



CONTERPOINT 2010

THE 20TH NORTHEAST FILK CONVENTION

JUNE 25-27, 2010

GUESTS OF HONOR

ED STAUFF AND MARY ELLEN WESSELS

TOASTMASTER

JUANITA COULSON

INTERFILK GUEST

CHAR MACKAY

LISTENER GUESTS

JONATHAN AND DEBBIE BAKER

HOTEL

Chase Suite Hotel Rockville
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CONTERPOINT 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

* Name: _____

* Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

I am interested in performing a concert set.

I am interested in volunteering for:

(* Required for contact; other items optional.)

I have enclosed:

___ for ___ preregistered memberships (\$50)
(rate good until May 31, 2010, \$60 at door)

___ for ___ premiere memberships (\$75)
(includes listing in program book, special CD,
buttons, and other goodies)

___ for ___ supporting memberships (\$15)
(includes all convention publications)

___ for ___ children's (7-12 yr) memberships (\$10)
Children 6 and under admitted free. Children
must be under supervision, and do not get
separate copies of convention publications.)

___ **TOTAL**

Guests

We are excited to have **Ed Stauff** and **Mary Ellen Wessels** (better known to most filkers as "MEW") as our Guests of Honor. MEW was the Toastmistress for the first Contata in 1994 and has run vocal and performance workshops at a number of conventions, including the first Conterpoint in 1993. Ed is an exceptional pianist, choir leader, songwriter, and composer of choral arrangements.

Our Toastmistress, **Juanita Coulson**, has been part of the filk community since the term was first coined in the 1950's. In addition to her own classic songs, such as "Chess" and "The Mummy Shuffle", she has set a number of Indiana poet Martha Keller's works to music. Juanita is the author of over a dozen books, including Space Trap, Star Sister, and the four books of the Children of the Stars series.

Jonathan and Debbie Baker, our Listener Guests, are probably best known for the Kosher con suites they have run at the NEFilk conventions and other Northeast cons. In addition, Jonathan and Debbie have served as chair and hotel liaison for Contata, among other roles, and have run the staff lounge for Lunacon and Philcon.

Our Interfilk guest, **Char MacKay**, comes to us from Spokane, Washington. In addition to being a great singer and fine songwriter, Char also plays folk drums and is a bellydancer. She and her husband Randy are the Guest Liaisons for SpoCon, their local convention.

Programming

Our programming will contain the usual array of concerts, workshops, theme circles, and one-shots. As Conterpoint is the 20th NEFilk, we plan to have a number of special items, including a memorial concert. And of course, the Interfilk Auction will feature the usual array of unique music, really good chocolate, and other goodies.

The fun will begin around 7PM on Friday evening and continue until around 4PM Sunday. There will not be a banquet, but there will be a two-hour dinner break Saturday evening.

Hotel

Conterpoint 2010 returns to a familiar building with a new name: the Chase Suite Hotel in Rockville, Maryland. (The ownership group is the same, the hotel has been rebranded).

The room rate is \$109/night single-quad for a suite with living room and kitchenette. Call 888-433-9407 (toll-free) and mention Conterpoint to get the

convention rate. Don't use the hotel website's reservation function, as it shows only the standard room rate. The room block expires May 24, 2010.

The hotel is located just off I-270, a few minutes north of I-495 (the infamous Capitol Beltway). A free shuttle runs to and from the Shady Grove Metro Station a mile away.

Dealers

Tales From The White Hart returns bearing CDs, songbooks, fanzines and garb. Limited space is available for additional dealers in the main room, or you may sell from your room if desired. Suites close to the function space can be arranged. Contact our Hotel Liaison for more details.

Con Suite

Our Con Suite will again be located in a third-floor suite directly above the main function room and easily accessed by the elevator located right outside. We will once again be offering a kosher table. Chocolate Chip Cookie Conspiracy donations will be enthusiastically welcomed.

Volunteers

Running a convention takes all the help we can get, especially at the registration table or in the con suite. We're also looking for a few good mike wranglers. Anyone willing to volunteer should contact Steve or Crystal (see below) in advance or at the con.

Childcare

If we can arrange in advance for enough volunteers to staff it, we are planning to have a childcare room on site. Interested parents, please contact us.

Committee

ConChair: Gary Ehrlich

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Hotel Liaison: Crystal Paul

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