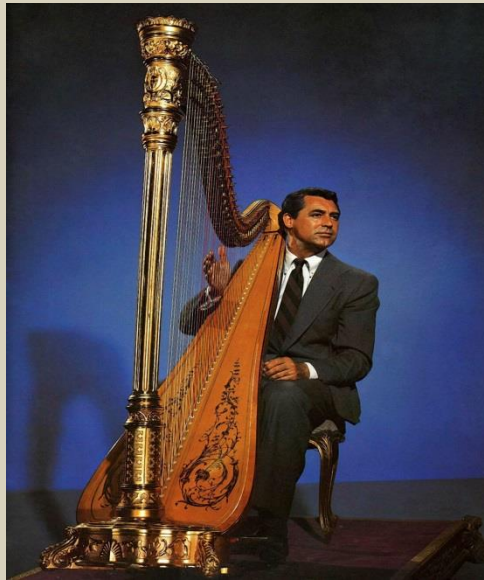


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Newsletter of the Greater Houston Chapter of the AHS

December 2016



President's Message---Mary Jane Sinclair

One of the best movies of this season is “*The Bishop’s Wife*”. Is that because Cary Grant plays a guardian angel who plays the harp? Probably! I hope you have an opportunity to see this charming film. Years ago, I found the sheet music which Grant “plays” on the harp. It was curiously nestled in a Nat Cole book of songs. The original plan was for Grant to play the role of the troubled Bishop. Grant was uncomfortable with the more serious role, so he petitioned the director to allow him to play, Dudley, the angel. Thus, a Christmas classic was born!

As we begin this holiday season, let us all be grateful for the talents we will be sharing with our audiences. Live music, especially the harp, is always appreciated and coveted in this season of celebrating. I hope all of you have opportunities to share your harp with many audiences. In December of 1972, I began studying with Mildred Milligan and I have great memories of those days with her.

I encourage you to forward this newsletter (5 pages) to a harpist or music teacher who may not already be a member of our group. Let’s open our doors to everyone who teaches, performs or simply loves music! Happy Holidays to you and yours!



Membership Dues:

Just a reminder that it is time to renew your membership to the GHC. Our fiscal year is from September to August so please send your check today. We have attached a membership form to this newsletter, please return it with your dues. All teachers and students who intend to participate in the Mildred Milligan Scholarship Competition to be held March 26, 2017, are required to be members of the GHC. Please send your membership forms with your dues to the address of our Treasurer, John Gearhart, as soon as possible. Many thanks for your continued support of the GHC.

Mildred Milligan Scholarship Competition 2017

Hope Cowan, Chairperson, has announced our competition will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church. Hope's Milligan committee consists of harpists, Susanna Campbell, Therese Honey and Emily Klein. These great harpists have completed the information packets and are distributing them. Please let us know if you require a packet.



GHC Meeting Schedule—2016-2017

January 8, 2017, Sunday, 4-6 P.M.—Home of John Gearhart—19615 Hurst Wood Dr. Humble, Tx 77346---Don't forget to join us!

Harper's Bazaar! Join us for a casual, after-the-holidays social at the home of our treasurer, John Gearhart. You will enjoy his wonderful hospitality, food and music. Please donate your gently used CD's, sheet music or harp tchotchkes to sell at our

Bazaar. Remember to price your item and all proceeds will go to our GHC. Always a fun gathering!

May 7, 2017, Sunday, 3:00 P.M.—Home of Angela Chan, 311 Promenade Estate Lane, Stafford Tx. 77477

Concert and final meeting featuring Mildred Milligan Scholarship Competition winners.



GHC Performance Calendar— DECEMBER

December 4, 2016, Sunday, 4:00 p.m.-- Stephen F. Austin University, Cole Hall

Emily Mitchell

Handel Concerto for Harp, Op. 4, Nr 6, with Camerata

December 10, 2016, Saturday, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.—Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale Street, Houston. 77023

AND

December 11, 2016, Sunday, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Houston Chamber Choir with Laura Witt-Smith, Harpist

“Ceremony of Carols”—Benjamin Britten

December 18, 2016, Sunday, 7:00 p.m.-- Pearl Fincher Museum, Houston, TX.

Susanna Campbell, Danielle Harmon, Emily Mitchell, Kimberly de Rosa

Harp Quartet, Holiday Program for the *Pearlformance Concert Series*

HARP NEWS:



HSPVA is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications are due by December 9. Please visit <http://www.houstonisd.org/domain/30986> or contact Emily Klein at 610-574-7886 kleinemilys@gmail.com

18th Houston Summer Harp Festival will be held at Houston Baptist University on July 10-15th 2017. www.HoustonSummerHarpFestival.com



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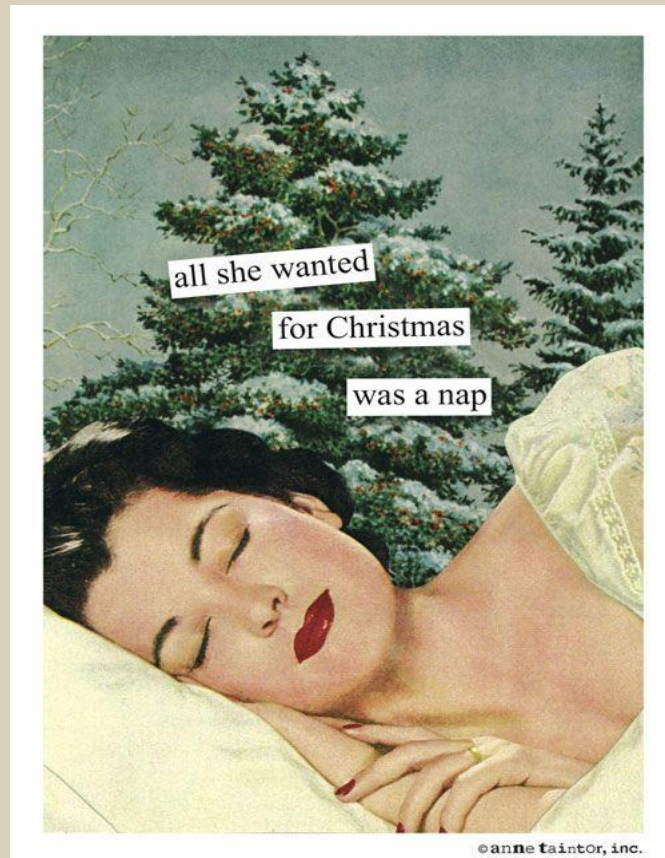
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Scholarship Competition

I invite you to send your “notes” and comments. Please submit your ideas, locations where you may be performing, and notices of harps for rent or sale. Please send your contributions to me at lesliehoward1@yahoo.com by the 25th of each month.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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