the Bay Area Youth Harp Ensemble, directed by Diana Stork. Program includes traditional music from Africa, Venezuela, America, Greece, Sweden, Ireland, Russia, Israel, Mexico, and more. Performers will be playing on traditional Celtic, African, and Latin folk harps and will be in costumes from a variety of cultures. St. Mary’s Cathedral, 111 Gough St., San Francisco. Info (510) 548-3326 or www.stmarycathedralsf.org.
- Sat., May 30 2:00 pm
“Music from Around the World” – Triskela Celtic Harp trio (Diana Stork, Shawna Spiteri, and Portia Diwa) and the Bay Area Youth Harp Ensemble, directed by Diana Stork. This is a repeat of the May 17 program. St. Mary Magdalene Church, 2005 N. Berryman St., Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-3326.
- Sat., May 30 7:30 pm, Spangenberg Theatre, Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto
 Sun., May 31 3:00 pm, Venture Christian Church Theater, 16845 Hicks Road, Los Gatos
California Pops Orchestra “The Flying Karamazov Brothers” with Bob Fonda, Carol Holsinger, and Mary Pless on harp. The Flying Karamazov Brothers have surprised and astounded audiences from Broadway to PBS. These juggling, musical comedians are simply the best! Gene Shalit says - "Drop everything and go see them!" USA Today says, "Humor, wit and impeccable timing!" Info: www.californiapopsorchestra.com or 650-856-8432.
- Sun., May 31 3:00 pm
San Jose Wind Symphony “Mother Russia” with Stephanie Janowski, harp. Program includes *Athletic Festival March* by Prokofiev, *Salvation is Created* by Tschesnakoff, Selections from *Petrushka* by Stravinsky, *Finale to Symphony No. 1* by Kalinikov, Polka from *The Age of Gold* by Shostakovich, and *Polovetsian Dances* by Borodin. McAfee Center, 20300 Herriman Ave., Saratoga. Info: www.sjws.org.
- Fri. Jun. 12 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Grace After Hours Open Labyrinth Walk, Diana Stork and Jaron Lanier, multi-instrumentalist. Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St., San Francisco. Free. Info: www.gracecathedral.org.
- Sat. Jun. 20 7:30 pm
Triskela Celtic Harp trio (Diana Stork, Shawna Spiteri, and Portia Diwa) and friends. Sanchez Concert Hall, 1220 A Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica. Info: (650) 355-1882 or www.pacificaperformances.org.

Classifieds

Harps for Sale

Lyon & Healy Style 23, natural maple, serial # 8224, originally purchased in 1980. It is like new and has been well-maintained by Mike Lewis, but the owner is no longer able to play due to arthritis. Harp case and some strings included. Harp is located in Santa Rosa. Contact Eve Wolf at (707) 542-2068 or evewolf@sonic.net.

Harps for Rent

Lyon & Healy Troubadour -\$50 per month. Contact Karen Gottlieb at kgarp@pacbell.net or (415) 386-0702.

Lyon and Healy Style 17 and Troubadour. Call Gloria Hughes at (650) 948-0414.

Quality harps for rent and sale: Lever, folk, and pedal harps, Lyon & Healy, Salvi, and Dusty Strings. Top quality and fair prices. Roberta Peek 415-479-9219.

Harps for rent: Salvi, Dusty Strings, William Rees, and others. Includes harp, tuning key, case/cover and electronic tuner with pickup. Please call for availability and prices. Contact Carol Holsinger at 650-326-3146 or carol@holsingerharps.com.

Other

Harp trunk for sale. Heavy duty Lyon Healy shipping trunk, wood with the metal bracketing around the edges with wheels: easy to move even with the harp inside. \$1400.00 (negotiable). Contact: Dan Levitan at 510-795-8004 or harpmandan@comcast.net.



Happy
Spring!