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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends, Fans, and Colleagues,

Happy Easter, and Passover blessings! You've come to the right place for up-to-the-minute Happy Lemon news and a fun riddle!

Karen

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This issue's *riddle*
"Where do ghosts prefer to shop?"

The Good Shepherd Psalter

On **Saturday, April 11th, at 4:00 p.m.** we'll present new settings of five psalms as part of a service for Holy Saturday at Central Presbyterian Church of Towson, MD. I'll play the clarinet, Stephen will be at the piano, and the pair of us will accompany two sopranos. Please join us, if you're in the vicinity:

Central Presbyterian Church
7308 York Road, Towson, MD 21204
www.centralpc.org

May Concert

On **Saturday, May 17th, at 3:00 p.m.** Music Director Israel Herman conducts the Bloomfield Symphony in a performance of my *Symphony of Seasons*. Thanks, Buzz!

Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra
Bloomfield Middle School
60 Huck Road
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003
www.bloomfieldsymphony.org

Vocal Music at H.L.M.P.

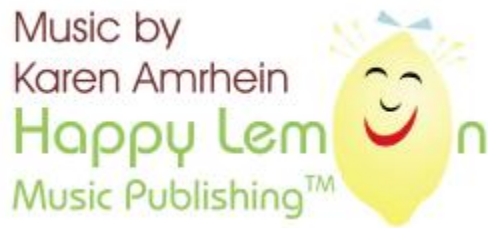
The Happy Lemon Music Publishing website received a spring cleaning and expansion recently. Among other additions, we now have a Vocal Music section that includes my choral music, carols, songs, and works that feature narration. I plan to add the songs from *The Good Shepherd Psalter* in the near future. If you haven't been to the Happy Lemon website in a while, do drop by!

Work in Progress

I've now completed almost twenty minutes of a 28-minute animated film of my story (with musical score and narration by Stephen), *Princess Paliné*. This project has engaged much of my time over the past year and a half. Having almost no experience with film-making – and none with animation – before beginning this, I've learned a great deal, but above all: I must have a few loose screws to have undertaken this! It's been engaging and frustrating, tedious and educational. Upon completion, I plan to release the film on DVD. Stay tuned!

The answer to this issue's riddle is:

"At a food-tique!"



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Dear Friends, Fans, and Colleagues,

In this issue of the Happy Lemon Newsletter: CD and DVD releases, more fine new music at the Happy Lemon website, "What I Listen for in Music" (Thanks, Jeff!), and of course, a riddle! Enjoy!

Karen

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Giving Voice CD

This month we at H.L.M.P. proudly present *Giving Voice*, our most recent album of Karen's music. Included on this CD are a long-awaited release of the *Princess Paliné Suite* conducted by Joel Borrelli-Boudreau, and new recordings made this spring of:

Euphonium Concerto with Strings
Good Shepherd Psalter
Variants for Flute & Guitar and Strings

Lauren Veronie, of the U.S. Army Field Band, performed the solo on the *Euphonium Concerto*, and Kimberly Zaleski and Mark Edwards recorded the flute and guitar solos on the *Variants*. The Bohuslav Martinu Philharmonic of Zlin, Czech Rep. provided the orchestra accompaniment on both concertos. *Giving Voice* also features sopranos Jennifer Holbrook, Elizabeth Hungerford, and Mairee Pantzer, along with baritone Michael Droettboom. Among them, the singers recorded Karen's 9 Psalm settings, with Stephen and Karen at the piano, and Karen adding the clarinet and percussion bits.

Giving Voice is available for a mere \$12 at the H.L.M.P. website. Purchase your copy today!



Princess Paliné DVD

Mention was made in April's H.L.M.P. Newsletter that I was nearing the half-way point in my efforts to create a 1/2-hr animated film of my *Princess Paliné* story. Well, a flurry of activity over the past 2 months has led to the completion of this film experience!

Princess Paliné features the fine narration of my husband, Stephen, and original music as recorded by Joel Borrelli-Boudreau and the Princess Paliné Chamber Players (the *Princess Paliné Suite*, which was drawn from the narration score, is included on the *Giving Voice* CD).

I created the animation by employing time-tested stop-motion techniques to altered images from old fruit and vegetable crate labels, medieval illuminations, and bits from scans of paintings by the masters. Preview audiences have been left in stunned silence by the results.

The *Princess Paliné* DVD also includes a video recording of the Harford Ballet's production of *Little Nemo in Slumberland* and two dances from *Dance Card*. You may purchase the hour-long DVD for \$12 at the Happy Lemon M.P. website.



This issue's *riddle*
"What did the Best Boy say to the Clapper Loader?"

New Web Pages

In the last issue I mentioned the new Vocal music pages at www.happylemonmusicpublishing.com. With the advent of the new *Giving Voice* CD I've added sub-pages for my nine Psalm settings and the two doxologies (as featured on the CD):



I invite you to sample the MP3 recordings and PDF score excerpts at the above pages.

"What I Listen For In Music."

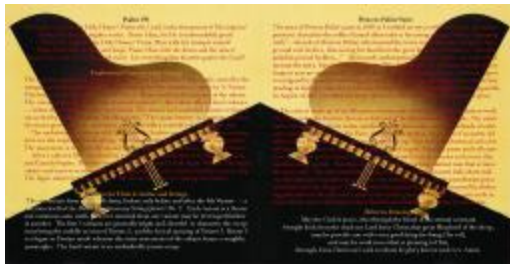
Music captures intense moments that we only feel at times in our lives. The first time we fall in love, our first sighting of the Grand Canyon or of Venice, or the birth of a child are examples of an intensity of human feeling that is hard to recapture in ordinary life. Music can re-create these moments for you as told through the ears of the composer. I find the emotional experience of music helps remind me of why it is interesting, essential and relevant to be alive. I like many kinds of music. I find I have an affection for the popular music of the 70's when I was a kid. A particular song can take me back, as if in a time machine, to the places I was visiting with friends when the song was playing. Classical music takes me out of the ordinary and into a highly focused world of sound and color. I focus on the journey through the development of ideas and have a particular love of harmony that stems from my own composing at a piano.

**Jeffrey Sharkey, Director
Peabody Institute of
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**Giving Voice CD
Princess Paliné DVD**

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The answer to this issue's riddle is:

„Get a Trip!“