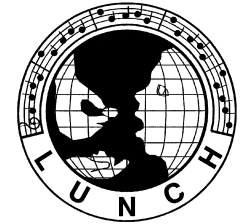


# The L.U.N.C.H. MENU

LOCAL  
UNITED  
NETWORK to  
COMBAT  
HUNGER



Founded 1989 by Bill Pere  
A Community Service Outreach  
continuing the legacy of Harry Chapin

Since 1989

Using the power of popular music to produce positive social action

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## The 5th Harry Chapin Legacy Show

COMING ON  
SATURDAY APRIL 17, 1999  
at STONINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

What it would it have been like if....

A long time ago in a galaxy far away, a great ship had struck a comet and sank into a Black Hole, taking with it a great treasure?

And 84 years later, a survivor came forward to tell the tale ... a tale of space adventurers and droids and aliens and heroes and villains?

You would have Star Wars meets Titanic, and you would have the 5th Harry Chapin Legacy Show, "May the Farce Be With You -- A Better Place to Be"

Join Connecticut's award-winning songwriters and artists, and an ensemble from Stonington High School and other area schools as they continue a tradition started ten years ago. In that time, more than 800 kids have been involved in music and theater projects which have raised more than \$150,000, supporting Hunger Relief and Family Service agencies in Connecticut.

Our previous shows have parodied Star Trek, The X-Files, King Kong, Superman, The Wizard of Oz, and A Christmas Carol.

Although this is the 5th Show in this series, it is LUNCH's 13th major production, as we have also done two Holiday Shows, three concerts with the Steve Chapin Band, and three Summer Music Camps.

Over the years, these original shows shows have developed into a unique form of family entertainment, blending music and theater. New original songs are mixed with many old favorites from the Harry Chapin Legacy.

Although these events raise money to support family service agencies, that is not the most important thing they do -- by involving kids in the production, they get to see how their contribution of time and talent can make a difference in the lives of others. Today's kids are tomorrows leaders, and we seek to help them grow into leaders who will shape a kinder tomorrow where people truly care for one another.

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There Are More Than 80,000 Hungry Children  
under the age of 12 In Connecticut

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### PREVIEW

The 5th Harry Chapin Legacy Show will feature many favorites from the Chapin repetoire. Included in the show will be:

WOLD, Mr. Tanner, Flowers Are Red, Dance Band on the Titanic, A Better Place to Be, Circle, Last Protest Singer, and Cat's In the Cradle.



LOCAL UNITED NETWORK TO COMBAT HUNGER and THE CONNECTICUT SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION  
PRESENT  
**May the Farce Be With You** (A Better Place to Be)

Saturday, April 17, 7-9pm Stonington High School, Pawcatuck

Featuring Harry Chapin Favorites and Original Songs from Connecticut's Top Artists to Benefit Local Family Service Agencies. There Are More Than 80,000 Hungry Children in Connecticut!

## SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES

# The STEVE CHAPIN BAND

The Original Members of Harry Chapin's Band in Concert

IN CONCERT WITH LUNCH at  
the GARDE ARTS CENTER

APRIL 4, 1998



JOHN

STEVE

HOWARD



The 3rd Summer Music camp at Camp Wightman

## !! -- LUNCH NEWS ITEM -- !!

A different kind of music this summer for the two mainstays of the LUNCH program - Bill Pere and Kay Johnson will be getting married on July 31st. The pair met through the Connecticut Songwriters Association and have been doing LUNCH shows together since 1996. The Ensemble and their families will of course be honored guests at the reception.

## YOUR LUNCH DOLLARS AT WORK

LUNCH is a tax-exempt charitable organization founded in 1989 as a community service outreach of the Connecticut Songwriters Association. Most LUNCH projects i.e., concerts and recordings, are funded through grants or through earmarked donations. Proceeds generated by our projects are used to help hunger relief and family service efforts in Connecticut. As a volunteer organization, we have no administrative overhead.

More important than financial support however is our involvement of kids in our programs. By showing tomorrow's leaders that their individual efforts can make a difference in the lives of others, we hope they will grow to shape a kinder, more caring future.

To date, more than 800 kids, grades K-12 from around the state, have participated in our programs.

Our shows have provided quality family entertainment for many thousands of people. We have produced 5 Chapin Legacy Shows, 2 Holiday Shows, 3 Steve Chapin Concerts, a Show by Nancy Tucker, 7 CD recordings, and many other events around the state.

