

AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY IN DALLAS 2023-2024



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

This year, the Dallas Harp Society celebrates its 60th anniversary. The chapter was established by a dedicated group of local harpists and was chartered in 1963, only one year after the American Harp Society! In honor and celebration of the inspirational legacy these harpists created for us, we have an amazing year planned for you, featuring a variety of workshops and concerts, student events, and fun social activities.



Mark your calendars: we will celebrate our chapter's sixty years with a **birthday party** on **Sunday, October 29 from 3 – 5 pm** at Wilshire Baptist Church, 4316 Abrams Rd, Dallas, Texas, 75214. Watch your email, social media accounts, and check out our website for more details and to R.S.V.P. to the celebration. This is a party you will NOT want to miss!

We kick off the season with an online presentation on September 24 from **Dallas Chapter Ambassador, Silvia Torres Rodarte**. Silvia represented the chapter at the 2023 AHS Summer Institute in Los Angeles, and she recently completed her community engagement project "Fairytale Harps: Using Harp Music to Retell the Fairytale of Cinderella in a Storybook Reading."

Rounding out our Fall programming will be an outstanding recital on November 5 by UNT student **Margaret Anne Gunter, First Prize Winner in the Advanced Division of the 2023 AHS National Competition**. Margaret Anne's program will feature works by Britten, Scarlatti, Tailleferre and Nino Rota, and is presented as part of the Mu Phi Epsilon Concert Series. This will be an online event, so watch for the streaming link to be posted soon.

In the Spring, we continue our season with an entertaining and informative workshop by **Peter Wiley, the Harp Doc** and an interactive **Teachers' Forum moderated by Kimberly Snauffer DeRosa**. We are looking forward to the **UNT residency of harpist Elisabeth Plank**. The Dallas Chapter is pleased to sponsor a reception following Ms. Plank's recital on March 23. Student events cap off the year with **Auditions and Evaluations at the TCU School of Music** and the annual **Student Recital** on May 5 at 4 pm.



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 21, 2023**. 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.

Just to highlight a few of the exciting harp performances happening in DFW this Fall:

- **Julia Grünbaum**, Grand Prize Winner of the 2023 Lewisville Lake Symphony International Competition for Harp and Strings, performs the Gliere *Concerto for Harp* with the Lewisville Lake Symphony on September 22, 7:30 pm at the Lewisville Grand Theatre.
- Two opportunities to experience the **Crimson Duo of harpist Jaymee Haefner and violinist Matt Milewski** as they share “Stringscapes,” a unique interwoven presentation of music and visual art, on October 9 at UNT, 8 pm and October 15, 2 pm at St. Andrew Methodist Church in Plano.
- **TCU Harp Ensemble and TCU Music Prep Harp Studio of Kela Walton** presents “A Harpoween Concert,” an evening celebrating the music of the AllHallowtide season, on October 30, 7 pm.
- Spring events posting soon!



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.

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

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