

## AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY IN DALLAS 2022-2023

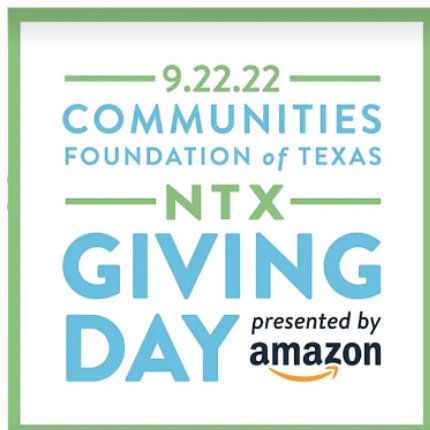


Dear Members and Potential Members of the American Harp Society in Dallas,

The beginning of the new season of the American Harp Society in Dallas is almost upon us. Our Program Chair, Laura Brandenburg, and our Student Events Chair, Naoko Nakamura, have many wonderful and varied programs and activities planned for the season, and we invite you to join us. We begin with a Zoom meeting presentation by our **Chapter Ambassadors on September 11, and an in-person meeting entitled *Shine up Your Holiday Playlist* at Trinity Lutheran Church in Flower Mound on October 2.** All of the programs for the coming year are listed on the *AHS in Dallas 2022-2023 Programs* page.

Membership forms are also available online at [www.dallasharpsociety.org](http://www.dallasharpsociety.org). You may either print the form and mail it with your check, or join online. To be sure to be included in the 2022-23 membership roster, please pay your membership dues by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also, please remember that the American Harp Society in Dallas and the national American Harp Society, Inc. are not the same. Our Dallas Chapter is under the umbrella of the national organization. To become a member of the national organization, you must also pay dues to that organization. To pay your dues to the national AHS, