

AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY IN DALLAS 2024-2025



Welcome New and Returning Members, and Friends of the Harp!

The Dallas Chapter is an active and engaged community of harpists. We look forward to another fantastic year of programs, recitals, workshops, guest artists, and student events including two scholarship award competitions in the spring. There is an abundance of harp happenings all over the metroplex, as well as exciting plans for the future. Read on for more detail.



One thing our community of harpists loves to do is... get together! We are delighted to begin our new season with a **Fall Harp Gathering Social and Fundraiser** on Sunday, October 6 from 3-5 pm. Check your member email for location and address or contact info@dallasharpsociety.org. We will have light refreshments, time to mix and mingle, new and gently used harp music, accessories, ornaments, and other items for sale at bargain prices, as well as a Silent Auction featuring three donated lever harps. The chapter welcomes your donations of harp-related items toward the fundraiser. The event is free to attend, and all proceeds benefit the Dallas Harp Society. This is a gathering not to be missed.

The **2024 Dallas Chapter Ambassador Anjali Shivkumar** will give a Zoom presentation and report on Saturday, October 19. Anjali did a terrific job representing the chapter at the 2024 AHS National Conference in Orlando, Florida in June. Her unique community engagement project is titled "*Carnatic Music Therapy*" in which she explores using Classical Indian music, ragas, to affect well-being.

Capping off fall programming will be a **Forum** on "*Healing Aspects of the Harp: The Good Vibrations of Therapeutic Playing and Sound Immersions*" on November 10, facilitated by **Kimberly Snauffer DeRosa**.

In the spring, we continue our season with the return of the **Celtic Harp Circle** on Saturday, February 1. Open to all harps, large or small, pedal or lever, and to harpists of all ages and stages. Bring your harp and come play along. No prior experience is needed, and music will be provided. You'll learn a tune or two and hear some outstanding local Celtic harp players.

We are looking forward to the highly anticipated **University of North Texas residency of harpist Emmanuel Ceysson** in January. The Dallas Chapter is pleased to sponsor a reception following Emmanuel's recital on Tuesday, January 28.

We cheer the return of in-person recitals for the **Mu Phi Epsilon Concert Series at the Dallas Public Library**. Harpist **Adam Phan**, Dallas native and graduate of The Juilliard School, will perform on Sunday, March 9. The concert is free and open to the public.

Two scholarship award competitions will be held simultaneously on Saturday April 26. The **Julia Herrmann Edwards Student Scholarship Competition** is open to students up to age 21 in three repertoire categories and features works composed or arranged by Marcel Grandjany. The **Gail Barber Scholarship Award Competition** is open to students up to age 16 on either lever or pedal harp for the best performance of a work composed or arranged by Gail Barber. Complete details and entry information may be found on the Dallas Chapter website www.dallasharpsociety.org.

The annual **Student Recital** is always a highlight and marks the closing of the 2024-2025 season of chapter events. The recital will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 4 pm. This year's student recital will feature the winners of the scholarship competitions, along with students of all ages from across the metroplex.



The Dallas Chapter needs *you* – your presence, your involvement, your membership, and your donations. One way you can help is by making a contribution on **North Texas Giving Day, September 19, 2024**. Your generous support of our organization will ensure that we can continue to provide quality programming for many years to come. We honor our legacy and seek to empower the next generation of harpists by presenting world class guest artists, educational and enrichment opportunities for harpists of all ages, and outstanding concerts in partnership with incredible local venues. Won't you partner with us in sustaining the mission of the Dallas Harp Society? Great or small, your gift is much appreciated!

<https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/organization/american-harp-society-in-dallas>



A wealth of local harp events and concerts are on tap in the coming year. Details can be found on the chapter website and will be shared on social media. Check back often as new harp happenings are being added frequently! And if you have an event or news to share, reach out and let us know through the News and Events pages at www.dallasharpsociety.org by filling out and submitting an easy online form.



If you have not heard the news, the **American Harp Society Harp Ensemble Festival**, set to take place in 2025, has been *rescheduled*. The new dates are June 17-20, 2027, at the Marriott Dallas Allen Hotel and Conference Center. Full details of the festival event can be found on the national AHS website. The Dallas Chapter is thrilled and honored to be the local hosts for the festival. Stay tuned for more information about how YOU can be involved as a volunteer.



We gratefully recognize ten **Life Members** of the Dallas Chapter for your generous support. A one-time Life Membership payment of \$500 goes a long way in underwriting programming and continuing the

mission of service within our great chapter and in bringing greater awareness of the harp to the Dallas-Fort Worth community at large.

Thank you and welcome to our newest Life Members: **Mary Radspinner, Luzviminda Keene, and Kela Walton.** They are joining the current roster of Dallas Chapter Life Members including **Yumiko Schlaffer, Rita Rice, Peter Wiley, Kate Gabriele, Carolyn Carson, Evelyn Chew, and Carla Siegesmund.**

Join or renew your membership in the Dallas Harp Society today!

Two convenient options are available – by mail with the attached membership form, or online at <https://www.dallasharpsociety.org/membership>.

And don't forget to renew your membership in the American Harp Society national organization for loads of member benefits and all the latest harp news from around the United States and the world. Visit <https://www.harpsociety.org/ways-to-join> to learn more.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Warmest wishes from your American Harp Society in Dallas Executive Board,

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