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President's Welcome Message

Welcome to the 22nd Annual Classical Mandolin Society of America convention. This is the second time that Montreal has hosted the convention. Montreal was also the host city in 1994.

Our annual convention is the largest gathering of mandolinists focusing on classical music in North America. I believe we have put together an outstanding schedule of workshops and performances for you. We have specifically focused on providing something for every instrument in a mandolin orchestra. In addition, you will see and hear a number of musical styles and genres in the workshops and performances.

Convention planning is a huge effort that takes detailed coordination among the CMSA Convention Committee, the Host Committee, and the hotel staff. We have incorporated a number of suggestions made on the "comment forms" from last year's convention. Everyone has worked very hard to bring you the best possible convention. Please thank Johanna Hebing, Chair of the Montreal Host Committee, and her committee members for a job well done.

The CMSA would like to thank our corporate sponsors, especially Sound to Earth Ltd., maker of Weber fine acoustic instruments. STE has again generously donated a Sweet Pea travel mandolin for our Gala Banquet raffle grand prize.

As this is my first year as the CMSA President and as the Chair of the Convention Committee, I look forward to the convention with great excitement!

I hope you enjoy the convention and the beautiful city of Montreal.

Lou Chouinard
CMSA President and Convention Committee
Chair



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Message du Maire de Longueuil

Welcome in the City of Longueuil!

Happy to be the host of the "Classical Mandolin Concert" the City of Longueuil was developped, in time, to become an active, modern, cultural and opened city on the world, and to receive you is a great pleasure for us.

We wish you to spend a pleasant stay and we hope that you will keep a guard memory of your passage in our beautiful city, rich in history.

Have a good concert!

The mayor,

Claude Gladu



Sean Finn
Mayor's Office

Saint-Lambert, October 18, 2008

Dear friends of the Classical Mandolin Society of America:

On behalf of the citizens of Saint-Lambert and my colleagues at City Council, I wish a warm welcome to all those taking part in the Classical Mandolin Society of America's annual convention.

Your presence in Saint-Lambert enriches the cultural life of our community, and we are delighted that you have chosen to perform the closing concert of your convention in our city.

Since it was founded by Norman Levine in 1987, the Classical Mandolin Society of America has performed and promoted a sizeable repertoire, in a variety of styles, including classical, bluegrass, and jazz. Today, the mandolin is enjoying a renaissance in the world of music, mandolin ensembles are flourishing, and we are hearing mandolin virtuosos perform in the great concert halls.

Music lovers in Saint-Lambert are thrilled to have the chance today of hearing your dynamic organization perform the music of this enchanting instrument.

I wish everyone an excellent concert and I invite you to explore Saint-Lambert during your visit and enjoy our many specialized boutiques, restaurants, and attractions.

Sean Finn
Mayor of Saint-Lambert

22nd CMSA Annual Convention
October 15-19-2008

Tuesday, October 14

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Mandolin Instructors Workshop
- Carlo Aonzo Lafontaine C

Wednesday, October 15

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Mandolin Instructors Workshop
Carlo Aonzo Lafontaine C

11:00 AM - Registration Starts Main Lobby

Noon-6:00 PM Vendor Area Open Salon du Directeur

1:30-2:45 PM Workshop
Mandolin Boot Camp
Lou Chouinard Ste Helene

3:00-5:30 PM En Masse Orchestra Rehearsal Lafontaine ABCD

8:00- 10:00 PM Welcome Party Lafontaine ABCD

10:00 PM- ???? Late Night Jamming

Refer to the separate WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION page in your registration package for more details about all the workshops, to help you with your Choices

Thursday, October 16

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Vendor Area Open

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Sectional rehearsals
Mandolin I Laura Norris Lafontaine A
Mandolin II Lou Chouinard Lafontaine C
Mandolas Dave Ruppert Lafontaine B
Mandocellos David Betts Ste Helene
Guitars Rene Izquierdo Bar de Seringny

10:00 AM-11:15 AM Workshops
Basic Technique Carlo Aonzo Lafontaine C
Guitar Technique -The Essential Guitarist-
Rene Izquierdo Ste Helene
Mandocello Technique -
Using two Finger Technique to Play Familiar tunes-
David Betts Lafontaine A
Telemann and the Mandolin Revisited
John Goodin, Luther College Lafontaine B

11:30 AM-1:20 PM Board Meeting St. Helene

11:45 AM 1:15 PM Open Mic Lafontaine ABCD

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM Workshops
Tremolo Tamara Volskaya Lafontaine A
Sight reading Antonina Nigrelli Lafontaine B
How Your Mandolin Makes Sound
Dave Cohen Ste Helene

