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46th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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OVERVIEW

The Association for Recorded Sound Collections Board of Directors invites you to attend the 46th Annual Conference in Rochester, New York, on May 16-19, 2012, hosted by the Eastman School of Music.

Please review the entire conference website for details on the pre-conference workshop, conference program, hotel, travel, silent auction, and exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities. The website will be regularly updated with the latest information, including any program changes.

Registration forms with checks or money orders made payable to ARSC must be mailed to the conference registrar by **April 24, 2012** in order to receive the early registration discount. ARSC can also accept payments by credit card, but the forms must still be sent by mail or fax.

HOTEL

Conference sessions will be held at the Rochester Riverside Radisson, located in the heart of downtown Rochester, a short walk from the Eastman School of Music. Our contracted dates at the Rochester Riverside Radisson are Tuesday May 15 through Saturday May 19, 2012. Group rates will be honored 3 days before/after these dates pending availability. The deadline to make reservations at the Radisson is Tuesday, **April 24, 2012**. Reservations made after this date will be reserved only on a space available basis at the prevailing rate. See the Hotel section for additional information about room rates and reservations.

Radisson Hotel Rochester Riverside
120 East Main Street Rochester, NY 14604
Reservations: 585-546-6400 or 1-800-333-3333

ROOMMATE CLEARINGHOUSE

This year ARSC is starting a roommate clearinghouse service. If you need a roommate for the meeting, contact Brenda Nelson-Strauss (bnelsons[at]indiana.edu) and provide your contact information, dates for which you need a roommate, and any other preferences (smoker/non-smoker, no snoring, etc.). You'll receive a list of others who meet your preferences and then you can make your own arrangements.

TRAVEL (see the Travel section of the website for additional maps and links)

The Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) is serviced by Air Canada, AirTran, American, Continental, Delta, Jet Blue, United, and US Airways. Amtrak also offers service to Rochester from New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, and other cities in the region. The Radisson Rochester Riverside provides complimentary shuttle service to/from the airport as well as the Amtrak station. At the airport, use the hotel courtesy phone on the lower level near baggage claim, or call 585-475-1910.

Most of the major car rental companies operate from ROC's property, including Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, National, and Thrifty (Alamo has a shuttle to its offsite location). From the airport it is approximately 4.6 miles (10-12 minutes) to the Radisson.

PARKING

Conference attendees who are staying at the Radisson Rochester Riverside will receive complimentary garage parking (the daily fee will be waived upon check-in); all others may park at the Radisson's attached garage for the conference day rate of $7.00 (plus taxes).

WEATHER

The average high temperature in Rochester in May is nearly 70 degrees and the average low temperature is in the mid-40s. May is typically a relatively dry month with less than 3 inches of rain.

OPTIONAL WEDNESDAY TOUR – IMAGE PERMANENCE INSTITUTE

The Image Permanence Institute is offering a 90 minute tour of their 7000 sq. ft. facility on the campus of the Rochester Institute of Technology—one of the finest and best-equipped centers in the world for testing imaging and recording materials and for conducting preservation research. The lab is divided into several distinct areas: a state of the art imaging and microscopy lab; an incubation laboratory with thirteen temperature/humidity chambers and two dry ovens; a light fading lab; as well as a chemistry lab, instrumentation lab, and pollution studies lab. The tour will be held Wednesday May 16, from 3-5:30 p.m. Participants should meet in the Radisson Lobby at 3 p.m. to catch a chartered shuttle for the 20-minute ride to IPI; the bus will return to the hotel around 5:30 p.m. The IPI tour is limited to 35 participants; there is a $10 per person fee to cover transportation (the tour will be filled on a first-come first-served basis and may be cancelled if there are fewer than 10 participants, in which case fees will be refunded).

MORE OPTIONAL TOURS:

Eastman School of Music and Recording Studios

The Eastman School of Music will be arranging tours of their archives and recording studios during the conference. Exact times will be announced.

Downtown Rochester Architecture

Gerry Szymanski will be offering walking tours of downtown Rochester's architectural highlights. Exact times will be announced.

