2002 Annual Meeting at SUNY Potsdam

Fall is nearly here once again, and the annual New York State/Ontario Chapter meeting at the Crane Music Library, SUNY Potsdam, October 18-19 will soon be upon us. Chapter Chair, Jane Subramanian and Vice Chair/Chair Elect Edward Komara have been working very hard in putting together a wonderful program. Included in this newsletter is all the information needed to attend. Please make sure to fill out the registration form inside and send it to Jane by the deadline.

(Julia Crane (1855-1923), founder of The Crane School of Music in 1886)

Please see pages 2-3 and inserts for more on the conference. Also, please do not forget to pay your membership dues for the year (see last page) and vote for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect (ballot on pg. 4).

Message from the Chair

It is hard to believe that the summer has gone so fast, as usual, and we are once again into the start of the semester for those of us in academia.

Ed Komara and I have been working full force on the upcoming conference, both the program and local arrangements, which will be held at SUNY Potsdam on October 18-19, 2002. We are really looking forward to acting as hosts and having all of you here to visit. Information on the conference is available elsewhere in this newsletter, but should you have any questions or need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact either of us. We would be glad to help with any of your needs.

I expect many of you have already seen the announcement posted to MLA-L from Suzanne Moulton-Gertig, Best of Chapter Coordinator for 2002-03, that Rick McRae's presentation "What is Hip?" and Other Inquiries in Jazz Slang Lexicography" from our chapter was one of the two winners. We will be very proud to have our chapter represented in this way at the national conference. Heartiest and deepest congratulations to Rick...and also our congratulations to all those in NYSO who have each given such excellent and quality presentations at NYSO conferences in the past few years.

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Schedule of Program

NYSO Annual Conference 2002 at SUNY Potsdam
Potsdam, NY

Friday October 18, 2002

1:00-2:00 PM  Registration and reception  
Bishop Hall, Crane School of Music Complex

2:00-2:15 PM  Opening Remarks
Edward Komara, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, NYSO Chapter  
Alan Solomon, Dean, Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam  
Jane Subramanian, Chair, NYSO Chapter  
J. Rebecca Thompson, Director of Libraries, SUNY Potsdam

2:15-3:00 PM  Milestones in the History of the Crane School of Music: Julia Crane, Helen Hosmer, and Beyond  
(Jane Subramanian, Music Cataloger/Archivist, SUNY Potsdam)

3:00-3:15 PM  Break

3:15-4:15 PM  From the Crane Archives: Historic Performances of Crane Chorus and Crane Symphony Orchestra (Gary Galo, Audio Engineer, Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam)

4:15-4:30 PM  Break

4:30-5:15 PM  Music and Culture of West Africa (Robert Washburn, Dean Emeritus, Professor Emeritus, and Senior Fellow Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam)

6:00-7:00 PM  Dinner on campus

Evening activity  To be announced at a later date

Saturday October 19, 2002

8:15-9:00 AM  Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:45 AM  The North Country Opera Star, circa 1900 (Sandra Chambers, Library Assistant, Crane Music Library, SUNY Potsdam)

9:45-10:15 AM  Break

10:15-11:00 AM  Fit for a Queen: Music for the Coronation of Elizabeth II (Gerry Szymanski, Circulation Services Librarian, Sibley Music Library, Eastman School of Music)

11:00 AM-12:00 PM  NYSO Business Meeting

12:00 PM  Tour of Crane Music Library (and of the Crane School of Music Complex for those who wish)
Accommodations

Besides on-campus accommodations (see registration form), below are other options – call them directly for reservations.

Note: The number of motels and hotels in the Canton-Potsdam immediate area is very small. Between the four colleges located in Potsdam and Canton, there rarely is a weekend when things don’t conflict with an event going on at one of the four colleges. Therefore, no matter what date we picked for the NYSO conference, motel rooms are a problem. At this point, unless cancellations occur, there is nothing available in terms of motels and hotels right in Potsdam or Canton for the nights of Oct. 17th or 18th. Massena and Waddington are the next closest places – driving time for Waddington is approximately 25 minutes from Potsdam; driving time for Massena is approximately 35 minutes (but that's peaceful country driving, not stressful city driving!). The motels in the area, although clean, provide simple basic rooms for the most part except where noted below. The following are still available and open for both nights, depending on your needs. **Given the strong need for rooms in the area, one would be advised to call and make reservations as soon as possible, as even these rooms may go quickly.**

Riverview of Waddington Motel & Cottages  
Rt. 37, Waddington  
$55.00 per room (2 double beds in each room)  
(315) 388-5912  
*This motel has a reputation for being very clean and nice. Family run motel, with the friendly owners living at the motel and they are very welcoming. It is located right near the St. Lawrence River, with views of ocean going ships at times from the motel property.

St. Lawrence Hotel  
Main and W. Orvis Streets, Massena  
$44.00 1 double bed/$85.00 2 queen beds/$100.00 Executive level room  
(315) 769-2441  
*Not an elegant style hotel, but this hotel is used by visiting businessmen, etc.

Super8 Motel  
84 Grove St., Massena  
$66.80 Single/$71.88 Double  
(315) 764-1065  
*Usual Super8 level.

