

The L.U.N.C.H. MENU

LOCAL
UNITED
NETWORK to
COMBAT
HUNGER



Founded 1989 by Bill Pere
continuing the legacy of Harry Chapin

Since 1989

Using the power of popular music to produce positive social action

Fall 2000 Issue

A BIG YEAR AHEAD

Looking back over the last year, we've had so many great events -- The Holiday Show, "Christmas on Gilligan's Island", our fifth music camp at Camp Wightman, and several great benefit concerts at schools, churches, and civic events around the state.

Looking ahead to the 2000-2001 season, it looks like it will be LUNCH's biggest year ever of using the power of popular music to produce positive social action.

On **October 21** at the University of Hartford, we will be presenting "A Tribute to Harry Chapin" as part of the "Music For a Change" concert series. This excellent ongoing series will be featuring national acts each week such as John McCutcheon, Patty Larkin, and benefits social services in the Hartford area. (For tickets call 860-768-5026, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford)

On **December 9**, we will be at Union Baptist Church in Mystic to present the annual **Holiday Show**, which will be "A Dilbert Christmas". This will benefit the MASH shelter in Mystic. (For tickets, call 860-572-9285 or use the form in this newsletter).

May 5, 2001 is the date for the **6th Harry Chapin Legacy Show** at Stonington High School. This is LUNCH's biggest event, and the show this year will "EXCALIBURGER!" -- a look at how the knights of the round table invented fast food. And Camelot will never be the same. On hand will be the LUNCH Ensemble, with guest artists, presenting Chapin favorites, original songs, and an original play. This event benefits hunger relief and social service agencies in Connecticut, and World Hunger Year. (Tickets on sale in March, 2001)

There Are More Than 80,000 Hungry Children
under the age of 12 In Connecticut

MILESTONES

Several of our original LUNCH Ensemble members graduated High School this year and are now off to college. These include Caitlin Reiter, Amanda Carpenter, and Michelle Lane, who spent a third of their lives as a central part of the group.

Melody Pere, Ian Leclair, and Megan Czapla graduated from Mystic Middle School and will start High School at Stonington this year.

Another LUNCH milestone was the marriage of Dave Coxe on July 24. Dave, who has been a major figure in LUNCH since 1991, moved to Ohio in 1998 where he eventually met Carla Friend. In July, Dave brought Carla and her three children to Mystic where he and the two oldest children participated with the Ensemble in the Camp Wightman music camp. They were married on the Monday after the the end of camp, and are now back to Ohio. It was great to have Dave back on the keyboards for awhile, and we hope to see him again for special events.



The LUNCH Holiday Show -- "Christmas on Gilligan's Island", December 1999, New London

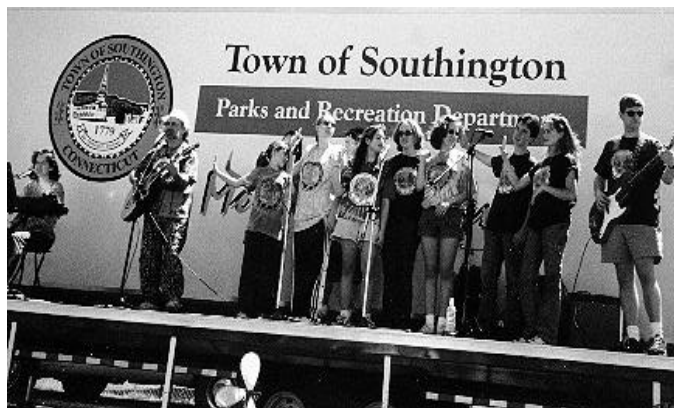
SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES



The 5th Summer Music Camp at Camp Wightman



Shoreline Soup Kitchen Benefit, Essex, Jan 22, 2000



Family Fun Day, Southington, June 6, 2000

YOUR LUNCH DOLLARS AT WORK

LUNCH is a tax-exempt charitable organization founded in 1989 by Bill Pere. Most LUNCH projects are funded through grants or specific donations. Proceeds generated by our projects are used to help hunger relief and family service efforts in Connecticut. As an all-volunteer organization, we have no administrative overhead.

More important than financial support is the involvement of kids in our programs. By showing tomorrow's leaders that their individual efforts can make a difference in the lives of others, we hope they will grow to shape a kinder, more caring future. To date, more than 1,000 kids, grades K-12 from around the state, have participated in our programs. Our shows have provided quality family entertainment for tens of thousands of people. We have produced 5 Chapin Legacy Shows, 3 Holiday Shows, 3 Steve Chapin Concerts, 5 Summer Camps, a Show by Nancy Tucker, 9 CD's, and hundreds of other concert events around the state.

