

THE ZITHER NEWSLETTER

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This is the first edition of The Zither Newsletter. The purpose of the Newsletter is to provide a medium for communicating informative items of interest to zither players. Hopefully, the Newsletter can be published monthly. As a beginning it is anticipated a quarterly edition will be published until the Newsletter gets properly organized. It is hoped that this Newsletter will gain the support of zither instructors and players, as well as all friends of the zither. The Newsletter's object is to foster and promote the art of zither playing in America. All literary contributions bearing upon zither playing, zither history, zither records and the zither in general will be sincerely appreciated. It is requested that anyone having any news items or articles submit them to the editor. It is only through the contributions of your news items and articles that this Newsletter can succeed.

Hopefully, future Newsletters can contain several pieces of zither music that will be interesting and graded for the varying abilities of zither players. In order to continue publishing the Zither Newsletter your financial support will be requested. The Newsletter is not trying to make a profit. For example, the expenses for this edition for news gathering, editing, typing and publication were paid "out of the Editor's personal pocket" with no thought of recompense. The Newsletter's only purpose is communication of zither news. Readers are asked to comment on a \$4.00 subscription fee (which would not include music) to defray the costs of publication. Applicable advertising would also be welcomed. It is also requested that any member who has access to a printing press (ditto or multilith) submit quotes for a Newsletter containing 6 pages of text and 2 pages of music: 100 copies to be published monthly.

ARTISTS - The following zither players are presently appearing at the locations noted below:

- Martin Doppelhammer - Hapsburg House, E. 55th St., N.Y.C. - Nightly
- Hans Hapsburg - Waldorf Astoria, New York City - Nightly
- ? -- - Gay Vienna, 83rd St. & 2nd Ave., NYC - Nightly
- Alberta Krader - Old Bavaria, 57th & Western, L.A., Calif. - Sat. night
- ? -- - Town Hall Tavern 6711 Rising Sun Avenue,
Philadelphia, Penna. - Friday night
- Hermann Primus - The Ram, Sun Valley, Idaho - Nightly

CLUBS AND EVENTS

Ruth Walcome - Her newest record release - "Christmas in Zitherland," Capitol, T1782. Miss Walcome is also featured in the background music to "The Brothers Grimm" (movie).

New York Zither Club - Under William E. Gronwald, 1019 Third Ave., has 7 members. Frank Schuck is an honorary member. The club meets each Friday, 8:00 PM at the Kalping House, 165 E. 88th St., N.Y.C.

Brooklyn Club Harmony - Concert given 10/27/62 at Schwaben Hall under direction of Henry F. Fichner, Secretary. Anton Schlegel is president. The program included: Tiroler Standschuetzen March (Schricker); Sefira (Siede); Am Liemastrand (Sentak); Rheinnixen (Kollmaneck); Ramona (Ottl); Die Post im Walde (Schaeffer); Songs of Yesterday (Durst) and Freiweg (Latann). Ruth Welcome played both American and German selections in the middle of the program.

Raymond Bover, 46 Concord Ave., Leonardo, N.J. has a zither collection of 30 old zithers. Mostly of the auto harp type.

Martin Doppelhammer recently appeared with the New York Philharmonic under Joseph Krips at Lewison Stadium. He played the zither solo of Tales of the Vienna Woods.

Rudi Knabl - New record release - "Aus Dem Bergen" - Fiesta, 1361.

Philadelphia Zither Club - shows signs of becoming alive.

American Zither Club - Steps are under way to revive interest in an American Zither Club. Contact Dr. Joel Morris if interested. The following program is being fostered: (1) a zither newsletter, (2) an American zither instruction book, (3) a zither museum, (4) help for zither artists, (5) a library of zither music, (6) publication of a History of Zithers and Zither Clubs in America.

Brooklyn Club Harmony - Meets Friday night, 8:30 PM, Schwaben Hall, Knickerbocker and Myrtle Avenues, Brooklyn, New York.

United Zither Players of North America - Leonard Zapf, Sr. is still acting president but the club has been inactive for some 15 years.

Zither Museum - Papa Kukler, Eureka Springs, Arkansas has a zither museum (mostly of the collection of Franz Schwarzer). Pictures of his zithers (including bow zithers) are on the cover of his zither phonograph record.

