

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

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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

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There Are  
almost 100,000  
Hungry  
Children Under  
the Age of 12 In  
Connecticut

## Santaplicity !

### What Happens when you clone a clone of a clone?

### The 2002 LUNCH Holiday Show and New CD !

This year has simply flown by. It seems just a short time ago that we were preparing for last year's Holiday Show, "the Three Scooges". Then, in the spring, we spent several weekends recording songs for our long-awaited CD, "High School, My School", which has just been released! In July, we held our annual week-long Summer Camp in July, for 30 kids. .

Now it's time again to turn to our annual Holiday event as we prepare to present "Santaplicity !" - -the tale of what happens when Santa tries to make his life easier by cloning himself -- it doesn't quite work out as planned!

The LUNCH Holiday Show will be held on Saturday, December 7, 7:00-9:30pm at Union Baptist church, corner of Route 1 and High Street, in Mystic. Bill Pere and the LUNCH Ensemble will be on hand with songs of the season, and original music, to go along with this original play, which is LUNCH's 19th stage production. **There will be some great folk, holiday, and sing-along music before the show, starting at 6:15pm .**

This event will raise money to help provide food baskets or provide shelter for local families in need at holiday time. If you can't attend our events but would like to help, consider sponsoring a seat for kids and their families who otherwise would not be able to attend.

**NEW CD RELEASE! "High School My School"**  
our 10th CD, was released on August 1, to  
great reviews. See details inside

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS for 2002-03

**Friday, November 8** -- Nancy Tucker will be on hand, along with Bill, Kay, Scott, and other artists to present a night of original music at the Vanilla Bean Cafe, in Pomfret. The show starts at 7:30. For directions, call 860-928-1562

**Saturday, February 15, 2003** -- *The Chapin Legacy Remembered* -- a 2-hour concert by the Ensemble to benefit the Shoreline Soup Kitchens. Showtime is 7:30pm at First Church Congregational in Old Saybrook, 366 Main St. **Come Support the Ensemble and the Soup Kitchen!** For details and directions, call 860-388-1988

**Saturday April 26 2003** -- *The Harry Chapin Legacy Show*. The Ensemble and drama company present a production of Bill's original script, "Dance Band on the Titanic". An evening of Chapin favorites and new original songs. Our biggest production of the season, in Montville. Details in next newsletter.

**Friday, May 16, 2003** -- *A Tribute to Harry Chapin*, part of the "Music For a Change" concert series, University of Hartford, Showtime is 7:30pm. Tickets and directions: 1-800-274-8587 or 860-768-4228



**Just Released!**  
**Getting Great Reviews!**  
**Check it Out!**

This speaks directly to anyone who has in some way been shaped by those four years we call High School

## SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES



The 2002 LUNCH Summer Camp at Camp Wightman



Bill presents a check for \$500 to Rev. Ken Carpenter, on behalf of MASH, at the 2001 Holiday Show



Kay and Scott on stage with the Chapin Family at the concert in Nova Scotia, August 2002

Our goals as always are: (1) To raise money for fighting hunger and poverty in our region (2) To show kids that they can make a difference in the lives of others; (3) To provide a fun-filled family entertainment event

## YOUR LUNCH DOLLARS AT WORK

LUNCH is a tax-exempt charitable organization founded in 1989 by Bill Pere. LUNCH projects are funded through grants and 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 the financial support we provide 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 1,200 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. By the end of this season, we'll have produced 7 Chapin Legacy Shows, 6 Holiday Shows, 3 Steve Chapin Concerts, 6 Summer Camps, a Show by Nancy Tucker, 10 CD's, and hundreds of other statewide concert events

Last December, at the Holiday Show, we presented checks for \$500 to MASH, and to Stonington Youth Services. When MASH was just getting started, LUNCH was the first major contributor to the startup effort, contributing \$6000 in the first two years. Similarly, many years ago, when the Sunshine Kitchen was just being formed, LUNCH provided much of the funding in the early years, and more than \$13,000 to date. 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 have also given \$11,000 to World Hunger Year, the organization founded by Harry Chapin. The number of agencies to whom we have given support continues to grow:

- The Groton Food Locker
- Connecticut Hospice
- Manchester Youth Services
- Waterford Youth Services
- Stonington Youth Services
- Alliance for Living
- FoodShare, Hartford
- H.O.P.E.
- WARM Shelter, Westerly RI
- The Noank Group Homes
- Catholic Charities of Norwich
- Covenant Shelter, New London
- Samaritan Shelter, Manchester
- Children of the World
- Connecticut Food Bank, New Haven
- Community Service Ministry of New London
- Community Resources Commission, New London
- World Hunger Year, New York City
- The Sunshine Kitchen, Stonington-Groton
- The Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
- Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality
- The Shoreline Soup Kitchens, Essex
- St. Vincent DePaul Shelter, Waterbury
- Cornerstone Soup Kitchen, Vernon
- Stonington High School Student Assistance Fund

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 -- wdpsongs@aol.com)

## LUNCH -- SOUP TO NUTS TIMELINE

Concerts, Education Programs, Public Appearances

- **Dec 8** -- the 5th LUNCH Holiday Show -- "The Three Scrooges", in Mystic.
- **Dec 15** -- Bill and Kay perform in Providence with 14 other Artists Against Hunger in a live presentation of the CD "The Time Is Now, featuring Bill's song, "The Wish"
- **Jan 26** - "Give the Children a Tomorrow", by Bill Pere and Les Julian, was the first song recorded and performed by LUNCH in 1991. The song was performed by children from St Mary's school in Jewett City, for a church service, directed by Deb Sloan.
- **Feb 12-14** -- Bill presents music, math and technology to students at Abraham Pearson School in Clinton
- **Mar -Apr** -- recording sessions with high school members of the Ensemble for the new CD "High School, My School", released on August 1.
- **Mar 7** -- Bill presents music, math and technology to children and parents and Science Expo night at Essex Elementary School
- **Apr 5** -- Bill presents a program on appreciating diversity and being resilient at Resiliency Day at Tyl Middle School in Montville.
- **May 1-3** -- The Annual Science and Math Jamboree at Pfizer, where Bill does his popular Music Technology program for hundreds of 8th grade students.
- **May 16** -- Sixteen students from Ledyard Center School come to the studio to record "Dare to Dream"
- **May 18** -- Bill is at Three Rivers College to present a workshop on math for gifted children
- **May 21** -- Students at Stonington High School hear Bill's presentation of MBTI and accepting personality differences
- **June 10** - Kay receives the CSA award for Outstanding Contribution to Education Through Music, and Bill receives the CSA Award for Outstanding Community Service Through Music
- **Aug 1** -- The long awaited release of "High School My School", Bill's 10th CD.
- **Aug 16-18** -- Bill, Kay, and Scott join the original Chapin Band and three generations of the Chapin Family for the annual Chapin Music festival at Ovens Park, in Nova Scotia
- **Sept 7** -- The annual LUNCH autumn kickoff party, hosted by Bill and Kay in Mystic
- **Oct 23-24** -- Bill presents Music, Math, and Technology to the 8th grade at Sage Park School in Windsor
- **Nov 8** -- Scott, Kay, and Bill join with Nancy Tucker and other CSA artists to provide an evening of original music at the Vanilla Bean in Pomfret
- **Dec 7** -- The Annual LUNCH Holiday Show, "Santaplicity"
- **Feb 15, 2003** -- The Ensemble performs a full concert for the Shoreline Soup Kitchens, in Old Saybrook
- **Apr 26, 2003** -- **Harry Chapin Legacy Show** "Dance Band on the Titanic", Tyl Middle School, Montville

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LUNCH programs are open to anyone from grade 5 through adult, who wishes to help others through music and theater. There are no auditions required, and you do not have to have great talent -- all you need is a song in your heart and the desire to help others in need.

We always need adult volunteers to help with transport, event organization, logistics, costumes and construction, and many other tasks. If you'd be willing to give us some time, please give a call. We really do need adult helpers.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

And it really does make a difference!

LOOK!

LUNCH is a part of SNET's Community Connections Program. If you have SNET as your long distance phone carrier, you can request that they make a regular donation to LUNCH equal to 5% of your monthly long distance phone bill. This is at no cost to you, and can mean a great deal to us. The donation is entirely from SNET. All you have to do is ask.

Simply call 1-800 635-7638 and request that you would like LUNCH to receive this donation. Our organization code is #3020. Let us know that you have done this, and we'll gladly send you a FREE LUNCH T-shirt! (please specify size: Med, Large, or XL).

Those of you who have already signed up are really making a big difference for us, and we really appreciate it!

