



## AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY IN DALLAS 2026-2027



### Howdy, New and Returning Members and Friends of the Harp!

The Dallas Chapter is back for another fantastic year, with events tailored for everyone to enjoy, from students to lifelong learners to friends who just love harp music. We hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming chapter events and at a local harp concert happening near you.



### We are Excited!

The BIG news for our chapter is that we are co-hosting the first-ever American Harp Society Harp Ensemble Festival, **“Deep in the Harp of Texas,”** next summer, June 17-20, 2027, at the Marriott Dallas Allen Hotel & Convention Center. We can’t wait to welcome harpists and harp ensembles from across the Americas to this national event. Dallas’ own **Emily Levin**, Principal Harpist of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, will present the Opening Evening Concert on June 17.

To kick off our AHSD season, we are holding an **Ensemble Festival Roundup** on **Sunday, October 18 at 3 pm**. Come enjoy refreshments, win door prizes, and be ready to practice some Texas line dancing! Learn what YOU can do to help show off our Texas hospitality and make the festival a success. Exclusive *Deep in the Harp of Texas* swag will be given to those who sign up in person at the meeting as a volunteer for 2027.



### Programs for All

Partake in a variety of chapter programming on the calendar this year, presented by members of our incredibly talented pool of local harpists. Full event details are on the chapter website.

- **Sunday, November 15 at 3 pm** *Arpasana Yoga for Harpists* by Kela Walton
- **Sunday, February 7 at 2 pm** *Mu Phi Epsilon Concert Series*, Recital by Yumiko Endo Schlaffer
- **Sunday, March 7 at 3 pm** *Anatomy of a Song: Publishing and Copyright* by Cindy Horstman

Thank you to **Minda Music** for sponsoring this meeting location!





### Supporting Our Students

The Dallas Chapter is deeply committed to offering educational and enrichment programming and performance opportunities for our local students.

- **Sunday, November 8 at 3 pm Chapter Ambassadors Vaishavi Pandey and Danatra Widjaja** will speak about their personal experiences at One Harp World and share reports on their Community Engagement Projects.
- **Saturday, April 17 (all day) Student Scholarship Award Competition and Gail Barber Scholarship Prize Competition.** Repertoire, rules, and entry forms are posted on the chapter website.
- **Sunday, May 2 at 4 pm Annual Student Recital**  
Always a highlight, this recital will feature the winners of the AHSD Competitions and marks the closing of a busy season of chapter events.



### Supporting Local Events

DFW harpists are busy harpists! Follow us on social media and check the chapter website for postings about local harp events and concerts. Let us know what you have coming up by sharing on our Facebook community group, and submitting event info to our Webmaster.



### Harpists on the Go!

The Dallas Chapter was well represented at **One Harp World**, an international harp gathering presented by The World Harp Congress and The American Harp Society, which was held in Toronto in July. Congratulations to chapter members attending and presenting at the conference: Kimberly DeRosa, Kela Walton, Alison Read, Jaymee Haefner, Irene Lee, Minda Keene, Vaishavi Pandey, Danatra Widjaja, and the members of the UNT HarpBeats.



### Our Mission

The mission of the American Harp Society is supported by YOU, our members, through your time, your service, and your generous donations to the cause. While the Dallas Chapter is not participating in North Texas Giving Day this season, you may donate directly to the chapter at any time through our website [www.dallasharpsociety.org/donate](http://www.dallasharpsociety.org/donate). 100% of your gift goes directly to programming to benefit local harpists.



### Join Us

***Renew your membership in the American Harp Society today!***

***It is so easy and convenient to join:***

[www.dallasharpsociety.org](http://www.dallasharpsociety.org)

Remember, you must join and pay dues to *both* the AHS in Dallas Chapter *and* the national AHS to hold national membership. Not sure when your national membership expires? Log into myAHS at [www.harpsociety.org](http://www.harpsociety.org) to view your account and explore all the ways a national AHS membership can benefit you.



### Stay in Touch

Stay informed throughout the year with program updates and announcements on our Dallas Harp Society website, through our social media accounts, and via email news. Update your contact information at any time by reaching out to [info@dallasharpsociety.org](mailto:info@dallasharpsociety.org).



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The **American Harp Society Harp Ensemble Festival** is happening **June 17-20, 2027**, at the Marriott Dallas Allen Hotel & Convention Center. Participation and registration details can be found at [www.harpsociety.org/ensemble2027](http://www.harpsociety.org/ensemble2027).

*It's going to be a boot scootin' good time!*

