



American Harp Society in Dallas 2020-2021

Dear American Harp Society Members Past and Present,

WELCOME to another exciting year with the American Harp Society in Dallas 2020-2021 from the Executive Board!

The beginning of the new season is again upon us, and it's time to look forward to another year of programs, events, and time to get together either virtually, and, hopefully later in the year, in person. This year will be different from any other year in the history of our chapter, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will begin our first meeting of the year on Zoom on October 4, 2020. Details are provided on the Events Calendar, and we will be keeping you informed of further details through email and through our website.

Details of this year's membership are included with the enclosed membership form. Please read this carefully, as we have made some changes due to the pandemic. To be sure to be included in the 2020-2021 membership roster, membership dues must be paid by October 1. Online membership is available and directions are included on the membership form.

On Thursday, September 17, 2020, the AHS in Dallas will participate in The Communities Foundation of Texas' 12th annual North Texas Giving Day, a one-day online giving extravaganza for you to give to the organization of your choice. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AHS in Dallas Board of Directors has decided to give a portion of the money raised to the **DFW Musicians COVID-19 Relief Fund**. Please join the movement on September 17th and help us enrich the North Texas harp community by giving to the American Harp Society in Dallas. Our organization promotes support for harpists in the North Texas area by hosting performances by local and world-class harpists, and by funding important student educational opportunities, and now will promote support for our local musicians who have not been able to work at their craft since the pandemic started. Your participation is very much appreciated and **your donation will be increased by bonus funds**.

Your Program Chair, Laura Brandenburg, has been working very hard to bring wonderful and innovative programs to us this season. As mentioned, the first meeting will be on Zoom, and each meeting after that will be subject to the conditions of the pandemic as the time nears. Please see the enclosed Events Calendar for the full line-up for the year, and details. We know there will be something for every harp enthusiast to enjoy!

For the latest information about our chapter, and local harp-related events and performances, please visit our website at www.dallasharpsociety.org or like us on **Facebook**. We are also a part of **Amazon Smile**. Any time you make a purchase on amazon.com, 0.5% of eligible purchases will go towards the American Harp Society in Dallas. Please visit our website for more information.

Thank you for your support and membership in the American Harp Society in Dallas. We also hope you will join the American Harp Society (www.harpsociety.org) at the national level as well. Remember you must join both organizations to be a member of both.

We look forward to seeing you at our events!

Sincerely,

The Executive Board of the American Harp Society in Dallas

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