Mountain-Plains Chapter Annual Conference
May 17 and 18 in Logan, Utah

Come to Logan and the mountain man country of Cache Valley, Utah! Plan on a good Mountain-Plains Music Library Association Chapter Conference on May 17-18. The Weston Inn Best Western Hotel in downtown Logan will serve as home base. Those who arrive before 7:00 pm on Thursday evening, May 16, are invited to my house for supper and a musicale (come ready to sing). A van will provide transportation that evening at 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

Friday’s session will be held at the new SciTech Library on the campus of Utah State University. A van will provide shuttle service between the hotel and the campus. The Chamber Singers from USU’s music department will entertain us during lunch. After the day’s sessions are done, a walk to the Ellen Eccles Theater will revive your energy. This old, elegant, grand theater has recently been restored and renovated. We will see the theater and hear its story. Then we will tour the nearby historic pioneer-built Logan Tabernacle with its magnificent pipe organ. Dinner and entertainment at a canyon restaurant nestled in the mountains will top off the day.

Saturday’s sessions will be held in the public library building directly across the street from the hotel. Lunch and business meetings at a delightful English-style restaurant will follow the morning conference. Stay with us the rest of the day for a drive up scenic Logan Canyon through the mountains to beautiful Bear Lake, 45 miles from Logan. There we will enjoy a barbeque supper and entertainment.

From the Salt Lake International Airport, commercial shuttle service will bring you the 87 miles to Logan. Allow two hours from the airport to Logan. Shuttles will meet any time schedule; the cost is $54 round trip. Make your advance reservation by calling 801-563-6400 (mention conference rate). The weather should be warm and pleasant, but bring a jacket.

For those of you who will drive, look for us on the map just 30 miles from the Idaho border. If you can stay for a few days’ vacation, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks are nearby. Spend a day seeing the highlights of Salt Lake City. May is a delightful time to visit the spectacular parks and wild red-rock country of southern Utah. This year marks the state’s centennial (Utah became the 45th state in 1896), and the whole state is celebrating all year. Come join us!

Jean Jensen
Local Arrangements Committee
Hello everyone! It was wonderful to see lots of MPMLA-ers in Seattle at MLA's annual conference. I was kept pretty busy with my MLA duties as Assistant Convention Manager, but I enjoyed the dinner Stefanie Moritz very kindly arranged for us at a local restaurant. There was quite a lively crowd of MPMLA-ers there! One of the benefits of being Chapter Chair is attending the Chapter Chairs’ breakfast MLA hosts at the annual conference. Besides being a very nice breakfast, it’s a great opportunity to hear from other Chairs about what’s going on in their Chapters. This year’s breakfast was hosted by MLA President Jane Gottlieb, who introduced the Chapter Liaison, MLA Vice President Diane Parr Walker. After a little business was taken care of, we all participated in a sort of “round-robin,” giving some details of activities in our respective Chapters. After listening to some Chairs speak of dwindling membership in their Chapter, with fewer members attending meetings and little variety in meeting sites, I was very proud to report that MPMLA’s membership has been steadily growing and increasing numbers of members attend our meetings held throughout the largest geographic Chapter in MLA.

Speaking of meetings, Jean Jensen has done some excellent planning for our next conference in Logan, Utah, coordinating her efforts with our able and talented Secretary/Treasurer Irene Halliday. After all my bragging at the Chapter Chairs’ breakfast, this is not the time to decide to skip our annual meeting! Your Program Chair, Bob Follet (Arizona State University), has been working hard with his committee (Myron Patterson, University of Utah and Stefanie Moritz, Phoenix Public Library) to put together an interesting, scholarly and enjoyable program for the Logan Meeting. It should be another wonderful conference held in a spectacular location, and I hope everyone is considering going.

It’s time to elect new Chapter officers. MPMLA Vice-Chair Gary Mayhood (New Mexico State University) has appointed a Nominating & Ballot Committee, and ballots should be distributed before too long. When you receive your ballot, please be sure to cast your vote and return it before the deadline. It should only take a few moments, it only costs you a stamp and an envelope, and it’s your opportunity to help shape MPMLA’s future.

And speaking of Gary, I think that by now everyone knows that he has been in very poor health for some time. I know he’s planning on coming to Logan, but in the meantime, he does appreciate all the cards, messages, prayers and good thoughts sent by his MPMLA colleagues. Please take note of the deadline for registering for our annual meeting and start making your plans for a trip to Logan and beautiful Cache Valley. Last year in Wichita, Jean Jensen gave us a sample of the historic and exciting character of this area with her splendid paper on the Cache Valley opera house, followed by her enthusiastic invitation to hold our next meeting in Logan. I hope you’ll all join me in taking her up on it.

