From Our Chapter Chair

To fellow MPMLA members:

MPMLA is rolling out a new travel grant this year, funded with a grant from the Music Library Association. The grant will give monetary support for attendance at the upcoming MPMLA meeting in Colorado Springs, May 17-18. The due date for applying is April 16. Anyone can apply, but we will be giving preference to first-time attendees, those in their first five years of employment as a music librarian, and those giving a presentation at our upcoming spring meeting. Think about who might be a good candidate for this and encourage them to apply. For details, see the application form appended in the newsletter.

We would like you, yes you, to give a presentation at our conference in Colorado Springs. Contact Steve Luttmann, who is the program chair this year if you are willing:
stephen.luttmann@unco.edu

The MPMLA Board is on a two-year schedule, and 2011 is the election year. This year we will be voting on a vice-chair/chair-elect and a member-at-large to serve on the board. Current board members are Anita Breckbill, chair; George Gibbs, vice-chair/chair-elect; Myrna Layton, past chair; Christopher Mehrens, secretary/treasurer; Tammy Ravas, member-at-large; Suzanne Moulton-Gertig, editor of *Conventional Title*; and Laurie Eagleson, chapter webmaster. Tammy and Myrna will be finishing their terms on the board this year. Thanks to both of them for their years of service. If you are interested in serving, or if you would like to make a nomination, please contact Janet Bradford, who is chairing the nomination committee:
janet_bradford@byu.edu.

It was a pleasure to see you all in Dallas and dine with you at the lovely El Fenix. We missed those of you who were not present, either by plan or by last-minute troubles. I hope to see you in Colorado for our May meeting, which is being planned by Darryl Stevens. Colorado in May should be a lovely place to congregate.

*Anita Breckbill*
MPMLA TRAVEL GRANT 2012

Mountain Plains Chapter of the Music Library Association: MPMLA TRAVEL GRANT
Chapter Meeting: Colorado Springs, Colorado
May 18-19, 2012
Chapter web page: http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/eagleson/mpmla/
Program Chair: Stephen Luttmann, Stephen.luttmann@unco.edu (contact with presentation proposals)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 16, 2012

Eligibility: The scholarship provides monetary support for attendance at chapter meetings. The applicant must be a chapter member in good standing or agree to join the chapter upon receiving the award. Preference will be given to first-time attendees who are music librarians or library school students in the Mountain Plains area: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming—and the Canadian province of Alberta. Preference will also be given to those who are presenting at the meeting and to librarians from the Mountain Plains area in their first five years of employment in a music library.

Applications directly from individuals and nominations from chapter members are encouraged.

Date of application:

Name of applicant:

Applicant’s email address:

Name of library school, employing library, or other affiliation:

Degree date or no. of years in position:

Name of nominating chapter member, if applicable:

Please describe the applicant’s achievements and interests in music librarianship (up to 200 words). Note previous MLA or MPMLA meetings attended, if applicable, and whether or not the applicant will be presenting at the MPMLA annual meeting. The applicant should also submit a brief budget for travel and lodging.

Please submit application by e-mail or U.S. mail to: Anita Breckbill
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MPMLA 2012 Annual Meeting - Colorado Springs, CO

Colorado Springs, CO
May 18th-19th, 2012

Meeting Location
Packard Hall, Colorado College
5 W. Cache La Poudre
Colorado Springs, 80903
SW corner of Cache La Poudre and Cascade

We will meet in Room 9 in Packard’s lower level.
Breaks, continental breakfasts will be provided in the Music Library.
College Map. See building #4, left of center at the bottom of the map.

Hotel

The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center is nestled next to the Downtown Bijou Street Exit (142) off of Interstate 25. It's located about a mile south of Colorado College, where our meeting will be held.
314 W. Bijou St., Colorado Springs, CO, 880905
- Phone: (719) 471-8680
- Fax: (719) 471-0894
Map from Hotel to Packard Hall

Our rates for May 15th-May 19th are $68 per night. Please identify yourself as an MPMLA attendee when you make reservations. These rates are good until April 17th.
Amenities include:
- Free hot American breakfast
- Manager's reception Monday through Thursday providing two free cocktails and hors d'oeuvres for each guest
- Free wireless high-speed Internet access in all rooms
- Free local calls
- Free The Wall Street Journal
See the link above for more information on the hotel.

Airports

Colorado Springs is served by the Denver International Airport and the regional Colorado Springs Airport. Many itineraries heading to the Springs include a stop in
Denver; the short ride (17 minutes or so) from Denver to the Springs is often a memorable one. Colorado Springs is about a one hour and 15 minute drive from Denver International. If you plan to rent a car, you may want to compare fares between the two airports. Until the rise in gas prices, it was often more economical to drive to Denver and catch a flight there.

