2001 Annual Meeting at Syracuse University

Fall is nearly upon us, and we hope you all are planning on coming to the New York State/Ontario Chapter meeting at Syracuse October 12-13, 2001. Carole Vidali, the local arrangements person, has been working very hard in putting together a splendid program. Included in this newsletter is all the information needed to attend. Please make sure to fill out the forms inside and send them to Carole to reserve your dinner selections and to let her know if you are attending the show Friday evening.

To save additional expenses, there is no registration fee this year! SU Library is picking up the cost of parking and refreshments and the Continental breakfast on Saturday. Hotel selection is up to members; however, early reservations are recommended, as there are several conferences that weekend in the city so rooms could be a bit harder to locate. Please see pages 2-3 and inserts for more information.

Message from the Chair

"No spring, nor summer beauty hath such grace, As I have seen in one autumnal face."  John Donne

And, I hope to see many of your faces this fall when our organization convenes in October, as the New York State Ontario Chapter of the Music Library Association meets for its annual conference at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. It's been many years since NYSO came to Syracuse and it's a welcome return to explore the many musical resources at SU.

Carole Vidali has done a wonderful job of arranging the schedule and bringing in local speakers to address important topics. We'll have an exclusive backstage tour of the outstanding holdings of recordings and playback machines at the Belfer Audio Archives. And Dale Vargason and myself will be showcasing two significant musical collections held at the Bird Library: those of composers Ernst Bacon and Franz Waxman.

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Schedule of
The NYSO Annual Meeting at Syracuse, NY

Friday, October 12, 2001

12:30-1:30 PM  Arrival/Registration/Reception
Bird Library – 1916 Room

1:30 PM  Opening Remarks (Carole Vidali, Music Librarian, Syracuse University Library)

1:45 PM  Classical Music: Who's listening? Audiences Now and in the Future
(Andrew Waggoner, composer, Syracuse University School of Music)

2:30 PM  Break

3:00 PM  Belfer Audio Archive: Tour and talk including a description of ongoing projects
(Sue Stinson, Curator, Belfer Audio Archive)

4:15 PM  Break

4:30 PM  The Making of a CD: From Idea to Studio to Market
(David Rezak, Music Industry Program, Syracuse University School of Music and founder/owner DMR Booking Agency)

5:45 PM  Dinner, Phoebe's Garden Café (Irving Avenue at East Genesee St., across from Syracuse Stage and Arthur Storch Theater)

8:00 PM  Arthur Storch Theater: Syracuse University Drama Department production of Cy Coleman's Sweet Charity, 8pm (group rate is $10 if we have at least 10 people)

Saturday, October 13, 2001

8:15 AM  Continental Breakfast – Location TBA

9:15 AM  Digitizing Music Recordings: Projects, Prospects and Issues for the Library Community (Gerry Szymanski, Sibley Music Library, University of Rochester; Lenore Coral, Sidney Cox Library of Music and Dance, Cornell University; Rick McRae, Music Library, State University of New York at Buffalo)

10:00 AM  Ernst Bacon: An exploration of his Life and Archive (G. Dale Vargason, Sibley Music Library, University of Rochester)

10:45 AM  Break

11:00 AM  Franz Waxman and "The Bride of Frankenstein:" Beautiful Terror in Sound
(Gerry Szymanski, Sibley Music Library, University of Rochester)

11:45 PM  Business Meeting

12:15 PM  Tour of Fine Arts Library, Bird Library 4th floor (Carole Vidali) and Special Collections (Carolyn Davis / Kenneth Lavender, Special Collections Department, Syracuse University Library)
Driving to the Main Campus of Syracuse University

Syracuse University is most easily reached from Interstate 81. New York State Thruway travelers should exit at Interstate 81 (Thruway Exit 36) and proceed south. Both northbound and southbound travelers on Interstate 81 should exit at Adams Street (Exit 18.) Proceed up the Adams Street hill to University Avenue and turn right. Continue on University Avenue to Waverly Avenue. There you will find the main campus. (For visitor parking, turn left on Waverly. You can use the Sheraton University Hotel lot in that block, or the SU lot on the next block, approximately across the street from the large, modern Bird Library building.) See map with thruway exits and local streets.

Online maps and directions are available to guide visitors to Syracuse, within the city, and on campus.

