MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As the summer draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the various plans and projects that I had intended on completing during the past months and find that, as always, the time went so quickly, and the work went so slowly. Nonetheless, a new academic year is upon us, and another chapter meeting is on the horizon.

Those who attended last year's annual meeting in Seattle will recall that in both the town meeting and MLAs strategic plan, great emphasis was placed on the importance of the regional chapters. It is time to consider the future of our chapter, and I hope we will be able to set aside sufficient time in our business meeting for discussion of this issue.

The joint meeting we held with the New England Chapter last October was a great success. Meeting with, and seeing a vibrant chapter such as NEMLA in action was in many ways exhilarating. As Chair, I receive copies of other chapter newsletters. It has been very eye opening to see the great many things being done by some of our colleagues in the other chapters and, to finally get to the point, I cannot help but ask why our chapter is not as active as many others.

It certainly is not due to a lack of competent, quality music librarians and leadership; we have several very well respected, nationally active people in our chapter (a fact which understandably prohibits some members from being more involved in chapter activities). It is not due to an overly large geographic region that prevents members from traveling or being involved; the Midwest and Mountain Plains chapters are probably among the most active, yet cover a far greater territory than do we.

So, it is discouraging and disappointing to have continued trouble getting people to present or participate in programs, and run for chapter offices. Until only a week ago, we were contemplating an officer freeze because, after considerable work, phone calls and email, the nominations committee was unable to find anyone willing to run for vice-chair/chair-elect.

Despite the tone, my intent here is certainly not to point accusatory fingers or instill guilt. I feel sufficiently guilty myself for not having completed some of the projects I intended, such as the directory of music collections within our region and chapter web page. We are all busy, and doing all we can to keep up with our jobs, and many maintain more than their share of professional commitments. I hope that together in October we are able to come up with some ideas that will increase both membership and activity.

This is my final newsletter column as chair and I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to the other officers with whom I have served. Linda Blair, Ann Churukian and Kevin Michki deserve kudos for their hard work. I look forward to continuing working with them in my role as Past Chair.

See you at Cornell.

Phil Ponella
ANNUAL MEETING 1996

The fall 1996 meetings of the New York State/Ontario Chapter of the Music Library Association and the New York State/St. Lawrence Chapter of the American Musicological Society will take place on October 5-6 in Barnes Hall on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Please inform any of your colleagues that are not on our mailing list of the meeting, as well as those who are not subscribed to either NYSO-L or MLA-L.

ACCOMMODATIONS

There are three choices for lodging in the city, but your reservation must be made BY SEPTEMBER 4 at the latest to guarantee a room. After that, the rooms will be opened up, and you might have to find lodging in the Greater Ithaca Metropolitan area (i.e., Cortland, Elmira, etc.). For graduate students, there will be a limited amount of "crash space" offered by their counterparts at Cornell; for information, call Gary Moulsdale at (607) 272-6712, e-mail at gbm2@cornell.edu, or snail mail c/o Department of Music, Lincoln Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Collegetown Motor Lodge, 312 College Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850 (easy walking distance to Cornell). Rates: $58-90. Mention "Music" or the "Music Conference". Phone: (607) 273-3542 or (800) 745-3542; Fax: (607)272-3542; E-mail: office@c-town.com.

Triphammer Lodge and Conference Center (olim Sheraton Inn). One Sheraton Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850 (off N. Triphammer Rd. to the south of Highway 13. Rates: $99 (per room, whether with one or two queen-or-king-size beds). Phone: (607) 257-2000 or (800) 257-6992; Fax: (607) 257-3998.

Econo Lodge, 2303 N. Triphammer Road (in a nondescript shopping mall directly to the north of Highway 13 where it crosses N. Triphammer Road). Rates: $75 for a room with a queen-size bed; $85 for a room with two of them. Please note that they require a minimum of two nights, and that they will ask you to prepay with your credit card and will not issue refunds if you cancel two weeks or less beforehand. Identify yourself as part of the Rosen group, or with the reservation #1262. Phone: (607) 257-1400; Fax: (607) 257-6359.

DIRECTIONS TO BARNES HALL

Once in Ithaca, follow the signs to Cornell. Barnes Hall is a large, old building off the pedestrian walkway portion of Central Avenue, which is a continuation of College Avenue, the principal entrance to the campus from the south. It is near Olin Library, Willard Straight (student union), and the campus store. If you are approaching from the north side of campus, turn in to the central part of campus on either East or Central Avenues, both of which are perpendicular to University Ave. (and Fall Creek Gorge).

Maps can be obtained from one of Cornell's Web sites: http://www.cornell.edu/bin/MapMove.x/M1-1-1?200,300

PARKING

Saturday and Sunday parking on campus is free without a permit (though be sure to check signs for special limitations). There are several small lots near Barnes, but the most convenient larger parking areas are the northern segment of Central Avenue (turn south on University Avenue) and in back of Sibley Hall (next to University Avenue near East Avenue).

