

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

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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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>>>> LUNCH HAPPENINGS <<<<

The Third LUNCH Holiday Show will be held on Sunday, December 5 at the Science Center of Eastern Connecticut, in New London. The Ensemble will be on hand to present an original look at "Christmas on Gilligan's Island". Gilligan, the Skipper, the Professor, Ginger and all the rest will be waiting for Santa to arrive. The Ensemble will present its unique collection of humorous and serious songs of the season. Proceeds will be used for holiday food baskets, and to benefit the Science Center.

The first Holiday Show was "The X-mas Files: The Search for Santa", and the second production was "A Christmas Carol", featuring Heavysneezer Scrooge and his search for a new nose.

On Saturday, January 22, The LUNCH Ensemble will be presenting a two hour concert, "The Chapin Legacy Remembered", at the beautiful First Baptist Church in Essex. This show will be a benefit for the Shoreline Soup Kitchens, which just celebrated their 10th year of serving those in need in the central shoreline region

The 5th Harry Chapin Legacy Show was held in Stonington on April 17. "May the Farce Be With You" raised more than \$32,000. The show, an original parody of Star Wars and Titanic, had Les Julian, Tom Callinan, and the Ensemble joined by more than 30 students who presented a memorable evening of Chapin favorites, original songs, and a fun theatrical production highlighted by pulling an 8-foot ladder out of a briefcase (really!) and a solo rendition of "All My Life: s A Circle", by Barf Vader.

On August 23, Bill and Kay were in Nova Scotia at Ovens Park, a natural preserve owned by Steve Chapin. The event was the annual Chapin Family festival, where Steve and Tom, their children, their father Jim Chapin (80 years young and still doing drum solos), the extended family, and lots of Chapin fans all gathered to celebrate through the medium of song. Bill and Kay performed a few of Harry's songs, and presented \$1,000 to Steve as a donation to World Hunger Year (photo below).



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

December 5
The Third LUNCH Holiday Show
"Christmas on Gilligan's Island"

December 31
First Night Mystic and Hartford

January 22
"The Chapin Legacy Remembered"
A Benefit for the Shoreline Soup
Kitchens
First Baptist Church, Essex CT

SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES



The 5th Harry Chapin Legacy Show at Stonington High School



The 4th Summer Music Camp at Camp Wightman

Bill Pere and Kay Johnson were married on July 31. Bill and Kay each wrote an original song for the ceremony. The reception was filled with music, Super Soakers, water balloons, and eclectic toys.

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You can E-mail us at wdpsons@aol.com. We're always happy to hear from you and we always write back.

YOUR LUNCH DOLLARS AT WORK

LUNCH is a tax-exempt charitable organization founded in 1989 by Bill Pere. Most LUNCH projects i.e., concerts and recordings, are funded through grants or through 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 importantly than financial support however is our 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, almost 1,000 kids, grades K-12 from around the state, have participated in our programs.

Our shows have provided quality family entertainment for many thousands of people. We have produced 5 Chapin Legacy Shows, 3 Holiday Shows, 3 Steve Chapin Concerts, a Show by Nancy Tucker, and many other events around the state.

Recently, we donated \$2,000 to the new Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality to cover one month's rent while they seek a permanent facility. Our donation to Stonington Youth Services provided milk for 25 toddlers in the Heart to Heart program for the whole school year.

The list of agencies to whom we have given direct financial 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

In addition, 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. In fact, it was a series of concerts for the Noank Group Homes almost 20 years ago that first got us into the business of benefit shows.

