Mountain-Plains Chapter Annual Conference
May 19-20, 1995—Wichita, Kansas

The Local Arrangements committee looks forward to welcoming each of you to the Annual Conference of the Mountain-Plains Chapter of the Music Library Association in Wichita, May 19-20, 1995. The committee has prepared an array of activities to showcase Wichita, beginning with the "early arrival" dinner and musicale on Thursday evening, May 18th. Dinner will be at the Larkspur, an Old Town restaurant featuring nouvelle cuisine and wonderful service. We will order from the menu and enjoy the music of the best local jazz trio, beginning at 6:30 p.m. If the weather is nice, you may choose to walk the approximate mile from the hotel to the Larkspur. Following dinner, we will move to Carol Neighbor's house for coffee, dessert and our musicale.

The Conference will officially begin Friday morning, May 19th, at the Ramada at Broadview. From 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. plan on registration, a continental breakfast, and a welcome, perhaps from the Wichita River Festival's Admiral Windwagen Smith himself!

Presentations will fill the morning and afternoon, with lunch on your own at the Festival Food Court or a local restaurant. Friday evening, Wichita State University vans will take us to a banquet at the Empire House Restaurant & Theatre at Cowtown Museum. The evening will feature a buffet dinner with cash bar, and the melodrama, "Tale of the Lonely Ranger." Time will also be set aside before the banquet to tour Cowtown Museum. The $25.00 price includes the dinner, show, tax, tip and the museum tour.

On Saturday morning, we will again enjoy a continental breakfast at the hotel from 8:00-9:00 a.m. before we begin the morning’s presentations. The business meeting and lunch will take place at the River City Brewery, an Old Town brew pub. After lunch, we will tour the city by trolley. Later in the afternoon we’ll have free time to visit the antique shops in Old Town or enjoy River Festival sights and sounds.

Saturday evening, the streets around the hotel will close at 6:00 p.m. in preparation for the River Festival's grand finale pops concert and fireworks. Those who have a hotel room facing the river may be able to enjoy the fireworks from their rooms. The rest of us will join the thousands sitting on the riverbanks.

Transportation
By car
from the north or south:
I-135 or 35 (Kansas Turnpike) to Kellogg/US 54. Go west to Market St. Turn right (north) onto Market St. to Douglas Street, then left (west) to Waco. The hotel is on the corner of Douglas and Waco.

from the west:
I-70 to I-135 and as above, or take US 54 directly into Wichita (US 54 becomes Kellogg in Wichita). Stay on Kellogg to Market St. Turn left (north) onto Market and proceed as above.

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From the Chapter Chair

Hello everyone! It was wonderful to see so many of our members and friends at the pre-MLA dinner held in Atlanta this past month. Some twenty of us attended this gala but informal dinner held in the hotel’s café. I don’t believe that minutes of the gathering were taken, so I’ll note here that the noise level was a steady dull roar and Chapter business was kept to a minimum. We didn’t talk too much about absent friends, except to wish that they had been there. Mountain-Plainers were a visible presence throughout the conference, delivering papers and chairing roundtables or other sessions. However, we are in danger of losing our status as the rowdy table at the conference banquet, most likely due to the absence of veteran glass-ringers Jim Wright (who left early) and Dorman Smith (who never showed up at all).

Shelly Wolff, Local Arrangements co-chair for our 1995 meeting in Wichita, has taken some time off from working on the meeting to work on increasing our membership. Theresa June Wolff was born on Feb. 12, and can probably be counted on to add another soprano voice to our Mountain-Plains choir. Shelly and her co-chair, Carol Neighbor, have been getting everything ready for our Wichita visit; I hope everyone is making plans to attend our meeting this May. Rick AmRhein received many responses to his call for papers, and the Program Committee convened during MLA to lay the groundwork for another informative, interesting and entertaining MPMLA program. The Wichita River Festival and its many exciting activities will surely enhance our annual get-together.

I know we have many talented members in MPMLA: I hope that each of you attending the meeting in Wichita will consider treating the Mountain-Plainers to a performance in the musicale planned as a pre-conference get-together at Carol Neighbor’s home. We have been assured of two world premieres at this event. I have in hand Myron Patterson’s aleatoric work for three voices or instruments (please contact me if you’d like a copy ahead of time), and Carolyn Dow has promised to present the Chapter with the madrigal which was commissioned during the somewhat hilarious post-conference dinner in Las Cruces.

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish Arlys McDonald a wonderful and happy retirement. Arlys officially retired from Arizona State University on January 31, although she remained handy to fill in while Shelley McGehee and Annette Voth were at MLA. By the time you read this, Arlys will have moved to Wichita; I hope she’ll tell us how she’s enjoying retirement at our meeting there.

So mark your calendars now and make your reservations early. I’m already looking forward to another “best ever” meeting of our Chapter.

Susan Hayes Hitchens
Mountain-Plains Chapter Chair
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Transportation
By plane:
Wichita is served by Mid-Continent Airport on the west side of town. The Ramada at Broadview has a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel.

Hotel
The conference hotel is the Ramada at Broadview, 400 W. Douglas (corner of Douglas and Waco), telephone: (316) 262-5000.

We have reserved a block of 20 rooms, which will be held up to 30 days before our event. See the enclosed reservation card for details about the rates, etc. PLEASE register by APRIL 15th to insure a room.

Shopping and Dining
Downtown Wichita has been experiencing a renaissance. Many antique shops have opened along the Old Town section of Douglas. The Farm and Art Market is near Thursday’s dinner site, on First Street. Many restaurants have opened or will during the next few months. Typical mall shopping is within driving distance; at Towne West mall on west Kellogg, and Towne East mall on east Kellogg.

Weather
Weather in Kansas is extremely variable. Plan for mild temperatures and the possibility of rain. We will try to post weather updates as conference time approaches.

River Festival
We keep bragging about the award-winning River Festival, but is really is neat! The Festival is a ten-day celebration filled with almost 100 events from parades, concerts and sports events to antique bathtub and bed races. If you are planning to come into town early and want a program of events in advance, let us know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please write or call:
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Program notes...
Once again, an excellent program is planned for this year’s conference. We will have a nice mix of papers on broad musical topics, research methodologies for music, and topics of local interest to the Mountain-Plains region.

Vince Jenkins (Northern Arizona Univ.) plans a presentation concerning the passage of the Native American flute from a sacred religious tool to a cheap-pop-culture New Age roll substitute, while Bob Follet will discuss the history of and future plans for the National Flute Association Library at the University of Arizona. Marie Kroeger (Univ. of Denver) will enlighten us on the value of Poole’s Index to Periodical Literature in nineteenth-century American and British music research. Shelley McGehee (Arizona State Univ.) will guide us through the historical contributions of famous women harpsichordists and the rise of harpsichord use and popularity, while Gary Mayhood (New Mexico State Univ.) investigates the piano music of Louis Moreau Gottschalk. Jean Jensen (Utah State Univ.) will trace the career of Michael Ballam, a world-renown operatic tenor, who brought grand opera to the Cache Valley in Utah. Carolyn Dow (Lincoln City Libraries) and Shelly Wolff (Wichita State Univ.) will bring us back to Kansas discussing the life of Thurlow Lieurance, his American Indian music collection, compositions, and career as Dean of Fine Arts at Wichita State University. And what would a Mountain-Plains chapter conference be without a sequel presentation by Marc Faw? This year Marc will once again demonstrate how cartoons have introduced and promoted “classical” music in our society with “Warner Brothers Goes to the Concert Hall.”

Come join us in Wichita for a fine group of presentations.

The Program Planning Committee,
Rick AmRhein, Bob Follet, Stephanie Moritz
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
Includes dinner, show, tax, tip and tour of Cowtown Museum. 
We must have a firm count of attendees by MAY 16th. 

$25.00 $___________

___ 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.

Larkspur Restaurant (Thursday Evening)

___ I plan to attend. ___ I do not plan to attend.

Thursday Evening Musicale at Carol Neighbor’s House

___ I plan to attend. ___ I do not plan to attend.

___ I plan to drive to Wichita and would be able to help drive people to the Thursday evening events.

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

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The Membership Directory included with this issue has been removed from the online version for reasons of security.
Thursday Evening Musicale

Concerning the musicale May 18th at Carol Neighbor's home (1754 North Market, Wichita)—no performance reservations are required. Both previously composed works and on-the-spot improvisations will be allowed. Original compositions by individuals or groups are strongly encouraged. Indeed, the trip to Wichita may serve as inspiration for either air terminal tunes or prairie pieces composed along the endless, flat stretches of I-70. In fact, the hosting committee expects the spontaneous combustion composition spirit which has occurred in the past when more than two Mountain-Plainers gather together.

Now we come to the serious subject of commissions. People, there are some commissions still out (and the price has already been paid). This would be an excellent time to come forward with these long-hoped-for works. We could even have revised editions (think of cataloging possibilities) or reenactments of previously performed chapter works. Or perhaps we should let past definitive performances stand. What do you think?

A piano, harpsichord, double bass, autoharp, guitar, hammered dulcimer, cittern, gamba, various recorders (nino through bass), penny whistles, percussion instruments and perhaps other things you request will be available for your use. Please call Carol Neighbor at 316-269-1506 (h) or 316-262-0611 ext 258 (w) if you have any questions or can bring copies of parodies on madrigals.
New Newsletter Editor Sought

Greetings to all budding or frustrated journalists! Here's your opportunity to branch out further into the exciting world of desktop publishing.

After five years of fun with Conventional Title, Janet and Irene are ready to "pass the PC" to a new newsletter editor or editorial team beginning with the October 1995 issue. The rewards of our term of service have been many: a closer contact with chapter members and their "happenings;" the opportunity for creative expression in writing and layout; service on the MPMLA board; and the fringe benefit of advance knowledge about developing conferences and other regional news.

If you are interested in joining the ranks of MLA's regional newsletter editors, please contact the Mountain-Plains chapter chair, Susan Hitchens, or editors Janet Bradford and Irene Halliday. Further updates on the search for a new editor(s) will be coming at the business meeting during the Wichita conference. To coin an old cliché—opportunity knocks! Don't let it pass you by.

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Coda

Have you heard about the night that Stokowski was conducting the Philadelphia orchestra in Beethoven's Leonore Overture No. 3, and the off-stage trumpet call twice failed to sound on cue? Directly after the last note of the overture had been played, the apoplectic Stokowski rushed into the wings with murder in his heart. He found the trumpeter struggling in the clutches of a burly watchman. "I tell you you can't blow that damn thing here," the watchman kept insisting. "There's a concert going on inside!"