BANQUET

There will be a banquet on Saturday evening in the Rowe Room of the Statler Hotel on campus. We suggest that you take advantage of the banquet, especially those wishing to attend the concert(s) afterwards: October 5-6 is Parents Weekend at Ithaca College, and there may be substantial waits at many of the local restaurants.

David Rosen, program chair for the AMS and part of the local arrangements committee, has told us that the Cornell music department will serve as banker, to take advantage of its tax-exempt status. They need to provide the
Statler a good estimate of the number of places by September 20, with a final confirmation before noon on October 2. If you wish to attend the banquet, please 1) let David know by September 20, and 2) send a check made out to Cornell University in time to reach him by October 1. It might be easier (and safer) to do both steps at once, and send him both by September 20—you would still have until noon on October 2 to change your mind. The cost of the banquet is $22.62, including service (there is no tax). David Rosen's address is: Department of Music, Lincoln Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. E-mail: dbr2@cornell.edu; Phone: (607) 255-4974 (office); (607) 273-2784 (home).

CHAPTER NEWS

Congratulations to Rick McRae and his wife Reinhold Steingrüber on the birth of a new daughter, Sophia Marie, on August 23, 1996. Sophia Marie, who weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 oz., is the couple's second child.

MENU

Appetizer: Spinach salad, with honey mustard dressing

Main Course: EITHER Grilled Breast of Chicken with lemon caper wine sauce, OR Roast boneless pork loin served with smoked apple chutney. Both are accompanied with vegetables and potatoes or rice

Coffee or Tea

Dessert: New York style cheesecake with strawberries.

Wine may be purchased by the bottle or the glass.

The Statler also offers a substitute vegetarian main course, and I am told that they seem to be flexible about making special accommodations for those with special dietary requirements.

Program

Saturday, October 5

9:00 MLA Registration, coffee, etc.

10:00 Stanley Pelkey (Eastman School of Music). "Recent Research on William L. Viner"


11:10-11:30 Break

11:30 Neal Zaslaw (Cornell University). "Cataloging Mozart"

12:15-1:30 Lunch (on your own)

1:30 MLA Business Meeting
2:00 Mary Woodside (University of Guelph). "The French Connection: Verstovsky Vaudeville Sources in Moscow"

2:35 Richard Hardie (University of Western Ontario). "Chamber Music in England, 1695-1710: In the Imitation of Whom?"

3:10 Jim Cassaro (Cornell University). "Reconstructing Local Music History: Nineteenth Century Composer Archives at Cornell University"

3:45-4:05 Break

4:05 David Farneth (Weill-Lenya Research Center). "Fact, Fiction or Fancy: How Trustworthy are Oral Histories?"


5:15 AMS Business Meeting

5:45-7:45 Banquet, Rowe Room, Statler Hotel

8:15 Concert of Lieder and solo piano music, performed by Judith Kellock and Malcolm Bilson, at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art. (There is also a concert by the Berber singer/composer Ferhat at 8:00 in Barnes Hall, and the New York State Baroque Ensemble will also present a concert of music from the Vienna of Emperor Leopold I, in the First Unitarian Church (call (607) 273-1581 for ticket information on this concert)).

Sunday, October 6

8:30 Coffee and doughnuts, Barnes Hall

9:00 Robert Toft (University of Western Ontario). "The Promethean fire of eloquent expression': Vocal Delivery in Handel's Recitatives and Airs in the Early Nineteenth Century"

9:35 Katherine Richards (Cornell University). "The 'Peculiar Tonal Twist' of Franck's Piano Quintet"

10:10 Boyd Pomeroy (Cornell University). "Tonal Subplots' as Process in Debussy's Orchestral Music"

10:45-11:05 Break

11:05 Virginia Newes (Eastman School of Music). "The Cuckoo and the Nightingale: Patterns of Mimesis and Imitation in French Songs of the Middle Ages"

11:40 Massimo Ossi (Eastman School of Music). "Excuse me, but your teeth are in my neck': of (Love)bites, Jokes and Gender in Claudio Monteverdi's 'Eccomi pronta ai baci' and Other Works"

12:15 Conclusion of the Meeting
FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR
Kevin Michki

Many thanks to David Rosen for providing the local arrangements information to me for inclusion in our newsletter, and kudos to him and the rest of the local arrangements crew at Cornell for putting together such a fine program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (716) 673-3117, or e-mail at michki@fredonia.edu. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in October!

FINANCIAL REPORT
Ann Churukian, Secretary-Treasurer

January 1, 1996-June 30,1996

Balance in U.S. bank account Jan 1, 1996
$1,179.75
Balance in Canadian bank account Jan 1, 1996
$116.00
Total cash available Jan 1, 1996
$1,295.75

INCOME
Membership $105.00
Fall mtg surplus $230.40
Total Income $335.40

EXPENSES
Newsletters $70.96
Total Expenses $70.96

Balance in U.S. bank account June 30, 1996
$1,444.19
Balance in Canadian bank account June 30, 1996
$116.00
Total cash available June 30, 1996
$1,560.19

N.B. All figures in US Dollars 8/8/96

NYSO-L HAS A NEW ADDRESS

Those of you who already subscribe should have received a message from Jim Gerland, network manager at University of Buffalo, as forwarded by our list owner, Rick McRae. But just in case we will reprint the information here. And of course, new subscribers are always welcome.