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

- **Jan 12-14-** Bill presents music technology at the Science and Math Jamboree at Conn. College
- **Feb-May-** Bill is an Artist -in-Residence at Preston City School for grades 3 and 4.
- **Feb 4** Bill presents arts and science integration at Helen Baldwin Middle School, Canterbury
- **Feb 8** The entire North Branford Middle School gets a look at the science of music technology, presented by Bill
- **Mar 14** The Ensemble performs for Girl Scout Day in Quaker Hill
- **Apr 12** Shauna Beth and Bill appear on WVVE radio
- **Apr 15** Bill is the morning guest on WERQ radio,
- **Apr 16** The Ensemble appears on Q-105 radio
- **Apr 17-** The 5th Harry Chapin Legacy Show - \$32,000
- **Apr 29-** Bill presents at Career Day, Ledyard Middle School
- **Apr 17-** Bill and Kay are at the Groton Public Library for a children's show
- **May 23** Bill and Kay perform at the Three Rivers Cleanup Festival, sponsored by United Earth Fund.
- **May 24-** The first Songcrafters Showcase and Songshare in New London, featuring Nancy Tucker
- **Jun 21-** Songcrafters Showcase and Songshare in New London, with Convergence, Bill Flowerree, and Les Julian
- **Jun 25** Bill and Kay perform at the the Coffeehouse at First Church, Wethersfield
- **Jul 11-17-** Bill is the music director for the 4th Summer Music Camp at Camp Wightman
- **Jul 26** The acting students at Papermoon Productions summer acting camp get a presentation from Bill on voice technology and vocal tools.
- **Jul 26** Songcrafters Showcase and Songshare in New London, featuring Kay's entire musical family from California
- **Jul 31-** Bill and Kay are married in Mystic, in a ceremony featuring original music.
- **Aug 7** The Ensemble performs at the annual Mumford Cove Neighborhood Association outdoor festival
- **Aug 23** Bill and Kay sing at the Chapin Festival in Nova Scotia and present a check to World Hunger Year
- **Aug 30** Bill is the guest speaker at the Mystic Rotary Club
- **Feb 8** - Bill and ShaunaBeth perform at the 150th Anniversary Celebration at Pfizer Inc, Groton
- **Sep 27** Songcrafters Showcase and Songshare in New London, with Ron Brault
- **Oct 3** - The Ensemble performs at the Harkness Family Day
- **Dec 5** - The 3rd LUNCH Holiday Show --"Christmas on Gilligan's Island
- **Dec 31** - The Ensemble rings in the New Year at Mystic First Night
- **Jan 22** - The Ensemble presents the Chapin Legacy at First Baptist Church in Essx, to benefit the Shoreline Soup Kitchens

LUNCH SuperStars

The recipients of the 1999 LUNCH Community Service awards are Shauna Beth Mandelburg and Jackie Schwenk. The plaques and \$100 scholarships were presented at the Chapin Legacy Show on April 17.



ShaunaBeth first joined LUNCH in the summer of 1996. Her beautiful voice has been a part of the Ensemble ever since, as she has juggled her hectic High School and stage performance schedule to always find time to be a part of LUNCH events. ShaunaBeth had a lead role in the movie "Mystic Nights and Pirate

Fights", and she is a featured soloist on the new CD "New Day Coming Tomorrow", where her rendition of "Teach Me How to Fly" has evoked many a tear. ShaunaBeth graduated in June from Norwich Free Academy and is headed for New York to study on Broadway.



Jackie was in elementary school when she first came to the recording studio with her class from Ledyard Center School in 1995. She had a good time and has been back for every LUNCH concert since. As the "quiet" member of the group, Jackie speaks volumes with her reliability, commitment, and

willingness to help. Now in high school, she is learning to play keyboard, and as a quick study, is already adding her new skills to the Ensemble. Jackie has been a part of the last two Summer Music Camps.

As we enter a new season, we have many new faces who we hope you will get to meet in the time ahead at our upcoming events.

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.

When in doubt, do something -- Harry Chapin

COMING UP

In the time ahead we have many new projects getting underway:

The 6th Harry Chapin Legacy Show scheduled for April 2001 featuring "EXCALIBURGER" or "How the Knights of the Round Table Invented Fast Food"

The 5th Summer Music Camp at Camp Wightman in July 2000

Several new recording projects:

- High School, My School
- Songs For Kids Who Dare to Dream
- Rural Mural
- Let Me Count the Ways

We don't know which of these will be done first, but they are all underway.

Also, we are very happy to report that Melody Pere, age 13, is working on her first CD, called "Melody's Melodies".

A HISTORY of the CHAPIN SHOWS

April , 1991: The First Harry Chapin Legacy Show "There's a Tavern in the Town", featuring *30,000 Pounds of Bananas* ; Proceeds from this show were presented on CPTV to Harry Chapin's Family for World Hunger Year.

November, 1992: The Second Harry Chapin Legacy Show "The School that Made America Famous., featuring *Flowers Are Red*

November 1994: The Third Harry Chapin Legacy Show *Dance Band on the Titanic*, featuring the title song

May 1995: The First Steve Chapin Band Concert

December 1995: The First LUNCH Holiday Show "The X-mas Files"

May 1996: The Second Steve Chapin Band Concert

December 1996: The Second LUNCH Holiday Show "A ChristMess Carol"

April 1997: The Fourth Harry Chapin Legacy Show "D.A.I.L.E.Y. P.L.A.N.E.T. " featuring W*O*L*D

April 1998: The Third Steve Chapin Band Concert at the Garde Arts Center

April 1999: The Fifth Harry Chapin Legacy Show "May the Farce Be With You", featuring *A Better Place to Be*

COMING in 2001 -- "EXCALIBURGER"

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

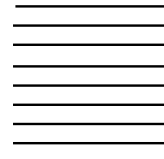
MARK THAT CALENDAR --- !

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

Sun. December 5 -- LUNCH Holiday Show <-> Sat. Jan 22 -- The Chapin Legacy Remembered



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The 3rd LUNCH
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