Please see insert for a map of the campus, including parking.

Accommodations

The following are some recommended hotels, though there are many others nearby:

The closest to the campus (and very near the Library) is:
Sheraton University Hotel & Conference Center
801 University Avenue, Syracuse 13210 US
1-800-395-2105 (US or Canada) reservations
(double room c. $139; AAA member discount $125.)
www.syracusesheraton.com

Golden Tulip Genesee Inn
1030 East Genesee Street
Syracuse, NY 13210 US
1-315-476-4212
Rates c. $69-99 for a double room
Walking distance to the University

Econo Lodge Dewitt
3400 Erie Boulevard East
DeWitt, NY 13214 US
1-315-446-3300 or 1-100-55-ECONO
About 4 miles from the University.
Rates from $99 (senior--over 50 and AAA) to
$120 depending on room type
Message from the Chair (continued)

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Later on Friday, we’ll take time out to enjoy some of Syracuse’s other pleasures, such as Phoebe’s Garden Café which offers “American cuisine featuring sautéed and grilled entries, as well as seafood, soups, salads and sandwiches.” Phoebe’s is a popular after-the-theater hangout for the Syracuse Stage, which is convenient, as we’ve planned a performance of the sassy and saucy Cy Coleman musical “Sweet Charity,” which includes such hits as “(Hey) Big Spender,” and “If my friends could see me now!”

After the meeting ends on Saturday afternoon, feel free to explore this upstate city of 147,000 (named after the Sicilian city of Siracusa) with its unique museums and attractions, including:

- The Salt Museum at Onondaga Lake, where you can discover the industry that created the City of Syracuse and supplied the entire nation with salt.

- The Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park, where you can mingle with an elephant family and three new lion cubs.

- The Museum of Automobile History, with over 10,000 objects on display devoted to the history of automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles from the 19th century to the present.

- The Everson Art Museum, which houses a unique collection of American art and world ceramics in an I.M. Pei designed building.

Learn more about activities in the Syracuse area by visiting the official Syracuse website (http://www.syracuse.ny.us/) and the site for the alternative weekly Syracuse New Times (http://newtimes.rway.com/).

Thanks to Kevin Michki who has wrangled our web site through the pitfalls of SUNY Fredonia’s rules and regulations, and who has kept it fresh and up-to-date. Kudos to Dale Vargason for his hard work on the newsletter in your hands. Many thanks to Ann Churukian, who with this meeting is stepping down as Secretary/Treasurer of NYSO and who has provided years of secretarial and fiscal service! Much luck to Jane Subramanian as she moves from Chair-Elect to Chair of our chapter; Jane will be a thoughtful and effective leader.

Lastly, thanks for all of your support during my tenure as Chair of NYSO, its been a pleasure getting to know many of you better and to represent you and our profession to our national organization.

Enjoy these waning days of summer’s lease,

Cheers,

Gerry
Attention! Travel grants available for NYSO Chapter Meeting

Because the travel grants given last year were such a success, making it possible for members to attend their first chapter meeting, we decided to offer them again this year. The New York State/Ontario Chapter is able to award three grants of up to $100 each toward travel expenses, to be used to attend this meeting.

Eligibility:
Anyone who meets one or more of the following qualifications may apply

• Any applicant who has never previously attended a meeting of the New York State/Ontario Chapter
• Any applicant who is a current library school student, whether or not they have previously attended a meeting of the New York State/Ontario Chapter
• Any applicant who currently works as a paraprofessional or library assistant, whether or not they have previously attended a meeting of the New York State/Ontario Chapter

Applicants must live, work or attend school in the state of New York (north of Westchester and Rockland counties) or the Canadian province of Ontario. Current membership in the New York State/Ontario Chapter of MLA, or national MLA is not required.

To apply, the following three documents should be sent to Gerry Szymanski, Chair of the Grant Awards Committee, at the address below. Electronic submission is encouraged, but applications may also be submitted by mail.

• A letter of application detailing your reasons for wishing to attend the meeting and other pertinent information. Be sure to include your full name, address, e-mail address and phone number.
• A letter in support of the application, preferably from a supervisor or a college professor. This letter will be sent separately if the application is being submitted electronically, but may accompany the application, if it is being submitted by mail.
• A budget showing expenses for the trip (limited to $100).


