

Newsletter

Winter 2018

Hudson Mohawk Recorder Society

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Luigi Bechi (1830-1919) Boy with a Recorder

“Music with Her Silver Sound” features music from Shakespeare plays

“Music with Her Silver Sound”—songs, ballads and dances from the plays of William Shakespeare is the title of the HMRS spring recorder workshop. Eric Haas will be the leader of our spring workshop held on Saturday, April 7th from 10am to 5pm.

Eric Haas has taught at New England Conservatory, Tufts University and Wheaton College, as well as numerous early music workshops, including Amherst Early Music, the Long Island Recorder Festival and the Mideast Workshop. Eric is well known for his many transcriptions and editions for recorder. He manages the retail division of the von Huene Workshop in Boston.

Where: Carondelet House Hospitality Center
385 Watervliet Shaker Rd, Latham, NY 12110

When: Saturday, April 7th from 10am to 5pm

Rooms: available for \$60 a night for those coming from a distance

More information: hudmo.ars@gmail.com

The Recorder Shop will have music and instruments available for purchase.

Registration Form:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/e41bfc2c02804750b657ec7b29b2db89?AccessKeyId=3DDAE5FCF714DFA81F5C&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>



Library Concert to Showcase New York Composers

The Adirondack Baroque Consort, founded in Glens Falls by Dr. Maurice Whitney, will hold its 55th Anniversary concert in February. The theme of the concert is *"Composers of New York State"*.

The concert will include a recently published work by James Oppenheimer of Poughkeepsie: *"Hyde Park: a Canon at the Unison"* and the world premiere of Glen Shannon's *"Little g for ABC"* in honor of the Consort's 55th anniversary year. Glen, an international award-winning composer and recorder virtuoso, is a native of Buffalo.

<http://www.glenshannonmusic.com/>

WHERE: *East Greenbush Community Library*
10 Community Way, East Greenbush, NY
WHEN: *Sunday, February 25 at 3pm.*

Lovely Orchestral Sound with New Contrabass

A new Paetzold F contrabass was recently purchased by Mike and Kathy Kuhrt and is shown above. At the last HMRS meeting on Dec 4th a beautiful recorder orchestra sound was created with the addition of the new F bass.

The contrabass doubled on the regular bass line, in affect playing the line an octave lower with the basses. In addition, a C great bass played by Linda Botimer, doubled on the tenor line, playing the tenor line an octave lower. This created a deeper and fuller sound on our Renaissance Christmas music, and we hope to hear more soon.



The Pine Bush Players pictured above entertained at the Pruyn House Holiday Open House in December in Latham, NY.

Pictured above: Judy Pardee, Linda Botimer, Tanya Hotalen and Kathy Kuhrt.

The ensemble **Crow Hill** also performed. Members performing included: Lee Danielson, Melanie Axel-Lute, Carolyn Hermes, Judy Pardee and Linda Botimer.

Go to our website 24/7 to find more information.

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HMRS Fall Workshop a Great Success!

The Carondelet Hospitality Center in Latham was the site of our fall recorder workshop in November. Richie and Elaine Henzler led a program of Italian music. Participants came from Vermont, Massachusetts, New York City, Saratoga, the Adirondacks, as well as the Capitol area. Many thanks again to organizer, Judy Pardee, for a successful Fall workshop. (See picture above)



Pictured above are long-time HMRS members Carol Turner and Sue Wright at the December meeting at the Pruyn House.

RESEARCH SAYS MUSIC HELPS

1. Dementia—reduces symptoms
2. Asthma—playing a wind instrument led to decrease in asthma symptoms.
3. Pain—listening to music led to a bigger reduction in pain
4. Autism—responds to music better than spoken words
5. Parkinson's disease—improves motor skills.
6. Mood enhancement
7. Relaxation & reduces stress
8. Hearing—filtering sound

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The Well-Equipped Recorder Player

by Joseph Loux

Recorder players are busy people. Classes and workshops don't always fit into our schedules.

I recommend that you check out Sarah Jeffres on Youtube--a world-class recorder player who will improve your attitude and technique. She has a series of Youtube videos worth checking out. Why not start with the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meaESDXNmm0>



Enjoying treats at the historic Pruyn House. The recorder ensembles Crow Hill and Pine Bush Players performed at the early December meeting; and then everyone joined in together to play holiday music.

Pictured left to right: Lee Danielson, Bob Gaesser, Melanie Axel-Lute and Kathy Kuhrt.

President's Message

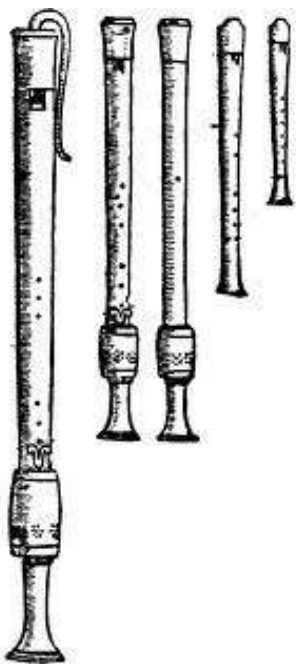
Happy New Year! I hope this year proves to be a happy, healthy and musical year for all.

We have had some wonderful opportunities to explore a wide variety of music this fall at our regular meetings and fall workshop - from early to contemporary composers for recorder ensemble to music for multiple choirs for recorder, viol, and chorus. We look forward to much more in the coming months.

It is time to take stock of where we are as an organization and where we are going. Watch for an HMRS Member Letter and Survey to arrive by post soon. Please take some time to reflect on your experience with HMRS and help guide our programs into the future by returning the survey as soon as possible.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for upcoming meetings and send in your reservation for the spring workshop with Eric Haas, Saturday April 7th.

Musically yours, Kathy Kuhrt





Pictured on the left at the Athens Victorian Stroll in Athens, NY this past December is the Adirondack Baroque Consort along with Horse Dobbin!

From the left: Joseph Loux, Janith Mason, James Oppenheimer and Marla Eglowstein

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Lycaeides Plays the Guilderland Library

The ensemble Lycaeides performed a concert last October at the Guilderland Library in Guilderland, NY.
Pictured above: Marie-Luise Carreno Maass, Bob Shultz, Carolyn Hermes, Michael Murphy, Linda Botimer and Barb MacLean.

HMRS Website and Facebook Page:

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www.facebook.com/groups/127666594023613/



March is Play-the-Recorder Month

**SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, MARCH 11th!!**

The American Recorder Society proclaims every March as Play-the-Recorder Month and encourages chapters to perform in public venues.

HMRS is planning on playing Sunday, March 11th at the New York State Museum. And you can join us!! In addition, we are planning on including the young recorder players from the Albany Charter School for part of the program.

More information is coming—so save the date: Sunday, March 11th.

HMRS Schedule of Meetings – Mark Your Calendars

Sunday 1/21 Time: 2pm Regular Meeting

Thursday 2/1 Regular Meeting

Sunday 2/18 Time: 2pm Regular Meeting

Thursday 3/1 Regular Meeting

**Sunday 3/11 New York State Museum for Play-the-Recorder Month
(more info to come so you can join us and play)**

Sunday 3/18 Time: 2pm with Joseph Loux

Thursday 4/5 Regular Meeting

Saturday 4/7 Time: 10am Eric Haas-HMRS Spring Workshop

Wed 4/18 Richie and Elaine Henzler

Thursday 5/3 Regular Meeting

Wed 5/16 Regular Meeting

Wed 6/13 Last meeting of season and Informal Recital and Potluck