Mountain-Plains Chapter Annual Conference
May 20-21, 1994—Las Cruces, New Mexico

On behalf of the library at New Mexico State University, we want to bid you all a warm southwestern welcome for the Annual Conference of the Mountain-Plains Chapter of the Music Library Association in Las Cruces, New Mexico, May 20-21, 1994. We hope that we have prepared a fair sampling of our southwestern hospitality.

For those of you who will arrive early, there will be the usual "early arrivals’ dinner" to be held at La Posta, the Old Butterfield Stagecoach stop in historic Mesilla. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the 19th, but you might want to get to Mesilla earlier to explore the plaza and its many shops.

Our Conference will officially get underway at the Las Cruces Hilton, May 20, with registration and coffee beginning at 8:30 a.m. After a morning of papers and lunch on your own, we will move to the NMSU campus for a reception with our librarians and tours of both the libraries and the music building. That evening, there will be a no-host bar and annual banquet at Las Cruces’ Cattle Baron’s, across the street from the conference hotel.

Saturday at 8:30 a.m., we will again have coffee at the hotel before we begin the morning’s program of papers. A catered lunch will follow, with our annual business meeting on the luncheon agenda. In the afternoon, we have planned a field trip to White Sands National Monument, and if time permits, the Space Museum in Alamogordo (we should be back in Las Cruces by 6:30 p.m.). Saturday evening will give you a chance to explore area dining on your own if you do not have to return home.

For those of you who can stay the extra day, Sunday, May 22, we have scheduled what we hope will be a special event. We will leave the hotel by van for the mountains of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and the Mescalero Apache Reservation for brunch at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Besides a scrumptious meal, we will be treated to a program of Mescalero Apache folklore and music given by members of the tribe. The rest of the afternoon, you can either spend at the Inn enjoying the scenery and/or gambling, or go downtown to shop in the southwestern boutiques which line Ruidoso’s main street.

Let me give you some particulars:

Transportation
If you are driving to Las Cruces:

Las Cruces sits at the intersection of I-10 (east-west) and I-25 (north-south). To get to the Las Cruces Hilton from:

I-10 (west) to the University Avenue exit. East on University to Telshor Boulevard (about 1 mile, past the university and overpass of I-25). Turn left (north) onto Telshor to the Las Cruces Hilton (about 1 mile at 2nd traffic light).

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The Mountain-Plains Chapter encompasses Alberta, Canada, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. It is one of twelve regional chapters of the Music Library Association.

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How grand it was for so many of us to come together in Kansas City at the National MLA meeting, hosted by our chair elect, Susan Hitchens. Many of you worked with Susan to insure the success of the meeting. Congratulations to you all!

The Chapter dinner on Wednesday evening was a great event with a record attendance. Two new Mt. Plainers were there—Laurie Sampsel from Boulder and Jim Smith from KU. I think everyone else except Suzanne Moulton-Gertig and Barbara Lukes were present and accounted for (they were missed, but excused for chicken scratch band practice). Kudos to Board member-at-large Shelly Wolff for making all the dinner arrangements. Finding a great restaurant which will provide separate bills for 30+ ain't easy!

Through many of the conversations I had with non-Mt. Plainers during the conference, I realized the “specialness” of our chapter. In fact, I would go so far as to say that Mt. Plains Chapter has become a legend. (I looked up the definition first, to make sure that was exactly what I meant. Websters’ Third says a legend is “one having a special status as a result of possessing or being held to possess extraordinary qualities that are usually partly real and partly mythical.” Folks, that’s us.)

Two different chapter chairs asked to meet with me to talk about our chapter. Both represent less active chapters; they had heard such great things about Mt. Plains that they wanted to know how to get what we have. They covet our energy, our commitment to each other and the organization, our great meetings with such high levels of attendance and participation.

Annette Voth (who was subbing for an ailing Susan Hitchens) and I attended the annual chapter officers’ breakfast. It is traditional to make informal reports about chapter activities as we eat. Don Roberts, our host and a Mt. Plains cheerleader if there ever was one, said a lot of awfully nice things about us, and we had plenty to report. So all in all, we really enjoyed ourselves.

And now to our next gathering place—Las Cruces on May 20-21. Gary Mayhood and his library colleagues at New Mexico State University are arranging for red carpet treatment for us all. The program committee has put together a stimulating, but not-quite-as-taxing-as—previous years meeting agenda. I’ll look forward to seeing you all there.

Shelley McGehee
Mountain-Plains Chapter Chair

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Transportation

I-10 (east from El Paso) to I-25 Lohman Avenue exit. East to Telshor Boulevard, then left into the hotel (across from the mall).

