

ARSC

48th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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The Association for Recorded Sound Collections Board of Directors invites you to attend the 48th Annual Conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on May 14-17, 2014, hosted by the Southern Folklife Collection, University of North Carolina. The conference site is the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel.

Please review the entire registration packet for details on the workshops, conference program, banquet, hotel, travel, silent auction, and exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities. The most detailed and up-to-date information can be found on the conference website at www.arsc-audio.org/conference.

Registration forms with checks or money orders made payable to ARSC must be mailed to the conference registrar by **April 22, 2013** in order to receive the early registration discount. You may also register online and pay via PayPal or a credit card (a PayPal account is not required).

HOTEL

Conference sessions will be held at the Sheraton Chapel Hill hotel, located four miles from the center of downtown Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina campus, and within close proximity of Duke University and the Research Triangle Park. The Sheraton is a smoke-free hotel with lovely grounds and an outdoor swimming pool, located near shopping and restaurants. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from downtown Chapel Hill and the UNC campus, and is also on the city bus route.

Our contracted dates at the Sheraton are Tuesday May 13 – Saturday May 17, 2014 (with check out on Sunday May 18). ARSC group rates will be honored 1 day prior and 3 days after these dates, subject to availability (the hotel is sold out the weekend of May 10-11). If you wish to stay beyond May 13-17, you must book your room by telephone. The deadline to make reservations at the Sheraton is **April 22, 2014**. Reservations made after this date will be reserved only on a space available basis at the prevailing rate.

Sheraton Chapel Hill

One Europa Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 USA
Toll-free: 1-800-325-3535 ; Local Phone: (919) 968-4900

To make your hotel reservations please follow these instructions:

- By telephone: call 1-800-325-3535 and request the Association for Recorded Sound Collections room block. Reservations must be guaranteed with first night's deposit to a credit card.
- Online: follow the links on the ARSC conference page, or go to our Sheraton group page at <https://tinyurl.com/kcah2nogo>. Adjust dates accordingly and select room preferences.

The ARSC rate is \$124 (plus 13.50% tax) for a standard room with one king or two double beds, single or double occupancy. Club Level Rooms are \$144 and include breakfast (6:30-10:00am) and evening appetizers (5:30-7:30pm)—these rooms may only be reserved by calling the reservation line. Select rooms offer a microwave and balcony (you may request these when making a reservation, but they are subject to availability). Free WIFI is included in all rooms and parking is complimentary. Check-in is 3:00 p.m. EDT and check-out is noon EDT. Reservations must be cancelled by 3:00 p.m. on the day before your scheduled arrival date to avoid loss of first night's room and tax charges.

ROOMMATE CLEARINGHOUSE

If you need a roommate for the meeting, contact Brenda Nelson-Strauss (bnelsons@indiana.edu) and provide your contact information, dates for which you need a roommate, and any preferences. You'll receive a list of others who meet your preferences and then you can make your own arrangements.

TRAVEL (see conference website for additional maps and links)

The Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) is home to eight air carriers and their regional partners, and is approximately 20 minutes from the Sheraton Chapel Hill. Shuttles or private limousines can be reserved for direct drop-off to/from the airport. The Skylink Shuttle (<http://www.skylinkshuttle.com>) is offering a special ARSC discount of \$18 per person, each way (reservations must be made online at least **24 hours in advance**; *not* available for telephone reservations). To receive the discount, follow the ARSC link on the Skylink homepage, or from the travel section of the ARSC conference website. Another option is Sky Shuttle, which is offering a \$24.00 one way/\$38 round trip fee for ARSC members (write discount code RSC in “Comments” section of the online form); tickets may be purchased online or by calling 855-759-8267 (24-hour advance notice recommended). Please keep your receipts and make sure you board the correct shuttle, since these companies have very similar names. Estimated taxi fare from the airport is \$30. Amtrak’s Carolinian runs from New York to Durham with stops in Newark, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington DC, and Virginia. The Durham Amtrak station is 8 miles from the Sheraton.

PARKING

On-site parking at the Sheraton Chapel Hill is free.