3:00 PM-5:30 PM En Masse Orchestra Rehearsal Lafontaine ABCD

8:00 PM-10:00 PM CMSA Playing Contest Lafontaine ABCD

10:00 PM ???? Late Night Jamming

Friday, October 17

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Vendor Area Open	
8:30 AM -9:45 AM	Sectional Rehearsals	Same place as Thursday
10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Workshops <u>Advanced Technique</u> Carlo Aonzo <u>Arranging Music for Mandolin</u> <u>Ensemble or Orchestra</u> Anatoliy Trofimov <u>The Essential Guitarist continued</u> Rene Izquierdo	Lafontaine A Lafontaine B Ste Helene
11:30 - 1:30 PM	Gala Banquet	Jacques Cartier ABCD
1:40PM - 2:45 PM	Workshops <u>Dynamics</u> <u>Commissioning New Music</u> <u>for the Mandolin</u> Joe Brent <u>Mandola Technique, Position Changes</u> Dave Ruppert	Lafontaine A Lafontaine B Ste Helene
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM	En Masse Orchestra Rehearsal	Lafontaine ABCD
7:30 PM-10:20 PM	Concert at hotel	Lafontaine ABCD
10:20 PM- ????	Late Night Jamming	

Saturday, October 18

9:00 AM- 6:00 PM	Vendor Area Open	
8:30 AM- 9:45 AM	Sectional Rehearsals	
10:00 AM- 11:15 AM	Workshops <u>Learning Jazz Tunes</u> Joe Brent <u>Simple Repairs and Set Up You Can Do</u> Dave Cohen <u>Chord-Melodie Method for Mandolin</u> August Waters	Lafontaine A Lafontaine B Ste. Helene
11:30 AM- 1:15 PM	Board Meeting	Ste.-Helene
11:45 AM- 1:15 PM	Open Mic.	Lafontaine ABCD
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Travel to Saint Lambert Church	
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	En Masse Orchestra Rehearsal	
7:30 PM- 10:30 PM	Concert at Saint Lambert Church	
10:30 PM- 11:00 PM	Travel back to hotel	
11:00 PM-????	Late night Jamming	

Sunday, October 19

9:00 AM- 11:00 AM	General Membership Meeting
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In memory of our founder
Norman Levine
1930-December 2007

At this, our first gathering of the CMSA since we lost Norman, it is particularly fitting that we pay tribute to this very special man, to whom the organization owes its existence.

We were fortunate to have Norman with us last year in Sarasota, despite his failing health. Many of us treasure the memories of seeing him, speaking with him, and hearing him speak at our luncheon about his vision for the classical mandolin community. His passion for this remained constant over the decades.

Norman started up the CMSA in 1986 and served as its president until 1989. For many years he was a publisher of mandolin music through Plucked String Inc. and the publisher of the Mandolin Quarterly. He has been called "the financial and spiritual impresario of the mandolin world," who had a huge impact on the contemporary history of the mandolin. He single-handedly spearheaded scholarship funds and made personal contributions to upcoming artists through workshops, clinics and concerts. Many of today's top players say they owe their careers to Norman.

On his death we saw a tremendous outpouring of heartfelt expressions of sadness, and a huge number of tributes, from across the entire mandolin community. It was awe-inspiring to see how many people had examples of how Norman had personally touched their lives and the difference he made to them.

All of us are now the beneficiaries of his commitment and his extraordinary generosity. It is up to us to keep Norman's vision alive: to make the CMSA a strong, vibrant vehicle for the advancement of the art of classical mandolin. We owe Norman our gratitude for bringing us so far along this road.



*Norman receives a lifetime achievement award
from President Bruce Graybill
CMSA Convention 2007*

