

# Conventional Title

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## President's Message

Hello, all you MPMLAers,

*Is it me, or is time just flying by? I cannot believe that we are already into April...and that our upcoming meeting is literally weeks away. Please take a moment TODAY to get your registration form filled out and sent to Anita, and then make your traveling plans soon.*

*I know many of you will not be able to come, and we will miss you. If you have music/library-interested friends living near Lincoln, please give them a personal invitation to join us. I talked to Jim Cassaro and he will be attending in his capacity as past-MLA president. I mentioned that our meetings are very fun and diverse and casual and, well, I could go on and on because you are all so wonderful.*

*During our annual business meeting let's plan on some lively discussions regarding how we can get our membership up. Other chapters have asked for travel grants to offer to students or first-time attenders. What ideas do you have? Be thinking, and please let me know of any concerns you have (especially those who will not be coming to Lincoln).*

*It was delightful to see many of you at the national meeting in Austin. The chapter dinner was fun and my entree was very tasty. Thanks, Steve, for getting us a great spot to eat on a busy Valentine's evening.*

See you in Lincoln!

Janet Bradford, Chapter Chair



**Mountain Plains Chapter  
Music Library Association  
Lincoln, Nebraska, May 16-17, 2003**

We welcome you with pleasure to the country's heartland, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the annual MPMLA chapter meeting on May 16-17. The historic **Cornhusker Hotel** in downtown Lincoln will serve as the conference hotel. Room rates will be \$89 for single or double occupancy and \$94 for triple or quadruple occupancy in a block of rooms held until **May 5**. Be sure to mention the Music Library Association when making reservations at **1-800-793-7474**. If you arrive at Lincoln's airport between 6 am and 11 pm, you can contact the hotel on a courtesy phone in the luggage claim area for a complimentary shuttle ride to the Cornhusker Hotel.

For early arrivers, dinner will be served at Anita Breckbill's house on Thursday night. In addition to eating, we will enjoy a musical evening. Please consider bringing your instruments (and voices) to perform for your colleagues. Anything will be suitable, from the sublime to the ridiculous. Contact Anita, [abreckbill1@unl.edu](mailto:abreckbill1@unl.edu), if you need an accompanist. Transportation will be provided from the hotel at 6:00, 6:30, or by phone call to Anita's house at 438-1300.

Bennett Martin Public Library, three short blocks from the hotel, will host Friday's sessions. For the evening banquet we will meet in Morrill Hall, more commonly known as Elephant Hall, on the University of Nebraska campus, where we will dine, listen to songs of Ruth Etting, and view the paleontological wonders of Nebraska.

Saturday's session will be held on campus, with chances to tour the Music Library and the internationally known Sheldon Art Gallery. The venue for lunch and our annual meeting will be in one of the pinnacles of Nebraska football fervor--a skybox at Memorial Stadium. The afternoon's activities include an excursion to Mahoney State Park, and a choice of visiting the Strategic Air and Space Museum to see a special Lindburgh exhibit or the Nebraska Wildlife Safari to see plains animals in their natural habitat.

We look forward to seeing you in Lincoln. Remember to time your registration to arrive at Anita's address by May 5 and to make reservations at the Cornhusker by the same date.

Anita Breckbill and Carolyn Dow

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**NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION**

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**Brigham Young University**

The Music/Dance Library will host an exhibit, *Master Harpists of the 20th Century*, running June through December. The exhibit will coincide with June's American Harp Society Institute in Salt Lake City. Institute attendees are invited to BYU for lectures and an exhibit visit.

The library purchased the George Verdak Dance collection. Verdak, a ballet performer and artistic director of the Butler Ballet at Butler University,

accumulated a large library of books, scores, manuscripts and periodicals. Included in the purchase are about 10,000 titles (scores and manuscripts), 5000 books, and extensive journals.

Myrna Layton will attend the International Viola Congress in Kronberg im Taunus, Germany, in June.

David Day will be at IAML in Estonia in July. He is also working to complete his dissertation.

Sherry Wadham and

daughter Rachel (also a librarian) plan to attend ALA in Toronto in June.

Irene and husband, Ron, will take an Alaska cruise via the Inland Passage in July.

Janet Bradford will join her husband, Daron, a member of the Orchestra at Temple Square, on an Eastern States tour of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra starting June 24. The two groups will perform at Lincoln Center in New York and with the Boston Pops.

### **Don Roberts**

Don retired from Northwestern University, is building a new home in Santa Fe, NM, and will be moving at the exact time of the MPMLA chapter meeting in Lincoln.

He made a quick trip to New York to see *Les Troyens* at the Met. He reports it was worth the trip.

### **Judy Marley**

Judy moved from Tucson to the School of Library and Information Sciences at the University of North Texas in Denton where she serves as an adjunct faculty member. She is currently designing a WebCT course which she will be teaching on the Web for the 2003 Fall semester.