Susan B. Anthony House (17 Madison Street)

Free tours are offered to ARSC conference attendees from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily (you must show your ARSC conference badge at the door).

OPTIONAL POST CONFERENCE SUNDAY TOUR – SENECA LAKE WINE TRAIL

Take a guided tour of the beautiful Seneca Lake region on Sunday May 20 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Located in the heart of New York's Finger Lakes Region, the area offers gorgeous waterfalls, magnificent parks and charming villages. Seneca Lake Wine Trail's 34 member wineries have won hundreds of medals and are recognized as world-class producers of Riesling, Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Honey Wines (Meads). ARSC members Jim Farrington and Garrett Bowles will lend their expertise by suggesting which vineyards to visit. Capacity of the chauffeured minibus is 11 people; pick up/drop off will be at the Radisson. The fee will range from $50-90 per person depending upon the number of reservations (not including tips, food, wine, which is typically $1 per glass in the tasting rooms). For additional information or to make a reservation, contact Brenda Nelson-Strauss: bnelsons[at]indiana.edu.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The registration desk will be located in the Radisson's coat check room at the back of the mezzanine level near Ballroom A (our plenary session room). Conference registration will be open from 2-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, continuing Thursday-Saturday (hours will be listed in the final program).

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The ARSC Education & Training Committee is presenting a Pre-Conference Workshop on "Copyright and Sound Recordings" on Wednesday May 16, 2012, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Rochester Riverside Radisson Hotel. Please refer to the Pre-Conference Workshop section of the conference website for additional details.

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION AND MENTORING PROGRAM

ARSC is planning a special orientation reception at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday for first-time conference attendees and new members. Those who sign up for the mentoring program will also be paired with their mentees at this time. Please refer to the Newcomer Orientation section of the conference website for additional details. The orientation will be held at the Eastman School of Music's Miller Center Atrium (see details below).

OPENING RECEPTION

The conference will officially kick off with the opening reception on Wednesday evening at the Eastman School of Music's Miller Center Atrium, a few blocks from the hotel (4/10ths of a mile). Festivities begin at 7 p.m. and will continue until 9 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, and sodas will be served (including wine and beer tastings from local producers), as well as a cash bar for other drinks. Please stop by the registration desk in the Radisson to pick up your name badges prior to the reception. For those who would prefer not to walk, a shuttle bus will be making continuous loops between the hotel and the Miller Center from approximately 6:15 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

 Point A: Radisson (120 East Main)   **Point B: Miller Center** (corner of Main & Chestnut)

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

All sessions are scheduled from Thursday through Saturday in the conference center on the second level of the hotel. Each day of the conference will begin with a special plenary session of general interest, followed by two concurrent sessions, each targeted to different interest groups. Complete session abstracts will be available on the conference website and printed in the final program. On Thursday night there will be a Technical Committee Open Meeting with Q&A, and on Friday night we're planning a film screening at the hotel followed by the annual Collectors' Roundtable meeting.

AWARDS BANQUET

The conference will conclude on Saturday evening with the annual Awards Banquet in the hotel's Genesee Suite, preceded by a Happy Hour beginning at 6 p.m. Winners of the 2011 and 2012 ARSC Awards will be honored. If you are attending the banquet, please be sure to select your choice of entrée on the registration form. Options include Chicken Maison (chicken breast stuffed with brie, NY apples, cranberries and onions with creamy veloute sauce), Tilapia Florentine Roulade (stuffed with roasted red peppers and spinach with creamy veloute sauce), or Vegetable Napoleon (portabella mushrooms stacked with herb infused tomato, zucchini, squash, red pepper).

EXHIBITS

The Exhibit Hall will be open from Thursday through Saturday. Individuals or companies interested in exhibiting at the conference should complete and return the enclosed form with their registration. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to showcase your wares. Also, it isn't too late to become an official conference sponsor. Please refer to the Corporate Sponsors and Exhibitors & Vendors section of the website for more information, or contact Callie Holmes, the Sponsors & Exhibitors manager.

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction will also be located in the Exhibit Hall from Thursday morning until noon on Saturday. All winning bidders must be present at the close of the auction to pay for items. To learn more about donating items, see the Silent Auction section of the website.