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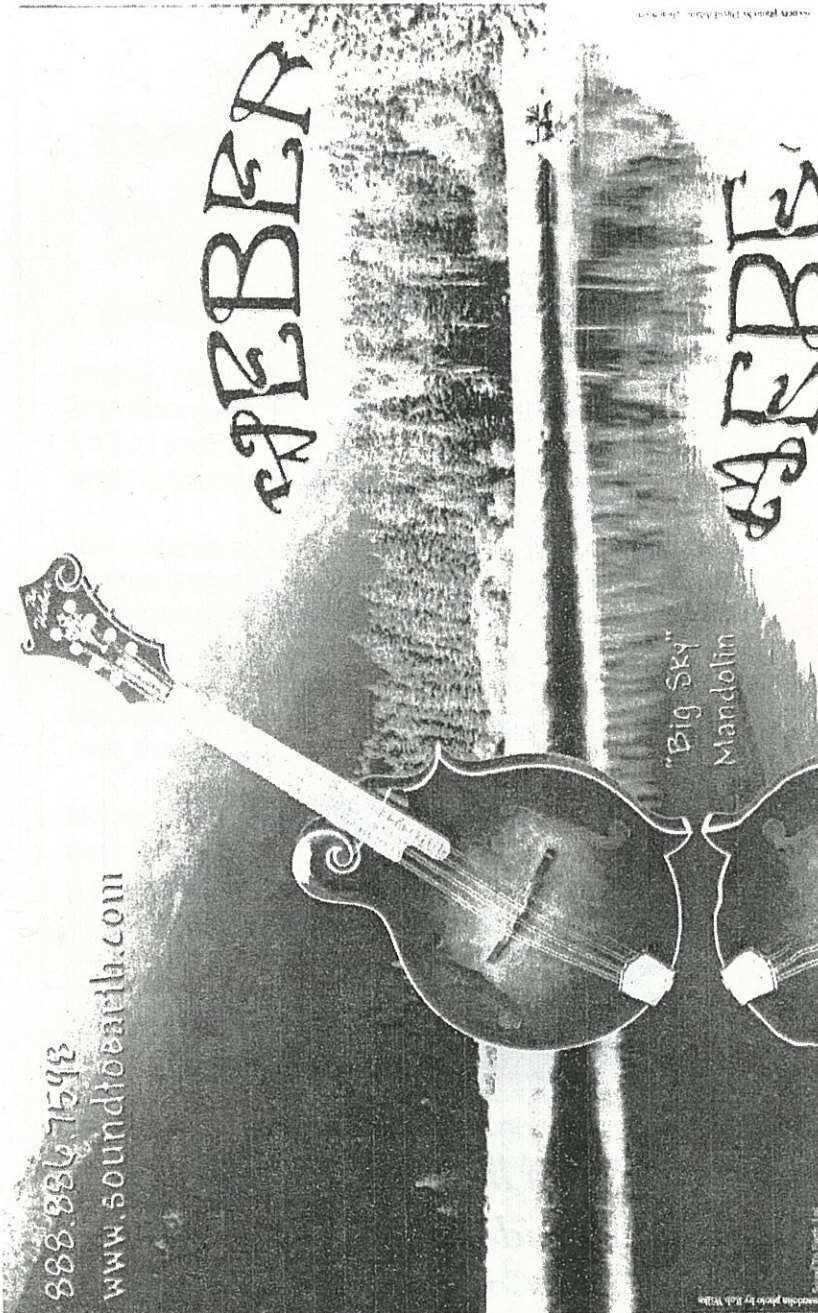
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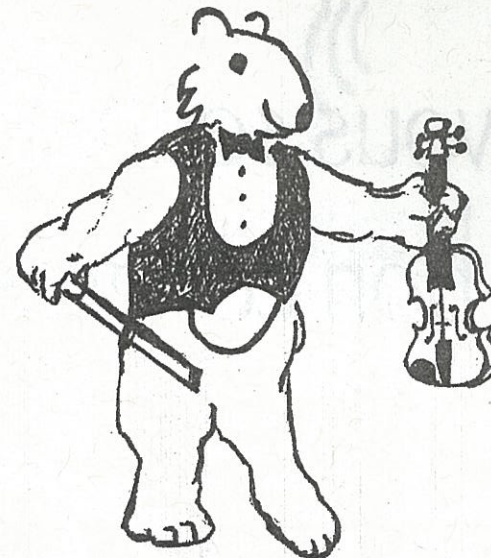
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~ From your friends in the Dayton Mandolin Orchestra

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The CLASSICAL MANDOLIN SOCIETY OF AMERICA was formed in the fall of 1986 as a non-profit organization to promote the art of classical mandolin playing in America. The CMSA is dedicated to expanding the horizons of mandolinists everywhere through teaching, research, sharing information, supporting composition of new mandolin music, and promoting great performances.

As a volunteer organization, the society has been able to draw upon the resources of mandolinists from virtuosi to beginners. Everyone has something he or she can contribute to the society whose aim it is to promote classical mandolin music and elevate the skills of its members while bringing joy and pleasure to all who participate.

All are invited to join and strive to reach our common goal-classical mandolin and guitar at its best.

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