

Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

<http://www.unclecarls.org>

AUGUST 2009

Notes from the Prez:

I had the occasion this summer of waiting in the Doctors' office with time to read a magazine. I picked up one and saw the title of an article that went something like "This is your Brain on Music"! I HAD TO READ THE ARTICLE! The article was a review of a book written by Dr. Daniel Levitin, a psychology professor, neuroscientist, and head of the Levitin Laboratory for Musical Perception, Cognition, and Expertise at McGill University in Montreal.

He has written a new book, "The World in Six Songs - How the Musical Brain Created Human Nature" which tells the story of the co-evolution of music and of the human brain, how each one influenced the development of the other over tens of thousands of years. He shows how six specific forms of music played a pivotal role in creating human culture and society as we know it. For example: music, rhythm and dance were an integral part of the building of the pyramids. Without coordination of hundreds of people it would have been impossible to build them and the only way coordination of work could have happened is with music in some form.

He also explores the effects of music on various parts of the brain. As we sing or play music we anticipate what comes next and if what we are playing or singing sounds right and well performed, serotonin is released that causes a feeling of joy and pleasure! No kidding! Many other effects of music are discussed, also.

Dr. Levitan plays regularly with a group of musicians from the University. They call themselves the "Diminished Faculties".

What was the first song that humans sang and why did music become an integral part of human life from the beginning? I'm going to read the book.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Ann

From the Vice Prez:

Tune of the Month- ..Summer is quickly flying by us. Hope everyone is playing somewhere, sometime. If you have any new tunes that you want to share, please

make sure to send them to me. I might add some of the tunes that I have done at workshops. In the meantime, have fun with all that you are doing

Thompson Museum Performance August 1, 2009

This is going to be a great event. It is the city wide garage sale, art show, antique evaluation, flower show and lost arts. Our club will have a radio spot while we are there playing. We have only 5 persons signed up to represent us. Check out <http://thompsonmuseum.org/> Please contact Penny asap if you plan on attending. The museum is located at 101 Summit St. in Hudson. Take 127 to 34, turn east to downtown. Turn south on Church St. to the museum. Hope to see you there!

ODPC Musical Funfest

I can't believe the Evart festival is now over. We surely did not die of heat exhaustion this year but needed to have a heater some of the nights. There were many comments that the classes were great and that it was a true "funfest". The stage shows featured some of our top dulcimer players. Check out www.dulcimers.com for photos from the festival. I am sure they will be displayed soon. Many of our members attended. The Bodens, Jim Brown, Hlavaceks, Clemets, Coles, Dennings, Greens, Hadleys, Houks, Hovers, Luke Kawecki, Lockwoods, McAuliffes, Mullins, Regis Proulx, Iris Richardson, Ropers, Scheibers, Steinkes, Whiteheads. Be sure to ask them what they liked most about the festival. If I missed you, that just means I didn't see you there. Will look forward to another great festival next year. By the way, I had a great time leading the pre-show on Friday night.....Penny

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Denise Allman- 5th Jim&Mary Green- 20th
Gerald Bartlett-12th Jerry&Peg Kloock- 29th
Paula Brawdy - 30th
Mary Lou Crandall- 4th
Bob Hlavacek- 30th
Ellen Pember -16th
Don Playford- 31st
Pennye Scheiber- 16th
Kathy Wynn- 13th

Attention UCDC members...If you want to order a UCDC name tag contact Wendy Conklin 517-542-2291 or weconklin@dmcibb.net. ThanksWendy

Practice with Pennye
3 CD set of UCDC repertoire to practice with, or choose which tunes you want on one CD. Played slowly and then up to tempo. Contact Pennye at 517-547-7448 or pennyes@comcast.net for more information.

Monday Night Summer Schedule:

(please note date change)

Monday, August 17, 2009 2:00 - - 4:00 pm
Marcia & Don Fort, 3201 Fairview Drive, Jackson, 49203 517-782-3943-----Directions/maps will be at play dates.

Monday, August 24, 2009 2:00 - -4:00 pm
Diane & Rodger Stevens, 10636 Hewitt Rd., Brooklyn, 49230 517-592-3513-----Directions: From U.S. # 127. Turn East on Jefferson at light, go 4 miles and Turn right on Hewitt. to 10636. (Mail box is an outboard motor)

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 6:30- 7:30 WESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL (NO BEGINNERS CLASS UNLESS WE GET AN INSTRUCTOR) 7:30- 8:30 OPEN JAM.

