Greetings to all our Mountain Plains Chapter Music Librarians!

I am writing this message just prior to walking over to the recital hall to observe Pinchas Zukerman giving a master class. What a great opportunity for our students! I am sure that all of you are also observing equally fabulous opportunities being offered to your students at your various institutions of learning.

One fabulous opportunity that we all have is to be librarians, and to be able to lead and direct students and faculty to the resources they need for their research and performance. We all are faced with challenges and obstacles in the performance of our duties, but can have at heart the desire to offer a valuable service to the communities of scholars that we serve.

Albert Camus once said “After all manner of professors have done their best for us, the place we are to get knowledge is in books. The true university of these days is a collection of books.” And we, as librarians, are the stewards of books…but, because we are music librarians, we are also stewards of scores and sound recordings and video recordings. We have so many riches to offer to the discerning learner!

We can help to instill a lifelong love of learning in the hearts of students we serve that hopefully will continue long after they have graduated. And they will know that they can always return to the library wherever they may live, and be able to continue educating themselves as citizens and musicians because of the rich collections that people like us are preserving and overseeing.

We are also fortunate to have the opportunity to know each other, because we are so enriched by being able to learn from each other in our shared profession. This coming year we will be able to meet twice, in San Diego in March and in Manhattan, Kansas in May. I know that I am looking forward to these meetings very much, and I hope you are, too!

Myrna
ANNOUNCING: MPMLA ANNUAL MEETING, 2010

Back to Kansas. How Long Has It Been, Now?

From Our Host:

Thomas Bell, Kansas State University

KEEP THE DATE: Friday, May 21 – Sat., May 22, 2010 (arrive Thurs., the 20th)

Our Hotel: Holiday Inn 785-539-7531
Rooms: $109.95 + 12.3% taxes.
Business Meeting/Luncheon on Saturday in President’s Room at the hotel.

Parking: The hotel is right across the street from campus, so we shouldn't need to monkey around with campus parking at all. If there are exceptions for whatever reason(s) they can contact me and I can take care of it.

Travel: Great Lakes Airlines serves the Manhattan Regional Airport (via Denver). They have code share agreements with United and Frontier Airlines.

American Eagle Airlines serves the Manhattan Regional Airport (via DFW - Dallas/Fort Worth). Kansas City International Airport (MCI), 130 miles (208km) east of Manhattan, is the closest international airport to Manhattan. All major airlines offer MCI destination tickets. USAir Express flies into the Manhattan Municipal Airport, offering shuttle service from MCI.

Besides the flying shuttle, a ground shuttle, MCI Roadrunner Express, is also available from MCI to Manhattan. The one-way charge for a student, with up to three pieces of luggage, is $47.00, and you will be delivered to any location in Manhattan. A reservation is required for this service. You may call at your point of entry airport at 1-(800) 826-8294 or (785) 537-2086. For details, please visit the Roadrunner website at http://www.kciroadrunner.com/

News of Our Members:
(Some freely given, others via Badgirl’s snooping. . .)

Carolyn Dow received the Promotional Award for outstanding marketing or promotion of a Nebraska special library from the Nebraska Library Association's Special & Institutional Section at the association's fall conference. She was also elected Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the Special & Institutional Section.

Bob Follet says, “I have retired from the position of Head of the Arthur Friedheim Library at Peabody. A search is forthcoming. For the current academic year, I am continuing to teach one section each semester of Music Bibliography. After this year, I plan to relocate. Hope all is well--Bob

Dear Bob, Relocate in our chapter area, OK? Suzanne and Cheryl
More Member News:

Steve Luttmann (University of Northern Colorado) is juggling lots of responsibilities and hoping they don’t all come crashing down on his head. He’s Book Review Editor for Notes, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for MOUG, and the chair of his university’s Faculty Senate. He continues to resurrect scores (for the time being, mostly by Anton Arensky) for republication by Jürgen Höflich in Munich. The second edition of his Hindemith book was published this past summer, and is managing to sell copies despite the outrageous list price ($150). The book is available in both paper and e-book formats, and the publisher is astonished that so far not a single e-copy has sold . . .

Dear Steve, DU bought both your editions. . . .

Speaking of books, Laurie Sampsel’s book, Music Research: A Handbook (2008), landed her the 2009 Provost’s Faculty Achievement Award at Boulder. So there! Congrats, Laurie!

Dear Laurie, DU bought your book, too. . . .

It has come to the Badgirl’s attention that Eric Harbeson has moved from Florida State to Colorado as the Music Special Collections Librarian at CU Boulder. Eric.Harbeson@colorado.edu MPMLA welcomes you.