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By plane:
Closest major airport—El Paso, Texas. The NMSU Library will supply pick-up and drop-off service. Let us know by mail, E-mail, or telephone, when you will arrive and when you plan to depart. We will cluster our pick-ups from the baggage claim area and will let you know by mail when you can expect us.

Hotel

The conference hotel is the Las Cruces Hilton
Address: 705 South Telshor Boulevard
Phone number: (800) 445-8667 or (505) 522-4300

We have a reserved block of rooms, all with a view (west side has views of the city and the Mesilla Valley; east side has views of the Organ Mountains). See the enclosed brochure for details about the rates, deadlines, etc. Hotel prefers reservations before APRIL 28th but will accept through MAY 2nd

Shopping and Dining

Across from the Las Cruces Hilton is the Mesilla Valley Mall (Dillard’s, Penney’s, Sears, Beale’s). Within walking distance and at the mall are a number of restaurants. In driving distance is the historic town of Mesilla (site of the signing of the Gadsden Purchase, jail for Billy the Kid, and haunt of Pat Garrett) and its plaza of shops and restaurants.

Weather

Expect sun. Daytime temperatures will be in the upper 80’s-low 90’s. Evenings can be chilly, so bring a sweater or light jacket. If you plan on going with us to Ruidoso, a light jacket or sweater might be advisable for the day.

If we can answer your questions or address concerns, please write, call, or E-mail:
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Until Las Cruces . . .

Gary Mayhood
Local Arrangements Chair

Program Notes

The papers for the Las Cruces program contain some truly novel topics that are sure to interest everyone. For example, look forward to hearing about Music and the Internet from Rick AmRhein, and “The Shakuhachi Goes to Hollywood” from our friends Janet and Daron Bradford at BYU. Monique Durham, Renee LaPerriere and Marie Kroeger will all be giving papers on dance topics; subjects cover the Jarabe, working with nineteenth-century dance manuals, and the scope and variety of materials held by the Carson-Brierly Dance Library at the University of Denver. No doubt Jean Jensen will have us feeling at home with her paper about Songs and Songmakers of the American West. Bob Pollet will be presenting “Music in a Restructured Society: The Arizona Experience,” and Suzanne Moulton-Gertig will continue “Tracking a Forgotten Composer: Library Holdings and Unusual Friends Who Help.” Mark Faw will be our host for “Warner Bros. Goes to the Opera,” and you may be sure “That’s (Not) All Folks!”

Suzanne Moulton-Gertig
Program Chair
MLA Mountain-Plains Chapter Annual Conference
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Pre-Registration Form

NAME_________________________________________ PHONE ( )_________________

ADDRESS____________________________________________________________________

CITY_________________________PROVINCE/STATE_____________POSTAL CODE/ZIP_____

INSTITUTION_______________________________________________________________

REGISTRATION FEE

$25.00 (US currency) __ $________________

Friday only $12.50
Saturday only $12.50

BANQUET

See enclosed flier for menu selections—notify Gary Mayhood ASAP

$17.00 __ $________________
$9.00 (Salad bar only) __ $ ______________

___I plan to attend. ___I do not plan to attend.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: __ $________________

Make checks payable to MLA Mountain-Plains Chapter

___Payment enclosed. ___Will pay upon arrival.

LA POSTA (Thursday Evening)

___I plan to attend. ___I do not plan to attend.

DAY TRIP TO MESCALERO APACHE RESERVATION (Sunday, 22 May)

See page 8 for more details ($15.95 brunch cost to be paid @ the Inn; do not include in registration)

___I plan to attend. ___I do not plan to attend.

PLEASE SEND IN THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY MAY 1, 1994 TO:

Annette Voth, Music Library, Music Building, Arizona State, Univ., Tempe, AZ 85287-0505

If you have any questions, please contact:
Annette Voth, phone: (602) 965-4267/E-mail: jacaxv@asuvm.inre.asu.edu
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For Reservations call the Las Cruces Hilton or 1-800-HILTONS (Nationwide)

Reservation Group Dates: 5/19-22/94
Reservation Cut-off Date: 4/28/94

NOTE: THE CUT OFF DATE WILL NOT BE EXTENDED. RESERVATIONS (IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE) MADE AFTER THE CUT OFF DATE WILL BE AT THE REGULAR HOTEL RATE.

GROUP: Mountain Plains Chapter of the Music Library Association

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ( ) ______
Address: ___________________________ City: _________________
State: ___________________________ Zip: _________________
Arrival Date: _____________________________ Departure Date: _____________________________

GUEST ROOM RATES:

Floors 1 - 5
- Single (1 Bed) $53.00
- Double (1 Bed) $58.00
- Tw/Dbl (2 beds) $58.00

Check In Time - 2 PM or Later.