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER CLUB-

Meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City MI. President - Larry Roper Website is www.sdsociety.org. Silver Strings now has its own Club Channel on YouTube. Be sure to periodically check YouTube for newly added videos at <http://www.youtube.com/user/SilverStringsClub>

Upcoming Events

August 1 11:00 am -12:00 pm W. G. Thompson Museum's Lost Art and Flower Show. It is during the Hudson city-wide garage sale. They will also offer antique appraisals (\$8.00 each or 3 for \$20, if you are interested). 300-600 visitors expected to see the lost arts demonstrations. Also WLEN will be there for a live remote, and our club may be in one of the audio slots. I should add that lunch will be provided by the Museum for participants. Please contact Pennye at 517-547-7448 or pennyes@comcast.net so she can put you on the count for lunch. Blue vests with white shirts and dark slacks or skirts.

August 4 TUES -- PICNIC IN THE PARK SERIES.DOWNTOWN JACKSON -- BUCKY HARRIS PARK CORNER MICHIGAN AVE & JACKSON ST.PLAY 12:00 NOON TO 1:00PM SET UP AT 11:30WILL HAVE SIGN-UP SHEET AT CAMP-OUT 6/27/09 DRESS NEW BLUE VESTS WITH WHITE SHIRT,OR BLUE SHIRTS. DARK SLACKS.

Aug. 8 Sat., 1 p.m. Addison's 175th Birthday Celebration in the Park. Take 127 to the blinking light in the middle of Addison, turn east 1 block to the library and then turn right on to Talbot. Continue to the ball park where there will be a shuttle to take the equipment to the stage area. Wear blue vests.

Aug. 27-30 Midland Dulcimer Festival, Midland, MI

Sept. 12 Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club (No meeting in June, July or August)

Oct. 3 Sat., 1-3 p.m. - Albion's A'Maizing Corn Harvest Festival. Victory Park on the Kalamzoo River.

Website News -The website has a new photo gallery on FLICKR. Go to Uncle Carl's home page and then click on "Photo Gallery".

When the FLICKR page comes up, click on a thumbnail picture of the event you want to view.

Once in the event, you can run the slide show or just click on the photo.

If you want to contribute photos to post in the gallery, please contact karenturner@comcast.net

Wayne Van Patten went to be with the Lord, Friday, July 10th, 2009....father of Wendy Conklin & Ann Johnson.

Ronald "Ron" Playford Jr. of Jonesville passed away July 13th, 2009.....brother of UCDC members Don (Donna) Playford of Hillsdale.

For Sale- Long flat dulcimer carrier - free, dulcimer carrier that unfolds to a seat w/ a back - \$30, adjustable stand - \$25. Contact Peggy Kerr (517) 439-4143

The 8th Annual Riverfolk Music and Arts Festival -Carr Park, Manchester, MI
 Friday July 31--"Party in the Park" from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m
 Saturday, August 1--"Riverfolk Festival" from 10 a.m. to Midnight - tickets \$12-\$15, kids free
 Featuring many great musicians, bands, songwriting contest, Healthy Kids Tent, Zydeco Dancing, Juried Art Show, Fiddle Contest and a Kids Parade

Visit www.RiverfolkFestival.org to see all the details. To purchase tickets in advance, contact Diane Stevens at rodistevens@comcast.net

PROJECT CONNECT -I received a request for UCDC to perform background music at the Jackson Salvation Army building, Friday, Nov. 20, for 1 hour between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The occasion is PROJECT CONNECT, a homeless resource fair sponsored by the Jackson Interfaith Shelter. There will be a free lunch and possibly a small stipend. I did not commit UCDC yet for this gig. If you think you might be interested I would appreciate an email. Will have a sign up sheet in Sept. if enough people are interested. Thanks, Ann abwassell@frontiernet.net

Farm Fest 2009 Grass Lake, MI

July 24-26, 2009

<http://www.farmfest09.com/>

Three day concert in the Hills of Waterloo - \$\$



4th of July Family Day Celebration.

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Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club was formed in 1982 to promote dulcimer music. Today the club features the hammered dulcimer and the mountain dulcimer with a variety of other instruments including guitar, bass, mandolin, autoharp and the penny whistle. Members have the opportunity to learn new tunes, jam together, perform in public, attend meetings, receive the monthly newsletter and take part in festivals, workshops, potlucks and fun!

Everyone is welcome

Membership dues are \$15.00 per year.

Make checks out to Uncle Carl's Dulcimer Club

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