Cleveland, Ohio - Since the death of Henry Wormsbacher, interest in the zither and in a zither club has declined. Efforts were made by Walter Friedrich (Eastman Violin Shop, 458 The Arcade, Cleveland) to develop such a club. On an informal basis, the following maintain interest in the zither: Oscar Yellinek, Herta Weber, Fritz Koenig, Mr. Friedrich's son, Mrs. Waldman and Joseph Vollmair.

ZITHER SERVICES

One section of the Newsletter will contain a listing of services.

Zither Instruction

Martin Doppelhammer - 317 E. 55th St., Apt. 23, New York City.

Hans Hapsburg - Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City

Leonard Zapf - 5429 No. 5th St., Philadelphia, Penna.

Alberta Krader - 130 No. Parkwood Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

Zither Repairs and Sales

Zapf Music Conservatory - 5429 No. 5th St., Philadelphia, Penna.

Frank Schuck - Elec. hookups; Meinel Zithers, 542 E. 79th St., N.Y.C.

Eastman Violin Shop, 458 The Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio

Zither Music

Zapf Music Conservatory - 5429 No. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Penna.
Mielke - 86th Street, New York City

WANTED

News items from any zither players or clubs. Addresses of zither clubs and dates of meetings for publication in the Newsletter. Addresses of zither players for inclusion in an annual zither player directory. Zither services offered (e.g., instruction, sales, repair, music, etc.). Suggestions and contacts for zither artists to get them before the public eye, TV, commercial, records, movies. Availability of an instruction book in English of American songs. Articles of editorial expression for inclusion in the Newsletter. Articles or references referring to the history of zithers. References about famous people who have played or were interested in the zither (e.g., George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, etc.).

SPECIAL ARTICLES

Each copy of the Newsletter will contain articles of special interest. This issue contains the attached list of zither records. Readers who know of other records are asked to send the names of these records to the Editor. It is also suggested that record enthusiasts show this list to their local record dealers so that dealers can set up a zither record section in their stores and thus get the zither before the public eye.

EDITORS NOTE

The purpose of this Newsletter is to provide a media for communication of zither news. Please send any news items or comments regarding the Newsletter to the Editor.

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ZITHER RECORDS

ARTIST	TITLE	COMPANY	MONO	STEREO
Bauer, Alfons	Frohe Zitherklänge	Odeon	41003(45rpm)	
Bauer, Alfons	German Beer-Drinking Music	Capitol	T 10008	DT 10008
Bauer, Alfons	Germany Revisited	Capitol	T 10247	ST 10247
Bauer, Alfons	Mein Berchtesgadener Land	Capitol	T10289	ST 10289
Bauer, Alfons	More Beer-Drinking Music	Capitol	T 10297	ST 10297
Bauer, Alfons	Munich's 800 Years	Capitol	T 10138	-
Bauer, Alfons	Music of the German Alps	Capitol	T 10211	ST 10211
Bauer, Alfons/ Knabl, Rudi	Your Musical Holiday in the Alps	Decca	DL 8141	-
Bauer, Alfons	My Vienna	Capitol	T 10206	-
Bauer, Alfons	Summertime in Salzburg	Capitol	T 10265	-
Bauer, Alfons	Zither Capriolen	Odeon	40 905(45rpm)	-
Dietschmann	Singing Zither	Decca	83653	-
Fritz and Jacky	Zither Duet	London	LL 1560	-
Gottschalk, Franz		Tempo	UR 144736	-
Haffner, Joseph	Die Klingende Zither	Fiesta	FLP 1333	-
Jancik, Karl	Viennese Zithers	Capitol	T 10076	-
Karas, Anton	Around the World With Anton Karas	Period	RL 1935	2935
Karas, Anton	The Best of Anton Karas	Period	RL 1938	2938
Karas, Anton	G'schichten Aus Wien	Odeon	60193	-
Karas, Anton	Das Harry Line Thema/Der Cafe Mozart Walzer	Telefunken	U 45856(45rpm)	-
Karas, Anton	Third Man Theme	London	LL 1560	-
Knabl, Rudi	Rudi Knabl Und Seine Volksmusikanten	Polydor	EPH 20387(45rpm)	-
Knabl, Rudi	Wien Und Der Wein	Telefunken	UX 5042(45rpm)	-