

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

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There Are More
Than 80,000
Hungry
Children Under
the Age of 12 In
Connecticut



10th
Anniversary
Event!

The 6th Harry Chapin Legacy Show

It doesn't seem like ten years have passed since we put on our first Chapin Legacy Show. That was in April, 1991, and since then, more than 1,000 kids have been involved in our various events all around the state, providing family shows for tens of thousands of people, supporting social service agencies which help hundreds of thousands of people.

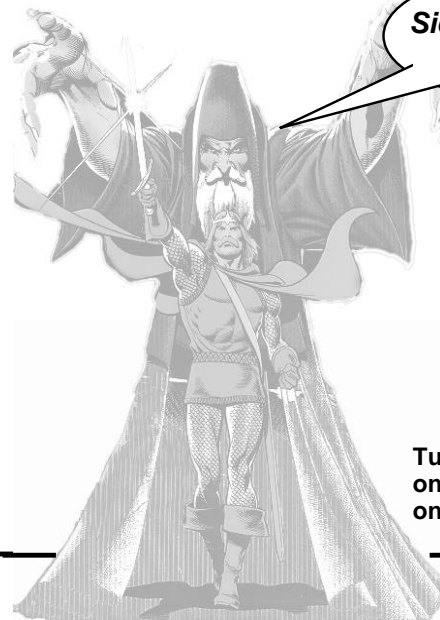
Harry Chapin wrote "If a man tried to take his time on earth and prove before he died what one man's life could be worth, I wonder what would happen to this world..." . Now, on this 20th anniversary of Harry's death, we can see a small glimpse of what one person's life can be worth.

The 6th Harry Chapin Legacy show will be held on Saturday, May 5th, 7pm at Stonington High School. This will be the biggest LUNCH show yet, as the worlds of Camelot and fast food collide. Join the Knights of the Ground Round Table as they invent the Excaliburger and resist the takeover attempt by the evil Morgan Buffet and Donut the Barbarian.

Once again, students from Stonington and other area schools will join some of Connecticut's top singer-songwriters, as they present an evening of Chapin favorites and new original songs to entertain the people of McCamelot. On hand will be Bill Pere, Les Julian, Scott Sivakoff, Kay Pere, Shauna Beth Mandelburg, and the LUNCH Ensemble.

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



Siddifo, Saddifo,
Ralvo!

Tune in for the latest
on Sir-Vivor. Tonight
on Knight-line!



The 5th Chapin Legacy Show -- "May the Farce Be With You",
April 1999, Stonington

SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES



*The 4th LUNCH Holiday Show: "A Dilbert Christmas"
December, 2000, Mystic*



*Bill Pere At The Music For A Change
Concert Series
University Of Hartford, October 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 6 Chapin Legacy Shows, 4 Holiday Shows, 3 Steve Chapin Concerts, 5 Summer Camps, a Show by Nancy Tucker, 9 CD's, and hundreds of other statewide concert events

Last December, at the Holiday Show, we presented a check for \$2,000 to MASH, in Groton. This was our third donation in that amount to this new organization which has been providing shelter for families in need. When they were just getting started, LUNCH was the first major contributor to the startup effort. Similarly, many years ago, when the Sunshine Kitchen was just being formed, LUNCH provided much of the funding in the early years. 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. Last year, we added the Alliance for Living to the list of supported agencies., and we hope to add more this year. The list of agencies to whom we have given direct support continues to grow:

- The Groton Food Locker
- Manchester Youth Services
- Stonington Youth Services
- FoodShare, Hartford
- WARM Shelter, Westerly RI
- Catholic Charities of Norwich
- 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
- Samaritan Shelter, Manchester
- Stonington High School Student Assistance Fund
- Connecticut Hospice
- Waterford Youth Services
- Alliance for Living
- H.O.P.E.
- The Noank Group Homes
- Covenant Shelter, New London

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.

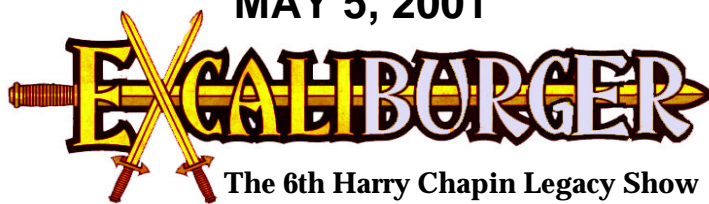
If you would like to have a LUNCH show at your school, civic group, church, backyard, or anywhere, give us a call: 860-572-9285 (E-mail -- wdsongs@aol.com)

