

Dear Harpist,

June 15, 2019

The **Central Florida Chapter of the American Harp Society** is pleased to announce a special weekend of harp workshops and performances featuring **Stephanie Curcio** from **August 2 – 4, 2019**. The event will be held at **Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church**, 1655 Peel Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806. We invite you to not only attend all the classes, but to participate in the ensemble at the final recital. Please see the attached schedule for more details.

The fee for this weekend is **\$50.00** for existing **chapter members** and **\$70.00** for **non-members** to participate in all events. There is **no charge for non-harpist spouses or non-harpist parents accompanying their children**, but classroom space is reserved for paid registrants. Walk-ins will be accepted on a space available basis. Concerts are free and open to the public.

On Friday, August 2, 2019, Mrs. Curcio will narrate a concert program, **The Road to SCP (Stephanie Curcio Publications)** at 7:00 p.m. This concert will be held at **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**, 2021 West S.R. 426, Oviedo, Florida, 32765. The concert will feature several of Mrs. Curcio's students as well as our own chapter president, Barbara Browning, on piano. They will play Stephanie Curcio's arrangements and compositions, while she shares some of the history of the harp in early America along with some other interesting stories. It will be accompanied by a slide presentation. On Saturday, August 3, Mrs. Curcio will teach two **workshops**. **Developing Good Practice Techniques** will help you get the most out of your practice time. **Intervals and Chords** will show you how to use them in sight reading and new music. Both workshops will include examples that allow you to participate in the class.

There will be an **ensemble recital** with the theme "The Best of Stephanie Curcio" on Sunday afternoon, August 3, at 3:00 p.m. Anyone who learns the music in advance and attends the rehearsal on Saturday is welcome to play in the ensemble.

You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to take classes, hear the concert, and play along in the ensemble performance! Please register early to be guaranteed a space. There will be **no refunds** for cancellations of either the box lunch or registration **after July 29**.

If you have any questions or special needs, or know someone who needs a registration packet, please contact me at mail@harpbiz.com or (407) 905-2501. Please remember that the organizers of this event are unpaid volunteers donating many hours of their time to produce this event. Therefore, it may take a few days to respond to any phone calls. Email is preferred. We look forward to seeing you at St. Luke's **and** Grace Covenant.

Jan Jennings
Workshop Coordinator
Central Florida Chapter/AHS

Who Should Attend

The workshop weekend will offer something for all levels from beginner to advanced. Beginners will be able to participate in the ensemble performance even if they only play with one hand or one finger! Don't hesitate to participate! The Sunday ensemble performance will take place in the sanctuary of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orlando followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. All classes will take place in the Fellowship Hall. There is plenty of free parking in the church lots. Look for the harp workshop/concert signs.

Harps

If you are bringing a harp, please arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. to allow time for unloading. There will not be practice or warm-up rooms available. You must bring your own harp, bench, and music stand to participate in the ensemble during the recital on Sunday. There will be a room that will be locked to store the harps at the church overnight.

Ensemble Repertoire

Most of the music you may need to purchase is available from Melody's Music (www.folkharp.com) Choose the things that interest you. You may play with just one hand or even one finger if you just want to participate but can't learn all the music. Join us and have fun!

The repertoire is:

Air for Two Harps
Ashley's Serenade
Baroque Fantasia
Break a Leg! (new!)
Bubble Waltz
Court Dance
Fantasticks Medley
Frisky
Les Miserables
Memoriam
Mist
Pensive Moment
Powdered Wigs
Wild Rose of the Mountain

All of the above is by Stephanie Curcio and available from her website as well (www.stephaniecurciopublications.com). Mrs. Curcio will also sell you individual parts if you don't wish to purchase the set. We have used all of this music in the past and will use it again in future concerts so this will not be a one-time investment. Purchasing the music rather than distributing illegal copies helps support our colleagues who write and publish music for ensembles and ensures they will continue.

Lodging

The following hotels are listed as closest to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church:

The Delaney Hotel

\$140 approx.

3-star hotel

1315 S Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32806•(407) 849-0805

Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando/Downtown South - Medical Center

\$92 approx.