In the past year, we donated \$4,000 to the new Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality to cover two month's rent. Our annual donation to Stonington Youth Services provides milk for toddlers in the Heart to Heart program for the whole school year. We support a student assistance fund at Stonington High School, and donate to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, the Groton Food Locker, and many others. We also give \$1,000 each year to World Hunger Year. We added a donation of \$500 to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen, in addition to the amount raised through the benefit show in January.

The list of agencies to whom we have given direct support continues to grow:

- The Sunshine Kitchen, Stonington-Groton
- The Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
- The Groton Food Locker
- Stonington Youth Services Bureau
- Catholic Charities of Norwich
- Community Service Ministry of New London
- Community Resources Commission, New London
- Covenant Shelter, New London
- WARM Shelter, Westerly RI
- Connecticut Hospice
- Connecticut Food Bank, New Haven
- FoodShare, Hartford
- World Hunger Year, New York City
- H.O.P.E.
- Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality
- The Noank Group Homes
- The Shoreline Soup Kitchens, Essex

Also,, we've participated in events to support the Animal Shelter of West Haven, United Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, and more. Most importantly, we give a kids a chance to be involved and show them that they can make a difference. We're happy to help out wherever the power of popular music and the involvement of kids can come together to help those in need.

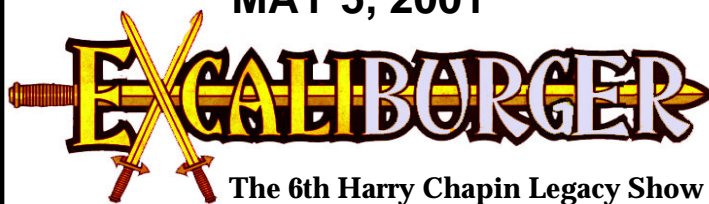
If you would like to have a LUNCH show at your school, civic group, church, backyard, or anywhere, give us a call: 860-572-9285 (E-mail -- wdpsons@aol.com)

LUNCH -- SOUP TO NUTS TIMELINE

Concerts, Education Programs, Public Appearances

- **Dec 11 '99**- LUNCH presents the 3rd Holiday show, "Christmas on Gilligan;s Island".
- **Jan 22** The Ensemble provides a 2-hour concert at First Baptist Church, Essex, to benefit the Shoreline Soup Kitchen
- **Mar 24**- Bill presents and all-day workshop for teachers on Music Technology, sponsored by LEARN.
- **May 5** - The Ensemble and lots of kids from St Mary School in Jewett City present a concert in Jewett City to aid local social services.
- **May 24**- A group of 6th grade students from Ledyard Center School come to the studio to record the song "Footsteps" to go on an upcoming CD release.
- **May 26** - Bill presents a musical program on Connecticut History to 140 third grade students at John Pettibone School in New Milford.
- **Jun 3**- The Ensemble performs at Family Festival Day in Southington
- **Jun 13**- Bill is the featured speaker at a meeting of the Connecticut Songwriters Association, discussing lyric writing
- **Jul '00** - Kay teaches voice to kids at the Garde Arts Center for the summer production of *Treasure Island*
- **Jul 14** - Bill, accompanied by Kay, performs at New London OpSail2000, as Connecticut State Troubadour.
- **Jul 16-22**- The Ensemble presents the 5th Summer Music Camp at Camp Wightman, working with a group of 33 kids from grades 3-6.
- **Aug 3** - Bill presents music technology to the students at Paper Moon Production;s summer acting class.
- **Aug 5** - The Ensemble provides music at Esker Point
- **Aug 19** - Bill and Kay host the annual LUNCH summer picnic
- **Aug 21-24** - Bill and Kay are in Canada at Ovens Park, singing with Steve Chapin at the Hodge Podge Lodge
- **Sep '00** - Kay begins teaching voice class at the Garde Institute for Creativity in New London
- **Sep 17**- The Ensemble helps start of the year at Rally Day, at Mystic's Union Baptist Church.
- **Sep 23** - It's Music and Magic with LUNCH at the Pavilion in Gales Ferry
- **Oct 15** - The Ensemble does a 2 hour benefit concert at Faith Lutheran Church, in Groton
- **Oct 21** - The Ensemble performs a Chapin Tribute Concert as part of the "Music For a Change" series at University of Hartford
- **Oct 27** - Bill presents a program on songwriting and music technology to teachers at LEARN
- **Dec 9** - The 4th LUNCH Holiday Show, "A Dilbert Christmas", Mystic CT.