Hillside Inn Motel & Campground  
Smith Dr., Massena  
$39.95 Single/$49.95 Double  
(315) 769-5403  
*One person has indicated to us that the rooms here are clean and comfortable.

Park Inn  
528 Route 42, Massena  
$39.60 Single/$49.50 to $66.00 range for 2 to 4 people  
(315) 769-7799 or (888) 769-6627  
*This motel is quite new and recently renovated. For that reason, we can find no one who can verify the quality or cleanliness, so we can't guarantee the quality of what you will find.

If you are interested in a bed & breakfast type room, call or email Jane Subramanian (315-267-3326, subramjm@potsdam.edu) or Ed Komara (315-267-3227, komaraem@potsdam.edu) at SUNY Potsdam for advice. If you want a higher grade motel or hotel room, Ogdensburg is the closest available (around 45 minutes away) – again call or email for advise if you are interested in this option.
Message from the Chair (continued)

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As my year serving as Chair of the NYSO conference is coming close to an end, I want to convey how much I have enjoyed serving the organization for the year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the other officers that have served with me this year: Ed Komara (Vice-Chair/Chair Elect), Gerry Szymanski (Past-Chair), David Peter Coppen (Secretary/Treasurer), and G. Dale Vargason (Newsletter Editor). Each has not only worked very hard at their own job responsibilities, but they have also jumped in to help with those things requiring group effort. They’ve dived in as well to help me out during those times when serving as chair and working on hosting the conference have caught up with me and I’ve felt very overwhelmed. It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve with such outstanding music librarians and officers.

My thanks also go to Kevin Michki, our NYSO webmaster, who works diligently behind the scenes at keeping the NYSO website looking great. My additional thanks go to Linda Blair (chair), Katy Farrell, and Kristina Shanton for their work on the Travel Grants Committee. My apologies if there is anyone else I have forgotten here. Finally, my thanks to each of you who are members, participating in many ways and giving such vitality to this organization.

Hope all of you have had a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you in Potsdam in October.

All my best,
Jane Subramanian

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Ballot

Please cast your vote below for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect. This ballot may be returned with your membership renewal form to David Coppen at the address on that form or may be brought to the Chapter Meeting in October. Ballots received later than October 16th will not be counted.

Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Carole Vidali _____
Attention! Travel grants available for NYSO Chapter Meeting

If you are planning to attend the fall meeting of The New York State/Ontario (NYSO) Chapter of the Music Library Association at SUNY Potsdam (Oct. 18-19, 2002) you may be eligible to apply for a travel grant. The NYSO Chapter is able to award up to four grants of $150 each toward travel expenses, to be used to attend this meeting. The Chapter would like to gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Board of the Music Library Association for enabling us to provide this opportunity.

Eligibility:

Anyone who meets one or more of the following qualifications may apply
- Any applicant who has never previously attended a meeting of the NYSO Chapter
- Any applicant who is a current library school student, whether or not they have previously attended a meeting of the NYSO Chapter
- Any applicant who currently works as a paraprofessional or library assistant, whether or not they have previously attended a meeting of the NYSO 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 NYSO Chapter of MLA, or national MLA is not required.

To apply, the following two documents should be sent to Linda Blair, 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, including an estimate of your anticipated travel expenses. 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.


Notification of awards will be made on or before Sept. 23, 2002, and checks will be mailed shortly after. The Committee reserves the right to award fewer than 4 grants. In order to be assured of lodging, we recommend making reservations in advance of notification (see deadline dates in the meeting information).

Application materials should be sent to:

Linda W. Blair
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27 Gibbs St.
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(585) 274-1368
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FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2002 through August 31, 2002

Balance in HSBC bank account on December 31, 2001 $1,470.07

INCOME
   Membership dues $170.00
   Travel allowance grant funds* $300.00
Total income $470.00

EXPENSES
   Postage on dues solicitation letters $19.00
   Postage on newsletter (spring 2002 issue) $32.96
Total expenses $51.96

Resulting balance in HSBC bank account on August 23, 2002 $1,888.11

*Received from the national Association for the purpose of funding individual members’ travel to chapter meetings.

Note: The balance of the Canadian bank account is unreported while Suzanne Meyers-Sawa is on leave.

News from Around the Chapter

Sibley Music Library of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y. Please visit the newly designed website for the library at http://www.rochester.edu/eastman/sibley

SUNY Buffalo. Congratulations to John Bewley on his marriage to Michele Gallant this summer. Warm wishes go out to both of them for a long and happy life together.

SUNY Potsdam. The SUNY Potsdam College Libraries hosted a full-time 3 week internship in July for an MLS student planning a career in music librarianship. Jaroslaw Szurek is a graduate student at the School of Information Science and Policy at University at Albany and split his internship time between Crumb Library, working with Jane Subramanian on music cataloging, and Crane Music Library, working with Ed Komara on reference service and everything else related to running a music branch library. Jaroslaw came to this country to pursue his MLS degree from Poland. He has an MA degree in Musicology from the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland (with specialization in Renaissance music). He hopes to secure a music librarianship position and work in the U.S. for a while upon completion of his MLS.
Become a Member at the National Level

MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Application for membership

Category: ___Sustaining ($150)
           ___Institutions ($90)
           ___Individual ($75)
           ___Retired ($45)
           ___Student ($35)

Name ________________________________________________

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Email: ____________________________________________

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