

ASM –NNE Holiday Dinner Meeting  
**History and Demonstration of Music and Musical Instruments of Ancient Egypt**  
Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Where:** The Hitchiner Barn, 117 Old Wilton Road, Milford, New Hampshire 03055.

**When:** 5:30 to 6:30 PM – Social Hour  
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM – Dinner  
7:30 to 8:30 PM – Speaker Presentation



**Speaker Bio:** Douglas Irvine is a composer, sound artist and instrument maker who lives and works in New Hampshire. His music and sound work has been featured internationally through museums, art galleries, public radio, film, video and computer-based media. With a background in the musical traditions of ancient Middle Eastern cultures, Doug teaches and lectures about the musical practices of civilizations including ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia.

As a performer, Doug specializes in Middle Eastern percussion instruments including the Arabic tabla and frame drums. He also plays a variety of string and wind instruments from the Near East and Africa. His independent recorded works include the radio documentary, *Lost Sounds of the Nile*, his self released CD, *Ambient Egypt*, and the natural history recording, *Soundscapes of the Dinosaurs*.

Doug will start with an overview of the Egyptian musical instruments namely strings, winds, and percussion. He will discuss the materials used in the construction of these ancient instruments and will touch upon how to reconstruct these instruments, and what is known and what is not about them. He will also describe the occasions in which music was made in the ancient Egyptian daily life. Doug will play a variety of instruments to demonstrate how these instruments sound and explain why they sound the way they do.

**Dinner Cost:** \$20 per person for members, \$25 per person for non-members, free for students. Seating is limited to 50 people;

**Please RSVP with dinner choice** to John Redemske at [jredemske@mct-inc.com](mailto:jredemske@mct-inc.com) or 603 673 9720 X2314 **by Friday Dec 4, 2009.**

**Meal choices are:**

- Stuffed Chicken Breast
- NY Sirloin
- Baked Haddock
- Vegetarian

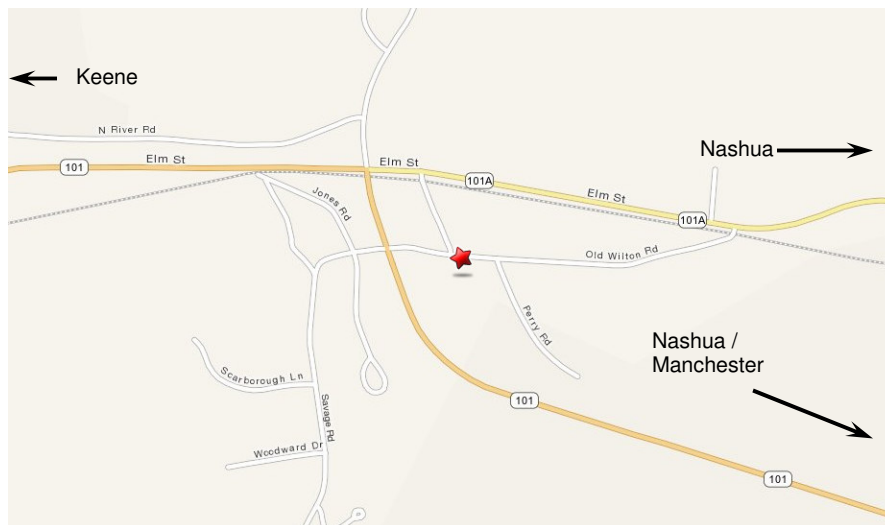
Dinners will include starch, vegetable, bread roll, salad, beverage and dessert.

**Directions:**

From North (Manchester) follow 101 West to Milford/Keene. At the first stop light after passing the Rt 13 exit, turn right on Old Wilton Road and then first left on Hitchiner Way. Park in the parking lot to your right. The Barn is all the way to the end of the parking lot to your right.

From West (Keene) follow 101 East to Milford. Follow 101 East and go past the stop light for 101A. Travel less than 1/10 mile and at the next stop light turn left on Old Wilton Road and then first left on Hitchiner Way. Then follow directions as above.

From South (Nashua) follow 101A West to Milford. At the junction of 101 and 101A, take 101 West to Milford/Keene. At the first stop light after passing the Rt 13 exit turn right at the stop light on Old Wilton Road and then first left on Hitchiner Way. Then follow directions as above.



**Upcoming ASM - Northern New England meetings**

**February 2010**

Board of Trustees visit

Location – Portsmouth, NH

**April 2010**

Wind Energy

Location - TBD