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THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NEW YORK

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Department of Musical Instruments welcomes the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Society for Ethnomusicology. The Museum, New York's number-one tourist attraction, is located at 82nd Street and Fifth Avenue and is open Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-8:45 p.m., Sunday, Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. and is closed Monday. While at the Museum you will be able to visit the collections, including the permanent display of musical instruments located on the second floor. Parking is available at the Museum but is very expensive (with validation it runs from \$8.03 for 1 hr. to \$15.64 for 10 hrs. +tax) so street parking or public transportation is advised. For those staying at the Comfort Inn, the Museum is a pleasant half-hour walk through Central Park. For the less adventurous, you may want to invest in a MetroCard at the subway station at 72nd Street and Central Park West (in the shadow of the Dakota). There are options like using tokens or Day Passes. At this stop take the subway or, at street level, the bus north to 81st Street then walk or transfer (free using your card or a transfer) to the east bound (York Avenue) bus across the park one stop to Fifth Avenue. MACSEM members will be using the 81st Street and Fifth Avenue entrance that allows direct access to the Uris Center Auditorium, the site of this year's conference. To become better acquainted with the Museum and its holdings visit www.metmuseum.org. I look forward to seeing you soon at the Museum.

by Ken Moore, On-site Host

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