1) The address for NYSO-L will change from
nyso-l@ubvm.cc.buffalo.edu
to
nyso-l@listserv.acsu.buffalo.edu

2) The address for sending list maintenance commands (sub, unsub, index, review, set, etc.) will change from
listserv@ubvm.cc.buffalo.edu
to
listserv@listserv.acsu.buffalo.edu

3) You may only interact with listserv@listserv.acsu.buffalo.edu via email. So, if you have been using an interactive command to interact with listserv@ubvm.cc.buffalo.edu (such as: SENDFILE, TELL, LSVPUT, SEND, SEND/FILE, etc.), you will now have to send all commands in the body of an email message.

Instructions for new subscribers:

1. Send an e-mail message to
LISTSERV@LISTSERV.ACSU.BUFFALO.EDU

2. In the body of the message, type: SUB NYSO-L JANE DOE

3. You will receive notification that you have been added to the list.

Questions about NYSO_L may be addressed to:
Rick McRae
Music Library, University at Buffalo
mcrace@acsu.buffalo.edu
(716) 645-2924
ELECTION NEWS
Nominations committee: Linda Blair, Kevin Michki
Proposed bylaw revisions: Linda Blair

In this year's election we will be voting for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and will also be voting on some proposed changes to our Chapter's constitution.

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that our candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect this year will be Mary Wallace Davidson, Librarian of the Sibley Music Library since 1984. Previously, she was Librarian at Radcliffe College (1964-67) and Wellesley College (1967-84). She is co-author of *Eighteenth-Century American Secular Music Manuscripts: An Inventory*, and is the author of articles on American Libraries in the *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* and in *The New Grove Dictionary of American Music*. In addition she has written articles and reviews for *American Music, Fontes artis musicae, MLA Notes, and Library Resources and Technical Services*. She has served as President of the Music Library Association (1983-85) and on the Board of the Sonneck Society (1982-84). Recently, she has represented the interests of music librarians at the NII Fair Use Conferences in Washington DC and served as chair of the MLA Self-Study Steering Committee. She holds an AB from Wellesley College and an MS from Simmons College.

PROPOSED BY-LAW REVISIONS

It has come to our attention that our constitution is in need of some revision, primarily because our actual practice is no longer in accordance with several articles. The proposed changes are listed below for your approval.

Bylaws to Article IV: Officers
A. Duties of officers
   3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall
      c. Notify members of all chapter meetings.

We propose deleting 3c. In practice, meeting notification has been the duty of the Chair-Elect, by way of the newsletter and NYSO-L. Therefore the following change should be made to the duties of the Chair-Elect:

A. Duties of officers
   2. The Vice-chair/Chair-elect shall
      a. Coordinate the preparation and execution of the program at the chapter meeting and shall notify members of upcoming meetings.

We also propose the following additions to the list of duties of the officers. Although the Past Chair is named in the constitution as a member of the executive committee, there have been no duties defined for this officer. Examination of the by-laws of other chapters reveals that most other chapters in fact do define duties for this office. Based on precedents in other chapters, we are proposing the following duties to be assigned to the past chair.

A. Duties of officers
   4. The Past Chair shall:
      a. Act as chair of the nominating committee, and shall appoint at least one other member to serve on the committee.
      b. Review the Constitution and By-laws and propose any suggested amendments to the membership.

Please mark and mail the enclosed ballot by October 1, or bring it to the meeting.
1996/1997 MEMBERSHIP FORM-MLA NEW YORK STATE/ONTARIO CHAPTER
Membership year begins September 1. Dues are $10.00 US; Students, $5.00

Name__________________________________________
Address________________________________________
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Institution_____________________________________
Office telephone____________________ Home telephone________

E-mail________________________________________

Make check or money order in US dollars payable to: NY/Ontario Music Library Association and send to: Ann Churukian, Vassar College, Music Library, Box 38 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 USA

I would be interested in participating in the following areas:
    Technical services committee____
    Public services committee____
    Membership committee____
    Nominating committee____
    Running for elected or appointed office____

BALLOT

Please cast your vote below, for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and for the approval of the proposed changes to the Chapter By-Laws. This ballot may be returned with your membership renewal form to Ann Churukian at the address above or may be brought to the Chapter Meeting. Ballots received later than October 3 will not be counted.

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Mary Wallace Davidson____

Changes to the Chapter Bylaws (see p. 6 for full text of revisions)

IV,A,3c: The Secretary-Treasurer shall...notify members of all chapter meetings. (Delete in favor of additions to IV,A,2a)
    Accept _____ Reject _____

IV,A,2a: The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall...coordinate the preparation and execution of the program at the chapter meeting and shall notify members of upcoming meetings.
    Accept _____ Reject _____

IV,A,4a: The Past Chair shall act as Chair of the Nominating Committee...
    Accept _____ Reject _____

IV,A,4b: The Past Chair shall review the constitution...
    Accept _____ Reject _____