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LAPD Band

by Christina Challey

From playing chamber music to psychedelic rock, to singing harmony with her five siblings, LAPD Concert Band member Shuli Rayberg has shared her many musical talents with many a musical genre.

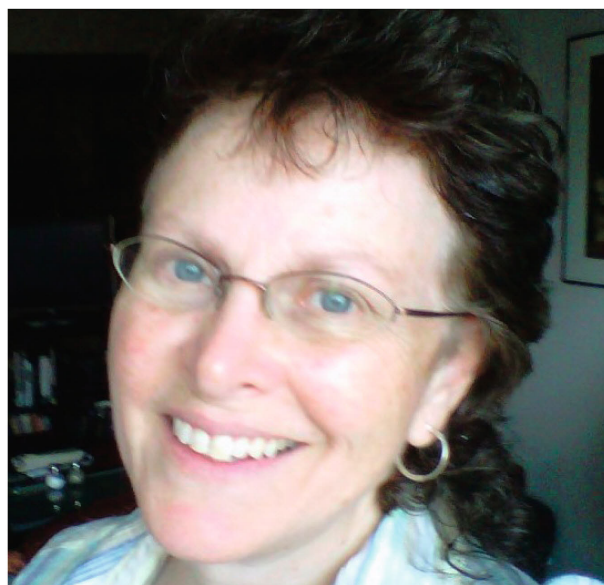
Shuli grew up in Detroit, which she called, "a happening place with classical, jazz and pop" music. She also said nearby Ann Arbor and Ontario had a "pretty developed folk scene." Yet, with all these different styles of music to choose from, she said if she had the option, she preferred chamber music. So how did she come to play standards from the '40s and '50s, Dixieland, novelty and Irish songs, and psychedelic rock?

Well, maybe it was growing up with a sister who became a musician, music educator and conductor. "There was always a new instrument, musical or concert for me to think about," Shuli said. Maybe it was learning her mother's favorite songs from the '40s and '50s. Or maybe it was when she studied in Israel

in 10th grade, an experience that broadened her listening skills and gave her the opportunity to participate in an improvisation course with Shoshana Philips.

Whatever inspired her musically, Shuli learned to play a number of instruments, including the flute, clarinet and bassoon. While in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, she said she "pulled together a Dixieland/novelty/Irish band called Bleeding Reeds." She continued to play for dances with the Philadelphia English Country Dancers, where she said she started writing parts for the flute and the bassoon. Then she moved to Los Angeles.

It was in Los Angeles where Shuli began playing with the psychedelic rock band Oyster Club. The Oyster Club was named after an intellectual club that existed in the 18th century during the Scottish enlightenment. Members of the club included economist Adam Smith, philosopher David Hume, geologist James Hutton, and even Benjamin Franklin were known to have dropped by.



Shuli Rayberg

Today, the Oyster Club Band is led by two of the three original members of the band Home Planet—Steve Tarnoff and Mike Roux. Shuli played bassoon and flute with the band and recorded a couple of singles with them. One of these singles was called "The Fat Angel."

Along with her musical talents, Shuli says she owes it "to the joys of growing up in Michigan and her state parks," that she considers herself to be a naturalist. She said she is passionate about travel and nature, and makes art from collected branches, flowers and extracts. She said she also spent a lot of time in the "wilds" of her father's

14-acre junkyard and was "enchanted" by her mother's continued flying of her Cessna airplane. Shuli said all these activities provided a great background for her day job as a high school science teacher.

Whether it's music or science, the LAPD Concert Band is glad that Shuli has come to share her time and talents with them.

For more information about the Band, see our website at www.lasown.com, and contact Jim Starr, executive director, at sngcop@aol.com. For greatly appreciated donations, please go to www.lapolicefoundation.org, and under "Comments," put "for the Band." ♦

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by Alan Atkins

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- LAPD Memorial Service, Thursday, May 2, 2019, 1000 hours, Elysian Park Academy
- State Memorial Service, Monday, May 6, 2019, Sacramento
- National Memorial Service, Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Washington, D.C.

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