LUNCH -- SOUP TO NUTS TIMELINE

Concerts, Education Programs, Public Appearances

- 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
- Nov 1 - Condor Technologies of Bloomfield presents LUNCH with a check for \$1,000 as the newest Platinum Sponsor
- Nov 2 - LUNCH is the topic of discussion as Bill is interviewed on TV-26, "For the Record"
- Nov 8 - Pawcatuck Middle School 7th Grade hears from Bill on how to do a science project
- Nov 8 - Bill presents Music, and Science at the Enfield Public Library
- Nov 21 - It's Bill's award-winning music technology program at Bethany Community School for grades 5 and 6.
- Dec 1 - The 2001 edition of the internationally distributed "Songwriters Market" book contains a feature article written by Bill, on the benefits of regional songwriter organizations
- Dec 7 - The mission and outreach of LUNCH is presented to the New London rotary, as Bill is the guest for the meeting
- Dec 9 - The 4th LUNCH Holiday Show, "A Dilbert Christmas", Mystic CT.
- Jan 1 - Kay is elected as Secretary of the Connecticut Songwriters Association, and Bill continues another term as the Director of Special Projects for the 22-year-old organization.
- Feb 1 - Bill is commissioned to write an article on Collaboration for the 2002 edition of "Songwriters Market"
- Feb 7 - Kay performs at a Songwriters Showcase in Glastonbury
- Feb 10 - Scott Sivakoff brings his Chapin Tribute show to Club Capri in Levittown, PA, joined by the original members of Harry Chapin's band
- Mar 21 - Bill presents Music and Math at a special program for gifted students at Wesleyan College
- Mar 21 - Bill performs at the Acoustic Cafe in Bridgeport
- Mar 23 - Bill presents his third curriculum integration workshop for teachers through LEARN, in Old Lyme
- Apr 14 - Scott performs original songs and Chapin favorites at Mugz in New London, with some ensemble guests.
- Apr 21 - The Acoustic April festival in Coventry features Bill and Kay as one of five Connecticut acts.
- May 5 - The 6th Harry Chapin Legacy Show: Excalibur! at Stonington High School in Pawcatuck
- May 18 - The Connecticut Commission on the Arts brings together all of the Connecticut State Troubadours for a concert at the Performing Arts Center in Ridgefield.
- June 12 - Bill presents a Collaboration Workshop for songwriters in Old Saybrook
- July 15-21 the Annual LUNCH Summer Music Camp at Camp Wightman

MAY 5, 2001



HOW YOU CAN 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 SNET's Community Connections Program. If you have SNET as your long distance 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 need to do is call **1-800 635-7638** and request that you would like LUNCH to receive this donation. Our organization code is #3020.

Those of you who have already signed up are really making a big difference for us.

>>> 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

IN MEMORIAM:

Steven Sergiy was always a bright, smiling face in the audience. He passed away this January. Steven was the uncle of Amanda Sergiy, who has been with the Ensemble for the last year. Amanda became involved through the annual summer camp program we do at Camp Wightman.

The last thing Steven did before taking ill was to attend our LUNCH Holiday Show, which he had been looking forward to. The family let us know how much he enjoyed what we do, and we are glad that we could bring happiness to his life, as he had done for many others. Bill and Kay were honored to have been asked to sing at the memorial service.

Steven's family designated LUNCH as the recipient of memorial donations, and the generous contributions we received will be used to help those in need of food and shelter in our region..

When in doubt, do something -- Harry Chapin

LUNCH SuperStars

Many of the kids in the Ensemble have been with us for years. By the time they go off to college, kids may spend one-third to one-half of their life involved in our programs. But each year, we always have some new faces in the group. One of the most frequently asked questions is "Where do they come from?". We don't advertise and we don't call for auditions.

The truth is, kids just appear -- that is, "if you build it, they will come...". Most kids get involved because they see us do a show or because they have a friend who tells them about us. Over the years, we have invited kids from elementary schools to come to the studio to record songs for our children's CD's. From Ledyard Center School, we've had Jackie Schwenk, Tracy Albanese, and Evan Lise join as regulars. From our summer camp program, Amanda Sergiy came on board. Others come because we've done a program at their church, school, or community group. and many arrive because they've been told by a friend or teacher that "there's this fun program going on that uses music to help people in need".

So I guess we'll just keep doing what we're doing -- and if you know anyone who might like to participate --- we'll be here.

...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: wdpsongs@aol.com

THANKS

Condor Photo

Rob Sherry and Jay Eisenstock of Condor Technology Solutions, Bloomfield CT, present Bill with a check for \$1,000.

LUNCH relies heavily on business and corporate sponsors to help fund our programs and make it possible to provide direct support to the many social service agencies that we assist.. We are pleased to welcome Condor Technology Solutions, located in Bloomfield CT, as one of our new Platinum Sponsors. we would also like to thank Pfizer, Inc. for it's good corporate citizenship and ongoing support of volunteer and charitable efforts in the community.

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MARK THAT CALENDAR --- !

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

<>Sat May 5 -- " HARRY CHAPIN LEGACY SHOW <> Sat Dec 8 -- LUNCH Holiday Show <>

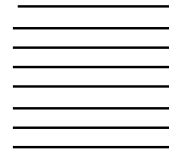
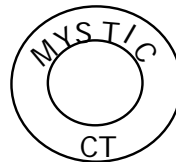


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