MAY 5, 2001



LUNCH SuperStars

The recipient of the 2000 LUNCH Community Service award is **Jennifer Emerson**. The plaque and \$100 scholarship was presented at the Shoreline Soup Kitchen Benefit Show in Essex, on January 22.



Jennifer's first involvement with LUNCH was in 1994, where she was the stage manager for the 3rd Harry Chapin Legacy Show, "Dance Band on the Titanic". She subsequently went off to college, but stayed involved as an Assistant Director for the 1996 Holiday Show, "A Christmess Carol" and the 1997 Chapin Show "Daily Planet".

Upon graduation in 1999 with a degree in Film Studies from Keene College, Jen returned to being a regular performer in LUNCH, where she sings and plays flute. Jen will continue to act in an organizational capacity for our upcoming shows, until she goes off to pursue graduate studies.

NEW FACES



In August of 1999, Bill and Kay were at Steve Chapin's campground in Nova Scotia, where they met a fellow Chapin fan from Connecticut, **Scott Sivakoff**. Scott performed some songs at the cafe, and Bill and Kay invited him to get involved with LUNCH. Our shows in

2000 have had the benefit of having Scott on bass guitar, and also lending his six-string and vocals to the repertoire. We are glad to welcome Scott to the group.

Also in the Ensemble is our first second-generation member, as Shauna Beth's younger sister **Kaye Leigh Mandelburg**, who is in 5th grade, has added her boundless energy to our rehearsals, shows, and post-show restaurant excursions.

more new faces next time...

KIDS !! If you're in grades 5-12 and would like to be a part of LUNCH, either performing with us or singing in the studio, give a call. We're always looking for kids who like music and who like to help others.

As we work on the new CD "High School, My School" we need kids who would like to sing in the studio. Give us a call!

When in doubt, do something -- Harry Chapin

RECORDING UPDATE

During the summer, ShaunaBeth Mandelburg recorded "Past the Pane", which will be on the next LUNCH CD, "High School, My School", to be released in 2001.

On May 24, thirteen 6th grade students from Ledyard Center School came to the recording studio to sing Bill's new song "Footsteps", which will be the title song from the next CD in the "Brighter Day" series, to be released in 2002.

Recording sessions will continue through the Fall and Winter, as we are working simultaneously on 5 CD's. ("High School My School", "Footsteps", "Rural Mural", "Let Me Count the Ways", and "Songs for Kids Who Dare to Dream". We hope to have a new state-of-the-art digital recorder by the end of the year, thanks to a grant we received from Pfizer, Inc.

Melody Pere continues to work on her CD, called "Melody's Melodies".

Any kids from grades 6 and up who would like to participate in recording sessions should give us a call.

...LUNCH ON THE WEB...

To find LUNCH CD's on the internet, go to www.AMAZINGCDS.COM. Also, checkout www.csalunch.org and www.schoolshows.com

E_MAIL: wdpsons@aol.com

We're always happy to hear from you and we always write back.

CALENDAR

October 21

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University of Hartford

"Music For a Change Concert Series"

December 9

The LUNCH Holiday Show
Union Baptist Church, Mystic
"A Dilbert Christmas"

May 5, 2001

"The 6th Harry Chapin Legacy Show
"EXCALIBURGER ! "
Stonington High School

PREVIEW : May 5, 2001 -- **Stonington High School:** The 6th Harry Chapin Legacy Show

EXCALIBURGER! Camelot meets McDonalds as the Knights of the Round Table turn their efforts to the invention of fast food. Chapin favorites and new original songs go along with our cast of characters who include: Sir Laughs Alot, Sir Loin, Sir Cumference, Morgan Buffet, Queen Whenever, and of course King Arthur, Merlin, and lots more!

If a man tried to take his time on earth and prove before he died what one man's life could be worth, I wonder what would happen to this world? -- Harry Chapin

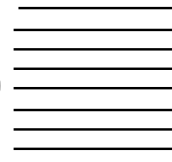
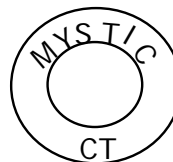
MARK THAT CALENDAR --- !

Upcoming events with Bill Pere and the LUNCH Ensemble, and other guest artists.

Sun Dec 9 -- LUNCH Holiday Show <-> Sat Oct 21 -- "A Tribute to Harry Chapin"



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