How about the Glenn Miller Archives? Part of the American Music Research Center, C. F. Alan Cass C.F.Alan.Cass@colorado.edu is the contact for that archive.

Kudos to Steve Mantz:

Recently, MLA PREZ, Ruthann sent out the following announcement. As some of you know, Steve has been the MLA Newsletter editor for several years. Steve has “retired” from this position, and his replacement has been named.

Ruthann says:
Dear MLA Colleagues,

It is my happy duty to report that our new Newsletter Editor is Misti Shaw. The search committee, chaired by Kirstin Dougan, had its work cut out given that they had an excellent pool of applicants from which to choose.

Misti will begin working with Steve Mantz, our current editor who will pass the reins to her within the next few months. Steve has kept the newsletter a vital publication for the membership during his tenure as editor and I know you all join me in thanking him for his excellent service to MLA.

Yes, THANK YOU, STEVE, for all the good work!!!!

Suzanne Moulton-Gertig is doing her faculty harp chamber music recital on Jan. 20, 2010 at the Hamilton Recital Hall at Lamont School of Music. Works by Petrov, Ravel, Ropartz, Debussy and Moreno-Buendia are on the program. She is also looking forward to the imminent publication of The Ostracon: The Journal of the Egyptian Study Society (Vol. 20), of which she is the editor. That happiness will be short lived, however, because it means that work has to start on Vol. 21.
NEWEST MPMLA MEMBER:

Last week, I received a request from Patricia Thomson to join our listserv, the mpmla-l. In my email conversation with her, I learned the following from Patricia:

Hello,
Thank you for your note. I am moving to Salt Lake City this week because my husband has accepted an offer from the University of Utah. I have been employed in the library of The Juilliard School since 1998, and from 2005 through October 31, 2009 my title was Head of Cataloging. I hope to get us settled in our new home and then begin looking for a position in Salt Lake City.

Best,
Patricia Thomson

So, with Eric, that’s two new members confirmed. Who’s next?

Do you have news to share? Please write to Suzanne, your Newsletter Editor, at suzanne.moulton-gertig@du.edu to prevent her from making it up.

NATIONAL NEWS

Another meeting not to be missed:

ANNOUNCEMENT: MLA 2010. SAN DIEGO (!)

From Ken Calkins,
MLA 2010 LAC Chair

As your MLA 2010 Local Arrangements Committee chair, I’m pleased to announce the launch of the conference website! http://www.mlascc.org/sandiego.html
The site is also linked to the home page of the MLA website: http://www.musiclibraryassoc.org/

Thanks to our Southern California Chapter webmasters and the logo design team. Note that there are a few "coming soon" links on the site. There will be announcements on MLA-L as more web pages are added and other pages are updated.

The LAC looks forward to hosting you all in lovely and lively San Diego!
MORE SAN DIEGO INFORMATION:

MLA Hotel for San Diego: Paradise Point Resort & Spa

From: MLA Treasurer/Executive Secretary Michael Rogan:

Registration for the 79th Annual Meeting of the Music Library Association is now open.

If you first log in to the MLA Online Directory at https://www1.areditions.com/mla/directory/ and then select "Conference Registration" from the sidebar on the left, your profile information will populate the registration form. [Nifty, eh?!]

If you are not a current MLA member, you can go directly to the conference registration site at: https://www1.areditions.com/mla/directory/conference.asp to complete the registration form.

You can register and pay online with VISA, MasterCard, or American Express. ~OR~ you can choose to SUBMIT your registration online, and then pay by check using the mail-in form generated by the site when you use the SUBMIT button.

IMPORTANT:
Please make sure that the billing address on file in your Profile matches the billing address of your credit card, otherwise it might be declined by the credit card authorization service. They are very persnickety about these things, for your own safety! You can edit your Profile using the "Update Profile" link found on the sidebar on the left.

If you need a paper registration packet, you can print one from the PDF found at: https://www.areditions.com/mla/MLA-2010/MLA-Packet.htm

There are additional individual registration forms at that site if you are interested in participating in
* Work for Reduced Registration Program
* Conference Mentoring Program
* Silent Auction
. . . . along with a letter from me, your MLA Treasurer/Executive Secretary, some helpful Local Arrangements information, and hotel information.

You may also request that a paper registration packet be mailed to you directly from the MLA Business Office - contact them at: (608) 836-5825 or mla@areditions.com

We are again this year allowing JOINT registration with MOUG at the online registration site. A Preliminary Program as well as an independent registration form (should you need it) can also be found at: https://www.areditions.com/mla/MLA-2010/MLA-Packet.htm

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly, or contact the MLA Business office at the phone and e-mail listed above.
I am looking forward to seeing you all in San Diego!

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