She has new publications: biographies of singer Bethany Beardslee, composer Vivian Fine, and singer Phyllis Bryn-Julson in *Women and Music Since 1900: An Encyclopedia* (Greenwood, 2002) and "Education for Music Librarianship Within the United States: Needs and Opinions of Recent Graduate/Practitioners," *Fontes Artis Musicae* 49 (July-Sept 2002): 139-172.

### **New Mexico State Univ.**

Gary Mayhood and staff have just completed a year-long cataloging project of a gift of over 1,450 titles of CDs. The titles will eventually be accessed via library computer once the liquification process is finished by a company in San Diego.

All the library faculty, with the exception of those in administrative positions, were placed on nine-month contracts, with summers off.

Gary says that he and his co-workers enjoyed hosting the MPMLA Annual Conference in Las Cruces last year. And those

of us in attendance enjoyed being there.

### **University of Colo., Boulder**

Eric Petersen left the university to begin a new position April 1st as Technical Services Manager at the Weld Library District in Greeley. The district has ten branch libraries and serves a population of about 140,000. Best wishes to you, Eric!

### **University of Denver**

Suzanne Moulton-Gertig is headed for Kiel, Germany, May 15-21! She will attend the premiere performance of a full production of Reznicek's *Donna Diana*. Others attending with Suzanne are from Alaska where the Reznicek Archive was located until Suzanne bought it last year.

The Lincoln MPMLA conference will be the first she has missed since she joined the chapter. We will miss her presence there.

As soon as she returns from Germany, Suzanne will play the harp in Denver's opera production of the Merry Widow.

### **University of Nebraska**

Anita Breckbill recently returned from a week-long trip to Beijing with her daughter and the Lincoln Youth Symphony. She did not come back with the SARS virus.

### **University of New Mexico, Los Alamos**

Dennis Davies-Wilson reports that the Southwest Collection Cataloging Project, funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, has been completed. Items in the collection have been sought from as far away as Boston.

### **University of Utah**

Hiromi Matsushita and his brother Hidemi visited the Museum of Musical Instruments located in Hamamatsu, Japan, on March 15. The city is best known for the Kawai and Yamaha plants. Hiromi will send a report to Geraldine Ostrove of the Library of Congress, as she requested at the Austin meeting. Sounds like a good trip, Hiromi!

Jim Dooley, Head of Cataloging for the Marriott Library and one of Hiromi's supervisors, resigned to take a position in Merced, Calif.

### **Utah Valley State College**

Lori Stevens has a son who is home from serving a church mission in Poland, and another son is currently serving in Ukraine.

The UVSC library celebrated "Black History Month" featuring a real Southern Baptist Choir from Salt Lake (a rare group for Utah).

### **Wichita State University**

Rachel Crane reports that the library received a coat of interior paint and new carpeting, and public access to the card catalog was removed. Gone is the 1950s linoleum. The new colors make the place look a whole lot better and seem to have raised spirits of patrons and staff.



**MPMLA**

The Mountain Plains Music Library Association encompasses Alberta Canada, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. It is one of twelve regional chapters of the Music Library Association.

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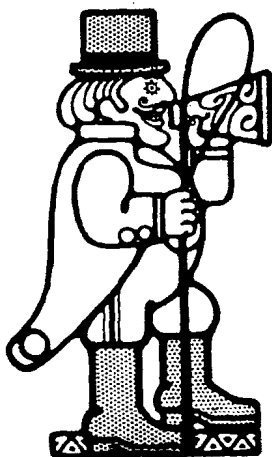
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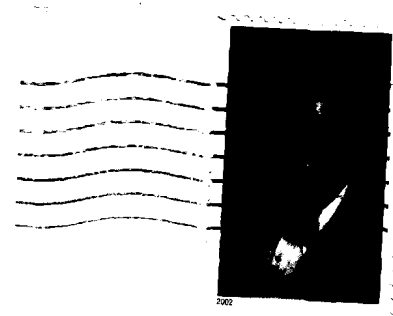
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**Mountain-Plains Music Library Association Annual Conference  
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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee (includes Saturday lunch in a skybox at the Memorial Stadium):

\_\_\_\_\_ Both days \$45 (non-member \$50)

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday only \$25

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday only \$25

registration total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday evening opening dinner at Anita Breckbill's home, \$5 per person:

No. attending \_\_\_\_\_ I do not plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

reception total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday evening banquet, \$23 per person, buffet with meat and veggie entrees:

No. attending \_\_\_\_\_ I do not plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

banquet total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday afternoon excursion to Mahoney State Park and then to either the SAC Museum or Wildlife  
Refuge, \$10 per person:

No. attending \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues 2003/2004, \$10

Makes checks payable to MPMLA

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Will pay upon arrival

*Please complete and submit this form so that it arrives*

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