WEATHER

The average high temperature in Chapel Hill in May is 78°F and the average low temperature is 55°F, with 3.85 inches of rain.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Sheraton Chapel Hill is an ADA compliant hotel. ARSC is committed to providing equal access in all aspects of its business and will make efforts to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities within the limits of its budget. To request accommodation for a disability during the conference, contact ARSC’s Executive Director: execdir@arsc-audio.org; 541-346-1852.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The ARSC registration table will be located outside Paris I&II on the ground floor, around the corner from the hotel’s registration desk. Conference registration will be open from 4-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, continuing Thursday-Saturday (see final program for hours). If you arrive by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, please stop by the registration desk to pick up your name badge prior to the reception.

OPENING RECEPTION

The conference will officially kick off with the opening reception on Wednesday evening in the Sheraton’s Venetian Room above the hotel’s restaurant. Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. and will continue until 9:00 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres, wine, beer and soda will be served, and there will be a cash bar for other drinks. Please check the box on the registration form if you plan to attend, so we can better estimate our catering needs.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

All sessions are scheduled from Thursday through Saturday on the ground floor of the Sheraton. Each day of the conference will begin with a special plenary session of general interest, followed by two concurrent sessions, each targeted to different interest groups. Complete session abstracts will be available on the conference website and printed in the final program. On Friday night the annual Collectors Roundtable, an informal show and tell open to everyone, will be held in the Paris Room.

BREAKFAST and LUNCH BUFFETS

The Sheraton offers a daily breakfast buffet for \$10, and will also be offering a special \$10 lunch buffet on Thursday-Saturday. **Lunch buffet tickets must be purchased in advance, no later than 10:30 a.m.** each day. Menu options will be inserted in the conference packets. This will be the best option for those without cars, since lunch breaks are fairly short.

EXHIBITS

The Exhibit Hall will be open on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and close on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Individuals or companies interested in exhibiting at the conference should complete and return the enclosed form with their registration. Those who are not able to attend the conference may still reserve a non-hosted table, send literature for the conference bags, or advertise in the program. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to showcase your wares and services. Also, it isn't too late to become an official conference sponsor and receive a free exhibit table and complementary registration. Please contact the conference manager for details or refer to the website.

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction will be located in the Exhibit Hall. All ARSC members and vendors are encouraged to donate one or more items to be auctioned off to the highest bidder—this is a great way to support ARSC (a non-profit, 501.C.3 organization) and will make our exhibit room a lively place. Any item in good condition is welcome including books, CDs, LPs, 78s, 45s, audio products, and ephemera. Bid sheets can be printed from the website and should be included with your donation if you wish to set a minimum bid or require a receipt. If you are willing to donate materials please bring them with you to the conference, or ship them via UPS or Media Mail at least two weeks in advance to: Steve Weiss, Southern Folklife Collection, 208 Raleigh Street, UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-8890. Any specific queries about items or shipments can be sent to Steve: smweiss@email.unc.edu.

THURSDAY RECEPTION & RECORD SALE—SOUTHERN FOLKLIFE COLLECTION

UNC's Southern Folklife Collection is hosting a genuine Carolina BBQ reception for ARSC Members on Thursday evening, May 15, from 6–8:00 p.m in Wilson Library on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill. Find a lost gem in the surplus record sale and take a tour of the Southern Folklife Collection, one of the nation's foremost archives of American Vernacular Music. We will be providing shuttle buses to and from campus and downtown Chapel Hill, departing from the Sheraton at regular intervals, with the last shuttle leaving downtown at approximately 10 p.m. Free parking will be available next to Wilson Library for those who wish to drive.

AWARDS BANQUET

The conference will conclude on Saturday evening with the annual Awards Banquet in the hotel's Venetian Room, preceded by a Happy Hour at 6:00 p.m. Winners of the 2013 and 2014 ARSC Awards will be honored. If you are attending the banquet, please be sure to select your choice of entrée on the registration form. Options include wild mushroom ravioli with goat cheese thyme cream (vegetarian), grilled marinated flat iron steak with mushrooms and onions, and chicken piccata with capers, lemons and parmesan cheese. We will also try to accommodate special dietary needs—please email the Conference Manager or add a note to your registration form.

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