The list of agencies to whom we have given direct financial support continues to grow:

- The Sunshine Kitchen, Stonington-Groton
- The Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
- The Groton Food Locker
- Stonington Youth Services Bureau
- Catholic Charities of Norwich
- Community Service Ministry of New London
- Community Resources Commission, New London
- Covenant Shelter, New London
- WARM Shelter, Westerly RI
- Connecticut Hospice
- World Hunger Year, New York City
- H.O.P.E.
- The Noank Group Homes
- St. Vincent DePaul Shelter, Waterbury
- The Cornerstone Soup Kitchen, Vernon
- The Samaritan Shelter, Manchester
- Foodshare
- Manchester Youth Services

In addition, we've participated in events to support the Animal Shelter of West Haven, United Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, and more. Most importantly, we give a kids a chance to be involved and show them that they can make a difference.

We're happy to help out wherever the power of popular music and the involvement of kids can come together to make a difference. In fact, it was a series of concerts for the Noank Group Homes almost 20 years ago that first got us into the business of benefit shows.

If you would like to have a LUNCH show at your church, school, civic group, backyard, or anywhere, give us a call: 860-572-9285 (E-mail -- [wdpsongs@aol.com](mailto:wdpsons@aol.com))

## LUNCH -- SOUP TO NUTS TIMELINE

- o **Jan 12-14**- Bill presents music technology at the Science and Math Jamboree at Conn. College
- o **Feb-May**- Bill is an Artist -in-Residence at Preston City School for grades 3 and 4.
- o **Feb 4** Bill presents arts and science integration at Helen Baldwin Middle School, Canterbury
- o **Feb 8** The entire North Branford Middle School gets a look at the science of music technology, presented by Bill
- o **Mar 14** The Ensemble performs for Girl Scout Day in Quaker Hill
- o **Apr 12** Shauna Beth and Bill appear on WVVE radio
- o **Apr 15** Bill is the morning guest on WERQ radio,
- o **Apr 16** The Ensemble appears on Q-105 radio
- o **Apr 17**- The 5th Harry Chapin Legacy Show - \$32,000
- o **Apr 24**- Bill and Kay at the Groton Public Library
- o **Apr 29**- Bill presents at Career Day, Ledyard Middle School
- o **Apr 17**- Bill and Kay are at the Groton Public Library for a children's show
- o **May 23** Bill and Kay perform at the Three Rivers Cleanup Festival, sponsored by United Earth Fund.
- o **May 24**- The first Songcrafters Showcase and Songshare in New London, featuring Nancy Tucker
- o **Jun 21**- Songcrafters Showcase and Songshare in New London, with Convergence, Bill Flowerree, and Les Julian
- o **Jun 25** Bill and Kay perform at the Coffeehouse at First Church, Wethersfield
- o **Jul 11-17**- Bill is the music director for the 4th Summer Music Camp at Camp Wightman
- o **Jul 26** The acting students at Papermoon Productions summer acting camp get a presentation from Bill on voice technology and vocal tools.
- o **Jul 26** Songcrafters Showcase and Songshare in New London, featuring Kay's entire musical family from California
- o **Jul 31**- Bill and Kay are married in Mystic, in a ceremony featuring original music.
- o **Aug 7** The Ensemble performs at the annual Mumford Cove Neighborhood Association outdoor festival
- o **Aug 23** Bill and Kay sing at the Chapin Festival in Nova Scotia and present a check to World Hunger Year
- o **Aug 30** Bill is the guest speaker at the Mystic Rotary Club
- o **Feb 8** - Bill and ShaunaBeth perform at the 150th Anniversary Celebration at Pfizer Inc, Groton
- o **Sep 27** Songcrafters Showcase and Songshare in New London, with Ron Brault
- o **Oct 3** - The Ensemble performs at the Harkness Family Day
- o **Dec 5** - The 3rd LUNCH Holiday Show --"Christmas on Gilligan's Island
- o **Dec 31** - The Ensemble rings in the New Year at Mystic First Night

**KIDS !!** If you're in grades 5-12 and would like to be a part of LUNCH, either performing with us or singing in the studio, give a call. We're always looking for kids who like music and who like to help others.

## LUNCH SuperStars



At the Garde Arts Center on April 4, Kathleen Boyle was presented with the Annual LUNCH Community Service Award in honor of her five years with the group. Kathleen, now a freshman at Stonington High School first became involved with LUNCH when her 4th grade class

came to Bill's recording studio to be part of a CD that was being recorded. Kathleen participated in shows ever since, singing solos, playing violin, and taking on acting roles in the theater pieces. Kathleen has a lead role in the 1999 Harry Chapin Legacy Show and was a featured vocalist on "All is Calm, All is Bright", a cut on the 1998 Connecticut Holiday Tape.



After the LUNCH Summer Music Camp in July, the Ensemble bid a farewell to one of its original members, as Dave Coxe headed off to Cleveland for a new job and to be closer to family. Dave was in the very first LUNCH production in 1991 which was the First Chapin Legacy Show at

Fitch High School, where Dave was a senior. After returning to Mystic from college in 1995, Dave jumped right back into things and has been playing keyboard for the group at every event since. Dave also played Santa Claus in the '96 Holiday Show, and he participated in the first ever LUNCH recording session back in 1990. Just before he left, Dave wrote and recorded a song called "Where Are Your Angels?", to benefit the Ashley Hoppes Foundation. Dave will be missed, and perhaps we'll soon hear about a Cleveland branch of LUNCH.

## SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE

**NEW!** Thanks to the hard work of Kay Johnson, a new monthly Songwriters Showcase will be held on the 4th Monday of each month, beginning in April. The location will be the auditorium of the Science Center of Eastern Connecticut, on Gallows Lane in New London. Each month, singer/songwriters will present original music and there will be opportunity for new artists to showcase their songs. Proceeds from sales of recordings and T-shirts will benefit LUNCH. The first showcase will be held on April 24, 8pm. Bill and Kay will be on hand to do

**When in doubt, do something -- Harry Chapin**

# LUNCH LETTERS

*Sometimes when we're really exhausted, we ask if it's all worth it... If there's ever any doubt, we take a look at some of the letters that come unexpectedly in the mail.*

>>>>**From a Parent:** "You have made an impression on my little girl regarding helping and caring for others. She listens to your CD regularly and often quotes your words. Your packages in the mail definitely bring a ray of sunshine to my daughter's life."

>>>>**From a Social Service Agency Director:** "I am always impressed with the leadership and innovation you have demonstrated in the area of hunger and with what LUNCH has accomplished in raising and distributing money for this cause. By involving youth in these efforts, it is a double blessing. You are the perfect example of how one person and a small group can make an enormous difference!"

>>>>**From a Teacher:** "I want to thank you for your presentation at our school. I am particularly pleased because one of the young men who was helping you had given up on education. Seeing your performance has made him rethink again that perhaps school isn't so bad after all."

>>>>**From a Grandparent:** "My grandson and I listened to hours of your tapes on our trip. Your music really does bring peace and has such a deep understanding of young people and all people's inner feelings about themselves and others. Thanks so much for this ministry of yours with so many dimensions."

>>>>**From the Governor of Connecticut:** "On behalf of the State of Connecticut, it is a pleasure to extend greetings and thanks for your remarkable contribution through LUNCH. I commend your efforts in the community and your dedication to helping the homeless. Your selfless commitment is an example to us all and an inspiration to the State of Connecticut."

>>>**From a Legacy Show Participant:** "This was an experience I will never forget. I can't remember when I've ever had this much fun, and to know that it's helping needy people in our own community is the best feeling. Thanks so much!"

>>>**From a LUNCH Participant:** "I had a great time singing on stage. I love to be able to tell everyone that I sang at the Garde with the Steve Chapin Band. Thank you for the great pictures and certificate. I already have them framed on my bedroom wall."

>>>**From a Chapin Fan:** "I just wanted to drop you a line to say how much I enjoyed your concert at Cheney Hall. It was really a nice way for my son and I to spend an evening together. I enjoyed every one of your songs as well as Harry's which you stayed very true to. It's great to see Harry's legacy live on especially with the young folks. The world needs more people like you and Harry."

## "HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION"

by Bill Pere

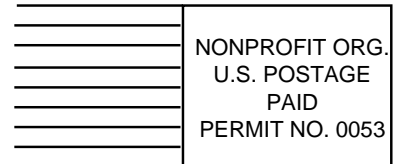
Along the coast of Nova Scotia, not too far from where the Titanic went to her watery grave, lies a group of caves cut by the ocean into the side of a cliff which resembles an artist's palette. The rock formations are an incredible amalgam of color from a variety of different minerals. Among the elements in the cliffs and caves is gold. About a century ago, the man who was to be the industrialist who built ships like the Titanic bought the beach, took all the sand, and sifted out a fortune in gold. He left behind a beach which is a breathtaking geological tapestry.

The place is called Ovens Park, a campground owned and operated by Steve Chapin and his family. For a week in August, Kay Johnson and I, with my children Jason and Melody, walked the cliffs and caves and beach. In the evenings, at the Hodge Podge Lodge, Steve played piano for the guests, and Kay and I had the privilege of playing a set at the lodge and jamming along with Steve to old tunes from the 40's, 50's and 60's. It was particularly meaningful, as Kay and I played "Dance Band on the Titanic" and "Shooting Star", to have Steve come over to the piano and start playing along, adding in the keyboard parts that he originally created on the Harry Chapin albums of the 70's. Steve and his family are great hosts, and if you're looking for a wonderful family vacation spot, try Ovens Park in Nova Scotia.

### MARK THAT CALENDAR --- !

Upcoming events with Bill Pere and the LUNCH Ensemble, and other guest artists.  
Saturday April 17, Stonington High School -- The 5th HARRY CHAPIN Legacy Show

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