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REPORT OF THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

The University of Southern Mississippi School of Music hosted the annual meeting of the Southern Chapter of the American Musicological Society (AMS-S) 27-28 February. The program and abstracts of papers read at the AMS-S sessions will soon be posted on our Web site. The society wishes to thank Edward Hafer and Chris Goertzen (our local arrangements chairs) and all others involved in making the meeting so successful and enjoyable.

2010 ANNUAL MEETING

The University of Florida School of Music will host the 2010 annual meeting of AMS-S. The date of the meeting will be determined sometime in April or May. Please see the AMS-S Web site listed in the masthead for updates.

DUES

Annual dues for the society are \$10 for regular members and \$5 for students. Please remember that our share of the national funds is based on the number of paid regional memberships. If you need to pay your dues for 2009, please send a check (made out to AMS) in the amount of \$10 (regular members) or \$5 (student members) to:

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STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The 2009 Student Paper Award was awarded to John D. Spilker (Florida State University) for his paper "Henry Cowell's Dissonant Counterpoint Notebook." Congratulations!

APPOINTMENTS

Program Committee for the 2010 annual meeting: Charles Brewer (Florida State University), chair; Edward Hafer (University of Southern Mississippi) and Joanna Biermann (University of Alabama). Nominating Committee: Douglass Seaton (Florida State University), chair; Gregory Harwood (Georgia Southern University). Student Liaison: Jennifer Thomas (University of Florida)

CHAPTER OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

We have new chapter officers and representatives. Those names preceded by an asterisk in the following list were either elected at the 2009 business meeting or took a new position determined by traditional rotation:

Linda Cummins (University of Alabama), President
*Andreas Giger (Louisiana State University), President-Elect
*Margaret Butler (University of Florida), Secretary-Treasurer
Valerie Goertzen (Loyola University), AMS Council representative
William Horne (Loyola University), Abstracts editor
*John D. Spilker (Florida State University), Student representative
Phillip Klepacki (University of Florida), Student representative
Amy Dunning (Florida State University), Web master

ABOUT OUR NEW OFFICERS

Margaret Butler is Assistant Professor of Musicology at the University of Florida. Her research

focuses on 18th-century opera. She holds the M.A. and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University and received research grants from the Fulbright foundation and the University of Alabama, where she was a member of the faculty from 2003 to 2007. Her publications include *Operatic Reform in Turin: Aspects of Production and Stylistic Change in the 1760s* (Lucca: Libreria Musicale Italiana, 2001), articles and reviews in *Cambridge Opera Journal* and *Eighteenth-Century Music*, essays in proceedings from conferences in Würzburg, Naples, and Valencia, and the forthcoming chapter on Italian Opera in *The Cambridge History of Eighteenth-Century Music*. She serves on the AMS Council (member-at-large), has served as program committee chair and abstracts editor for the AMS Southern Chapter, and is a member of the board of the Society for Eighteenth-Century Music.

John D. Spilker is a Ph.D. candidate in Musicology at Florida State University. His dissertation documents Henry Cowell's role in the development and dissemination of "dissonant counterpoint," an avant-garde compositional method developed and used by various American composers from the mid 1910s to the late 1950s. John completed his M.M. in Historical Musicology at FSU in 2006. His master's thesis traces the repertoire of over two hundred musical settings based on King David's lamentations, which date from the ninth through the twenty-first centuries.

CHAPTER ARCHIVES

Wallace McKenzie (Louisiana State University, Emeritus), a long-time member of our chapter, has agreed to serve as chapter archivist. The collection, once organized, will be housed at LSU's Hill Memorial Library. If you have materials you would like included in the chapter archives, please contact Wallace at: wallace10mck@cs.com.

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CHAPTER WEB SITE

Please note the link to our chapter Web site on the masthead, and consult the AMS Web site <http://www.ams-net.org/chapters/chapterofficers.php> for updates on our permanent email addresses. Thanks to Florida State University and Amy Dunning for maintaining the chapter Web site.