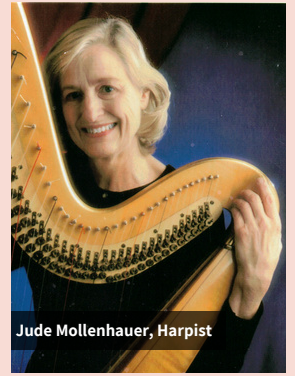


Jude Mollenhauer Memorial Scholarship Fund Established for Lyra Students

The Jude Mollenhauer Scholarship Fund was established by Jude Webster, Ms. Mollenhauer's daughter, with generous gifts from friends and family. The endowment fund was established to ensure young people will continue to experience the transformative powers of harp education through the Lyra Society. The gift honors Ms. Mollenhauer's extraordinary dedication in her 40+ years as an educator and reflects her generosity of spirit.



Jude Mollenhauer, Harpist

Jude Mollenhauer (December 16, 1939 - January 19, 2024) was a consummate solo, chamber, recording, and orchestral harpist in addition to being a committed educator. A Curtis Institute of Music and University of Pennsylvania graduate, she was Principal Harpist of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra for 32 years. Generous with her time and knowledge she made a major impact on the lives of her harp students. Her lessons often ran twice as long as scheduled, taking time to talk with her students about their performance anxiety as well as personal experiences and challenges they might be facing. In the words of her students, she was a caring and supportive teacher who served as a role model, mentor, hero, other mom, and therapist. Many of her students became distinguished performers and educators; however, Jude was equally proud of those who had been enriched by the music education she gave them, but who took other career paths.

If you would like to donate or learn more about the Fund, please visit LyraSociety.org/Jude.

Lyra To Expand to Northeast High School!



Maryanne Meyer with Antonio and his son.

We are excited to expand to our sixth school - Northeast High School (NEHS)! Antonio, a bassoonist and music teacher at Northeast High School, became enthralled with the harp after attending his son's private lessons with Lyra Director of Education, Maryanne Meyer. His excitement poured into the NEHS curriculum, where he bought numerous harps and started a harp group class, teaching what he learned from his son's private lessons. After exhausting his knowledge and with students needing more guidance, he approached Lyra for help. We are excited to start teaching at NEHS in late winter/spring!

Remembering Bob Schwartz (Sep. 1, 1949 - Oct. 8, 2024)



(L to R): Pat Ciarrocchi, Elizabeth Hainen, and Bob Schwartz at Lyra's 10th Anniversary Harp'n Hoedown

Lyra Society is deeply saddened to share that our dear friend Bob Schwartz passed October 8, 2024. Bob was a kind, empathetic, loyal, humble, and generous friend and mentor to us at Lyra Society. A trombonist in his youth, he loved the arts and recognized the transformative power in them. From 2013 to 2022, Bob served as Chair of Lyra's Board of Directors and served on the board as Chair Emeritus until his passing.

He brought his youthful energy, sage advice, quick jokes, creative strategy and planning, and his vast experience to Lyra for over 10 years. Lyra simply would not be where it is without his leadership.

We will miss his warmth which was reflected in his home where we were always greeted with hot tea, surrounded by his library of signed books, first editions, and countless CD's and cassettes on his custom bookshelves. We will miss his love of the Phillies, quick quips, brilliance, and determination that propels each one of us to do better. Bob's legacy lives on in the countless lives he improved through his tireless advocacy.

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