**Airport transportation**

**From Colorado Springs:**

The Clarion Hotel shuttle is quite expensive, $50 one way. Taxi fares from the Airport to the hotel range from $35-$40. Colorado Springs has a skeletal public transportation system of minimal use, for the intrepid only!

**From Denver:**

If you are not traveling by car, you can take advantage of the [Skyride Public Bus Service](#) to downtown Denver, and catch the [FREX](#) (Front Range Express) bus for a relaxing ride down the front range. This service is available weekdays only.

**SEE PAGE 6 FOR REGISTRATION FORM**

### NEW MEMBERS

**A NEW MEMBER FROM BYU:**

**JANICE BAKER**

Janice says,

I'm married and have 6 children, 4 boys and 2 girls. My husband teaches 3rd grade. I'm a Utah native but have lengthily visited or lived in California, Idaho, Arizona, Virginia, Indiana, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, Mexico, Finland, and India. I have heritage from India, Mexico, and many European countries. I speak Finnish (unhelpful in the music field), but not very well anymore. In my spare time (ha!) I like to read, quilt, play games with my kids, and throw pottery (the wheel kind, not the breaking-into-shards kind). I'm a musician; I teach 26 piano students and play the organ at my church and perform on my flute whenever I can.

### CHAPTER NEWS

**Beth Fleming (Oklahoma City University)**

Thanks to some great help from MPMLA connections, especially Christopher Mehrens, I am thankful and blessed to report that I officially got the Gerboth Award at the Dallas Conference. That can be reported now, I think :) Just after I go to the MPMLA conference, I'll use the Gerboth award to go to San Diego and do research on Betty Freeman, for my upcoming book tentatively titled *Betty Freeman: Portrait of a Patroness*.

I did a presentation on the *Melody Maids of Beaumont Texas* at the Dallas Conference. It was well received....someone suggested that I should turn it into a PBS special, but I have NO clue
how to do that sort of thing, so I imagine that step will just have to wait until I am enlightened on that matter!

Leichter Listening Library was given a large bequest of over 100 opera CD's by Charles L. McKinney of Duncan Oklahoma. The highly specialized collection focused with laser-like precision on the bel canto era of singing and includes many rare and unique recordings of the works of Mercadante, Donizetti and Rossini.

**Eric Harbeson (CU-Boulder)**

The most interesting thing that's happened to me is having sung *Spem in Alium* and the Byrd 5-Part Mass with the Ars Nova Singers a couple of weeks ago (circa February 15).

**Myrna Layton (BYU)**

I have been busy with playing in the Balinese gamelan, Bintang Wah Yu. But this spring, some of us in the group also learned a chant/dance from the Aceh region of Indonesia. It was really fun, and my two daughters joined us for the dance, which we performed for Salt Lake Community College’s Asian Celebration.

The dance is called Tari Saman. It was recognized in 2011 as and “intangible element of world cultural heritage” by UNESCO. Our version is hardly traditional, but here are a couple of links to it for those of you who are curious:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=ALmGspnRpyU#
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=sFaB39jSj74#

It was a lot of fun to learn!

**Suzanne Moulton-Gertig (University of Denver)**

This was my third year on the program committee for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Musicological Society adjudicating paper abstracts for their annual meeting. There are so many that we actually have to reject some! Of course, we do open up our Call for Papers to the national membership.

Speaking of adjudicating. . . . I am the adjudicator for the Mile High Chapter American Harp Society Student Evaluations this year. It’s always interesting to hear what teachers are having their students perform. Happily, it’s not the same old canon of works.

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We thank **Steve Luttmann** for being the chair of our program committee this year for the meeting in May in Colorado Springs. If you haven’t submitted a paper topic to Steve, please *do not* delay. He has just put out for Second Call for Papers as of this writing.

**Meeting Registration Form, next page**
Name___________________________________________________________________
Library Affiliation_________________________________________________________
Mailing address: Street ______________________________________________________
City______________ State_____ Zip code__________
Email_____________________________________________________________________

Registration Fee $20.00 $ __________

Thursday evening dinner at Dale Street Cafe for early arrivers
See menu.
____ I WILL attend ____ Number of guests _____ I will NOT attend

Dinner on Friday Evening at Marigold Café and Bakery. See menu.
____ I WILL attend ____ Number of guests _____ I will NOT attend

(Note: Plan to bring cash for dinners on Thursday and Friday nights as they are not covered by Registration).

Saturday Business Lunch (included in registration)
Mexican buffet luncheon provided by Bon Appétit, campus food service, funded by Dean Susan Ashley.

Add on (for your guests) for the Saturday Business Lunch only $13.25 $ __________

Dietary needs: (Please indicate any dietary needs below)
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Membership dues for 2012/2013 $10.00 $ __________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $ __________

Please make checks payable to MLA Mountain/Plains Chapter
____ Payment enclosed _____ Will pay upon arrival

Please complete and submit this form so that it arrives no later than April 30, 2011 to

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