

2017 Summer Lyre Conference in East Troy,
LYRE INTENSIVE 2017 - with Martin Tobiassen
Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, July 16 - 20



The Lyre Association of North America is very pleased to have the opportunity this summer of 2017 to host our lyre conference in beautiful southeastern Wisconsin, at the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute in East Troy from Sunday afternoon, July 16, through Thursday morning, July 20.

Lyre Intensive with Martin Tobiassen: Every third year, LANA offers a dedicated lyre intensive with a master lyre teacher in preparation for an international conference the following summer. This year, we have the pleasure of welcoming internationally recognized master teacher Martin Tobiassen from the town of Witten-Annen, near Dortmund, Germany.

Martin's musical career includes intensive performances in recitals and concerts, composing, teaching, coaching youth lyre groups, giving workshops, and organizing conferences. In his earlier years, Martin served as the music teacher at the Michaelshof

boarding school for children in need of special care. At that time, Julius Knierim and his wife Maja as well as lyrist Gerhard Beilharz were working and living at Michaelshof, and Martin was also serving as Julius's assistant in the Stuttgart Teacher Training. In addition, Martin has served for a number of years as the music teacher for the Hildesheim Waldorf School as well as the teacher trainer in music and pedagogy at the "Institut für Waldorfpädagogik Witten/Annen" and the Kassel Teacher Training.



The Setting: The Michael Fields Agricultural Institute (MFAI) is a non-profit organization with the mission to nurture the ecological, social and economic resiliency of food and farming systems through education, research, policy, and market development. To learn more about MFAI, [click here](#). East Troy is also home to [Uriel Pharmacy](#).

The cost to attend the conference is \$275 for LANA members and \$325 for non-members, if registered by May 15. After that date the cost is \$325 and \$375. Per diem rates and meal packages are available, along with lodging options at the MFAI dormitory or in a nearby Quality Inn. More information is available on request.

In addition to our members, LANA warmly welcomes all friends from North America and abroad who may have an interest in the lyre with or without previous experience. A special feature of this summer's conference will be a track for early childhood teachers who wish to learn to play the 7-string children's harp (kinder lyre) as well as to

deepen their understanding of the related mood of the fifth. If sufficient interest is expressed, early childhood participants will share a few sessions with the rest of the conference as well as having their own dedicated sessions. Overall, our goal for this summer's conference will be to strengthen our lyre playing skills through exercises and repertoire that will be targeted to specific ability levels. We will work together as a large group as well as in separate groups according to individual background. Above all, we are assured of having a fun and satisfying musical experience and look forward to meeting new friends and renewing old acquaintances as we share the joy of making music together!

The Lyre Association is a non-profit organization that promotes the modern lyre and supports the lyre community. LANA seeks to vary its annual conference locations in an effort to reach as many lyrists as possible across North America, including those who are new to the instrument and would like to take it up for the first time. We hope in particular with this summer's conference to attract participation from residents of nearby Milwaukee as well as the greater Chicago area. Please plan to join us in July for our 2017 Lyre Intensive in the Midwest!

To learn more about East Troy, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bFe2RIH2cE>.

Please plan to join us in East Troy, Wisconsin July 16-20 for LANA's 2017 Summer Lyre Intensive Conference! For more information, call 610-608-9281 or email lyrists@gmail.com.

- To register, go to: <http://lyre2017.bpt.me>
- Conference Schedule: [Link](#)
- To apply for financial aid, go to: <http://bit.ly/1sx05GO>
- If you live in or near East Troy, WI and can offer lodging to a conference participant, please go to: <http://bit.ly/1SclHuv>