**IT'S SO EASY  
TO HELP !**

LUNCH is seeking to build an endowment that will provide scholarships for deserving students, and which will enable our benefit shows to become totally self-funding. This will in turn enable us to offer more direct support to social service agencies.

LUNCH is a part of the Leave a Legacy Connecticut program. If you are considering charitable bequests as part of your estate planning, please consider us. You can consult with your estate planner, or for more information about Connecticut Leave a Legacy, check out [www.CTphilanthropy.org](http://www.CTphilanthropy.org)

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### RECORDING UPDATE

Now that we have finished "High School My School", we will begin working on 4 new CD's "Songs For Kids Who Dare to Dream", "Rural Mural", the LUNCH Christmas Collection, and Kay's first CD called "Sweeter than Chocolate". Kay also continues to work on the "Pebble" collection, expanding the story from "High School My School". Also planned is "College Collage"

If you know any one who would like to be involved in the recording sessions, please have them give us a call. Anyone from grade 5- to adult is welcome.

**When in doubt, do something -- Harry Chapin**

## NEW FACES, OLD FACES

In working with kids and presenting the unique types of programs that we do, we don't have anything to compare to that tells if we're doing a good job -- so we let the kids tell us. After all, there aren't many kids who will continue to do something if they aren't having a good time doing it.. We did our first summer music camp in 1996. This year, five of the teenage counselors were campers during those first years year of camp, and now, as teenagers, they have come back as leaders for a new group of young kids. In our first Harry Chapin Legacy Shows, at Fitch high School, from 1991-94, we worked with many students who since went off to college, and then have come back as young adults to continue their involvement in our programs. Peter Eastman, Leona Day, Jennifer Emerson, Dave Coxe, and others are today's young adult leaders who were in the earliest LUNCH productions.

We have many high school seniors who graduated this year or who will be graduating next year, who have been with us since they were in grade school. This year's graduates are Sarah Kessler, Jason Pere, and Kathleen Boyle, who will be followed next year by Chris Kauffmann and Jackie Schwenk, all of whom have seen more than 5 years of participation in LUNCH. And it's also a good sign when brothers and sisters of LUNCH participants come on board as well. We'll introduce all the LUNCH siblings next time.

And we also note that Shauna Beth Mandelburg, who has delighted LUNCH audiences for many years since 1996, is now moving to New York City. For all of the young people who have been with us for many years, we wish them the best in their new phases of life, and we hope to see them all again -- after all, all our life is a circle.

### ...LUNCH ON THE WEB...

To find LUNCH CD's on the internet, go to [CDBABY.com](http://CDBABY.com) and [AMAZINGCDS.COM](http://AMAZINGCDS.COM) Also, checkout [www.csalunch.org](http://www.csalunch.org), [lunchensemble.com](http://lunchensemble.com) (soon to be ready) and [www.schoolshows.com](http://www.schoolshows.com)

**E\_MAIL: [wdpsongs@aol.com](mailto:wdpsongs@aol.com)**

## HIGH SCHOOL MY SCHOOL

Bill is best known as a songwriter, and the newest CD release, "High School My School", shows why. Three years in the making, this powerful collection of 17 songs addresses the issues faced by today's teenagers, parents, and teachers in those turbulent years we call High School.

With guest lead vocals by Shauna Beth, Chris, and Kay, backed by the Ensemble, these songs capture the ups, downs, challenges, and struggles with poignant portraits of kids and relationships we all know. These songs are based on the real situations that kids have talked about to Bill over the years.

Kay, also an award winning songwriter, contributes "Pebble" to this collection, which is a moving tale of two teenagers searching for meaning to their lives.

Like all the LUNCH CD's, proceeds from sales of this recording will benefit hunger relief and social service agencies. We hope you will support this effort, and consider giving the gift of music to a friend.

When Bill's "Crest of a Wave" collection was originally released in 1981, it was called "an amazing feat of songwriting". Now, twenty years later, it's time to say it again, with "High School My School".

### AWARDS !

In June, Bill and Kay were honored with awards by the Connecticut Songwriters Association -- Bill received the award for Outstanding Contribution to Community Outreach Through Music, and Kay was honored for Outstanding Contribution to Education Through Music.

*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 --- !

<-> Sat Dec 7 -- LUNCH Holiday Show : Santaplicity !! <->

**Bill Pere and the LUNCH Ensemble, and other guest artists.**



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