Notification of awards will be made on or before Sept. 25, 2001, and checks will be mailed shortly after. The Committee reserves the right to award fewer than 3 grants. In order to be assured of lodging, we recommend making reservations in advance of notification (see deadline dates in the meeting information).

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FINANCIAL REPORT
Jan 1, 2001-June 30, 2001

Balance in U.S. bank account Jan. 1, 2001 $1,404.26
Balance in Canadian bank account Jan. 1, 2001 $232.06
Total cash available Jan. 1, 2001 $1,637.32

INCOME
Membership $60.00
Interest $ .17
Total Income $60.17

EXPENSES
Office Supplies and postage $ 3.98
Newsletter printing $51.20
Newsletter postage $38.60
Total Expenses $93.78

Balance in U.S. bank account June 30, 2001 $1,350.48
Balance in Canadian bank account June 30, 2001 $253.23
Total cash available June 30, 2001 $1,603.71

N.B. All figures in US Dollars

A Call for Nominations

Two offices will be open for nomination this year:

Secretary/Treasurer
Chair Elect

If you know of someone whom you would like to nominate, or if you are interested in either position, please email Gerry Szymanski at szym@mail.rochester.edu with nominations by September 10th. Soon after this date ballots will be mailed, and hopefully we will have the election results by the Fall meeting.
News from Around the Chapter

SUNY Potsdam is pleased to welcome Edward M. Komara as music librarian, heading the Crane Music Library located in the Crane School of Music complex. Ed comes to Potsdam from the University of Mississippi, where he served as Music Librarian/Blues Archivist in the Music Library and Blues Archive. He holds a B.A. degree from Saint John's College, and M.A. in Music History and M.L.S. degrees from State University of New York at Buffalo. With Ed's degrees from University at Buffalo, and his work as a Graduate Assistant in the Music Library while there, some of you may already know Ed. It will be good to have him back in our chapter area.

Sibley Music Library of the Eastman School of Music. One focus of our collection development, acquisitions, and cataloging work this past year has been Sibley's recorded sound collection. Through a combination of gifts and purchases we have made significant strides in enhancing the breadth and depth of this collection. In the area of Western art music we began processing a gift of compact discs from a local collector, and we made good use of a one-time addition to the budget from the Director of the Eastman School to bolster our holdings in the standard repertory of nineteenth- and twentieth-century music. We received funding from the Friends of the University of Rochester Libraries to enhance our collection of jazz recordings, and we recently received a gift of some nine hundred compact discs from John Storm Roberts that deepens our holdings in various areas of world music. In all, these purchases and gifts will add to our collection approximately two thousand compact disc recordings, in addition to those selected and acquired through the usual annual budgetary allocations. (Dan Zager, Librarian)

Many congratulations to our current chapter Chair, Gerry Szymanski, who received his MLS from the State University of New York at Buffalo in June. Gerry was recently named a librarian and appointed to the newly created position as Circulation Services Librarian at Sibley. As many of you know, Gerry was head of Reserves and Recordings, and he will continue most of his activities in this area. In his new position he will devote more of his time to implementing and managing e-reserves and streamed audio. To top off Gerry's busy life, he also won the Roberts Wesleyan College Community Orchestra’s Fanfare Contest. The orchestra premiered his composition, entitled Festival Fanfare on Saturday, April 28, 2001.

Cornell University. At its recent meeting in Perigueux, France, the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML) named one of MLA's own, Lenore Coral, as an honorary member. This is the highest honor the Association affords, much like the MLA Citation. Please join me in congratulating Lenore for yet another accomplishment in her long and distinguished career.

On Display Now

SUNY Buffalo. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, John Bewley was heavily involved with a campus wide exhibit commemorating the Centennial of the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo this year. He recently completed the music section of a web display, one part of a larger site dedicated to the Pan-Am Exposition. To see all of John’s hard work, please visit http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/exhibits/panam/ and click on the music section.

University of Toronto Faculty of Music Library. The U of T Music Library is commemorating the centenary of the death of Queen Victoria who died on January 22, 1901. Featuring sound recordings of music popular during her lifetime and scores of favorite composers such as Gilbert and Sullivan, the display celebrates an entire cultural and musical era which bore her name. Two other displays feature new books on 20th century composers as diverse as Gustav Mahler and Kurt Weill, and new books about folk and classical instruments.
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