Guarantee Required: Please attach a check for one night’s deposit or guarantee with credit card number.

Guaranteed Arrival:
- VISA _________________ AMX _________________
- MC ___________________ DC ___________________
- CB ___________________ EXP DATE _________________

Dear Guest - if you have any special requests, please indicate your information on this reservation form. We will do our utmost to fill your needs. Thank you!
Mountain/Plains Music Library Association
Chapter Annual Banquet
May 20, 1994

Cattle Baron Steak & Seafood Restaurant
790 S. Telshor Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM
(across from the Las Cruces Hilton)

Steak & Seafood Restaurant and Lounge
6:30 p.m. No Host Bar
7:00 p.m. Banquet

The banquet menu consists of a choice of salad, entree, sidedish, and dessert.
Please choose from the following:

Salad (1 only)
- Salad bar
- Caesar salad

Entree (1 only)
- New York center cut strip steak (8 oz.)
- Rio Pollo (chicken breast sprinkled with Cajun spices, blackened and topped with green chili and jack cheese)
- Halibut (broiled and buttered)
- Baby back pork ribs

Sidedish (1 only)
- Baked potato
- Rice pilaf
- French fries
- Steamed broccoli

Dessert (Sorry, 1 only!)
- Deep fried ice cream (vanilla ice cream rolled in crumb crust, fried and topped with whipped cream and strawberries or hot fudge)
- Mud pie (chocolate cookie crumb crust, coffee ice cream, topped with whipped cream and fudge sauce)

Coffee & Tea

The price for this feast is $17.00 per person.

- Salad bar as a meal (desserts are included with salad bar)

Coffee & Tea

Price: $9.00 per person

Remember to please mail or e-mail (gmayhood@lib.nmsu.edu) your choices to Gary before the event and include your banquet payment with your registration fee.
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Gerboth Awarded to Felicia Piscitelli
Felicia Piscitelli has been named the recipient of the 1994 Walter Gerboth Award by the Music Library Association. Ms. Piscitelli is the AV Original Cataloger for the Texas A & M University Libraries. The Gerboth award is an annual prize awarded to music librarians in the first five years of their career who are engaged in research likely to lead to publication.

Felicia’s project is titled “A Bibliography of Catholic Hymnals Published in the United States from the Second Vatican Council to the Present (1965-1993).” In recommending the award, the committee stated: “The liturgical reforms instituted following Vatican II have unleashed a flood of vernacular hymn-writing and hymnal publication. Popular musical styles, a decline in the use of Latin texts and the acceptance of non-Catholic hymns have all contributed to the increase. In order to make her project manageable, Felicia is restricting the scope to publications intended for national distribution in the U.S., that are by multiple authors and/or composers. Emphasis will be on English, Spanish and Latin language hymnals and on the Roman rite. Local or diocesan compilations, and collections by one person or for an individual group will be excluded ...” Congratulations, Felicia!

MPMLA-L
Did you know that Mt.-Plainer’s were given a group Christmas present? In mid-December (1993), a brand new discussion list was created by Susan Hitchens to help us communicate electronically with others in our Chapter. Subscribing is easy! Just do one of the following:

1. At your system ready prompt, send an interactive mail message:
   TELL LISTSERV AT UKANVM SUBSCRIBE MPMLA-L (your full name)

2. Send a mail message to: LISTSERV AT UKANVM  
The text of your message should be: SUBSCRIBE MPMLA-L (your full name)

3. Send Susan a message (HITCHENS@UKANVM), with your E-mail address and full name and she will add you.

Should you need more information about the list, please contact Susan. It's an electronic world, isn't it? Thank you, Susan!
**Of Special Note . . .**

—Congratulations to members of our chapter who will be involved in this year’s IAML-Ottawa Annual Conference. Carolyn Dow will speak at a session of the Public Libraries Branch. David Day will present a paper on problems of the bibliography of 19th-century ballet music in the Bibliography Commission. And Robert Follet is currently serving as secretary for the organization.

—DUES are due!!! Many of us are ‘in the red’ for 1993-1994 and 1994-1995 membership dues. Please rush $5.00 to Annette Voth or bring some extra cash to New Mexico.

—Hazardous barcodes? Mitch Turitz reports on Autocat: “You might want to check that bar code on your library card. A friend recently told me that his uncle in Vermont discovered that a reversed bar code image had mysteriously appeared on the left side of his chest. After a time he realized, by looking in the mirror, that the bar code matched that on his public library card that he typically put in his shirt pocket when he was going to the library. When he complained to the library, they checked and found that the bar code vendor had mistakenly supplied them with a special lot of radioactive bar codes that were destined for the CIA. Fortunately he suffered no permanent damage but doctors have been unable to remove that image.”