Susan Hayes Hitchens
Mountain-Plains Chapter Chair
Tentative Conference Schedule

Thursday, May 16

Dinner/Musicale at Jean Jensen's house (BYOB) 7:00 pm

Friday, May 17

Breakfast on your own (Weston Inn Best Western offers a continental breakfast)

SciTech Library, USU Registration 8:00 am

Welcome, Robert Murdock, President of the Cache Valley Historical Society 9:00 am

Papers 9:30 am-12:00 noon

Lunch at the USU cafeteria 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

SciTech Library, USU Papers 2:00-4:00 pm

Tours of Ellen Eccles Theatre and Logan Tabernacle 5:00-6:00 pm

Dinner/Entertainment at Zanavoo Lodge (no-host bar) 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 18

Breakfast on your own

Logan Public Library/Logan City Building Registration 8:30 am

Papers 9:00 am-12:00 noon

Lunch/Business Meeting, Rothwell's Restaurant 1:00 pm

Tour of Logan Canyon to Bear Lake 3:30 pm

Dinner/Entertainment at Beaver Creek Lodge near Bear Lake (BYOB) 6:00 pm

Logan Program

The Logan program is shaping up nicely due to the hard work of this year's Program Committee. Scheduled papers will deal with composers, foundations, holdings, and user self-sufficiency.

Suzanne Moulton Gertig will be speaking about Austrian composer Emil von Reznicek (1860-1945) and Laurie Sampsel will be discussing her bio-bibliography project on English composer Cyril Scott (1879-1970).

Charles King will present a paper on the Koussevitsky Foundation and Barre Toelken will describe the holdings of the Folklore Archives at Utah State University.

Bob Follet will present his research on user self-sufficiency, a topic of concern to us all.

There is still space available, however, if anyone is interested in presenting a paper. Contact Bob Follet, Stefanie Moritz or Myron Patterson as soon as possible. See their entries in the directory section for the contact information.

Events Calendar

May 17-18, 1996 MPMLA Conference Logan, Utah Weston Inn Best Western

July 6-9, 1996 American Library Association New York City Jacob Javits Convention Center

October 3-5, 1996 On-Line Audiovisual Catalogers Denton, Texas Radisson Hotel & Eagle Point Golf Club


Travel and Hotel Details

Home base for the Conference will be the Weston Inn Best Western in Logan. To make your reservation, call 1-800-532-5055 before April 25. Mention that you are a Music Library Association member to get the Conference rate of $54 per night plus tax. This rate includes a free continental breakfast.

If you are flying into Salt Lake City, you will also need to make a reservation for the Cache Valley Airport Shuttle at 801-563-6400. Again, be sure to ask for the Conference rate, which is also $54. The trip from Salt Lake City to Logan takes 2 hours.

Don't forget to send in your completed registration form from page seven to Irene Halliday by May 6. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Jensen, Local Arrangements Committee at 801-797-2666 (W) or 801-753-2447 (H).

See you in Logan!
The Membership Directory included with this issue has been removed from the online version for reasons of security. Contact Laurie Eagleson (eaglesonl@u.library.arizona.edu) for further information.
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Registration Form

Name ____________________________________________ Phone ( ) ____________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ Province/State _____ Postal Code/Zip _________

Institution ____________________________________________________________ E-mail address __________________________

Registration Fee

_____ Friday only $12.50 (US Currency)

_____ Saturday only $12.50

_____ Both days $25.00

Extras

Thursday evening Dinner/Musical
at Jean Jensen's house $2.50/person $________

Friday night banquet
at Zanavoo Lodge (including tax and gratuity) $15/person $________

Saturday tour of Logan Canyon and dinner
at Beaver Creek Lodge $10/person $________

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $________

Make checks payable to MLA Mountain-Plains Chapter

_____ Payment enclosed _____ Will pay upon arrival

Please send this form by May 6, 1996 to
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Utah Web Sites

If you’re planning to combine your trip to Logan with some R & R, you might want to check out a few interesting Utah World Wide Web sites. Even if you don’t have time to enjoy all that Utah has to offer, you’ll want to visit Utah State University’s home page at http://www.usu.edu for a wealth of information including a campus map as well as maps of Logan and the Cache Valley. You can also search USU’s online catalog, Merlin. You’ll also enjoy seeing the color version of the picture of campus used in the October CT.

Check out the Utah Travel Guide at http://www.netpub.com/utah and Get Lost Adventure Magazine has a good site at http://www.itsnet.com/home/getlost/utah.html. Both have links to information on travel and outdoor recreation.

To peruse the schedule of events related to Utah’s centennial, visit the Utah State home page at http://www.state.ut.us.

Finally, you might be interested in getting updated weather and ski reports by visiting the Utah weather site at http://www.imall.com/ski-utah/weather.html.

Happy Web surfing!

Coda

As John Field lay dying in Moscow, friends asked if he wanted a priest. Field declined, but an English clergyman was none the less summoned to his bedside.

―Are you a Protestant?” asked the pastor.

“No,” said Field.

“Perhaps a Catholic?”

“No.”

“Then you must be a Calvinist?” he persisted.

“Not quite,” retorted the dying pianist. “I am a Calvecinist.”

- from The Book of Musical Anecdotes, by Norman Lebrecht

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