2-star hotel

43 Columbia St, Orlando, FL 32806•(407) 270-6460

Aloft Orlando Downtown

\$134 approx.

3-star hotel

500 S Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32801•(407) 380-3500.

Lunch

On Saturday, August 3, we have arranged to have a box lunch delivered by Panera Bread so you do not have to leave the campus. You have a choice of 1) Sierra Turkey on Asiago Cheese Focaccia, 2) Ham and Swiss on Country Rustic, or 3) Mediterranean Veggie on Tomato Basil bread. Panera Bread reserves the right to make slight variations in the menu in the event that some items are not available. Substitutions will be similar to the original sandwich. Any of these choices comes with a bag of chips, pickle slice, cookie, and soft drink or bottled water. The cost of the lunch is \$12.00 and you must **place your order no later than Monday, July 29**. Indicate your preference and the number of lunches you want on the registration form.

Receptions

We have receptions with refreshments after both the Friday night concert at St. Luke's and the Sunday afternoon ensemble concert at Grace Covenant. You can help by donating a box of cookies or homemade baked treats to share at the reception. We can also use help with serving and clean up. Let Dottie Curry know if you can assist, orcharp@embarqmail.com.

Exhibits

Chapter members may have limited exhibit space for harp-related items they wish to sell. This is your opportunity to let people buy music you no longer want, any extra accessories you may have, or even show harps for sale. Neither the Chapter nor Grace Covenant assumes responsibility for any loss or damage to items brought to exhibit. No outside commercial vendors will be permitted (other than Stephanie Curcio).

**Registration Form for "Stephanie Curcio Weekend"
August 2- 4, 2019**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Early Registration fee (postmarked by July 22, 2019)

(Chapter member) **\$50.00** \$ _____

(Non-member) **\$70.00** \$ _____

(There is no fee for non-harpist spouses, companions, or parents accompanying children)

Late Registration fee (postmarked after July 22, 2019)

(Chapter member) **\$70.00** \$ _____

(Non-member) **\$90.00** \$ _____

Box lunch for August 3 **\$12.00** (Reserve by July 29) \$ _____

- _____ I want the Sierra turkey sandwich
- _____ I want the ham and Swiss sandwich
- _____ I want the Mediterranean veggie sandwich

(You may order more than one lunch for a spouse, companion, or parent. Indicate the number of lunches and preference.)

I would like to make a donation to the Central Florida Chapter/AHS \$ _____

I plan to perform in the ensemble on Sunday, August 4, 2019 Yes No

(You must bring a harp, bench, and music stand to participate in the ensemble.)

Please indicate **make, model,** and **color** of your harp: _____
(For example: "L&H 85 GP mahogany")

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check payable to "**Central Florida Chapter/AHS**" and mail completed registration form to:

Central Florida Chapter/AHS
c/o Jan Jennings
P.O. Box 680451
Orlando, FL 32868-0451

**Schedule of Events for “Stephanie Curcio Weekend”
August 2 -4, 2019**

Friday, August 2, 2019 St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Oviedo

7:00 P.M. Concert: The Road to SCP (St. Luke’s Lutheran Church Sanctuary)

Saturday, August 3, 2019 Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orlando

9:00 A.M. Arrival and Registration (Load-in harps)
9:30 A.M. — 10:45 A.M. *Developing Good Practice Techniques* — (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 A.M. — 12:15 P.M. *Intervals and Chords* — (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 A.M. — 1:15 P.M. Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
1:15 P.M. — 4:30 P.M. Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 P.M. Move harps to storage (TBA)

Sunday, August 4, 2019

1:00 P.M. Arrive at church to set up harps
1:30 P.M. — 2:15 P.M. Ensemble warm-up
3:00 P.M. Recital* (Sanctuary)

Room assignments and schedule subject to change without notice.

Upon arrival, please check in at the registration desk to pick up your name badge and notebook. Please put your name on **everything** (cover, bench, spare strings, tuning key, dolly, music, etc.)!

*Attire for the Sunday recital is dressy. That can include dressy pant suits, street length, tea length, or formal length dresses for women and suits or nice dress shirt, tie, and slacks for men. No jeans, T-shirts, or flip flops.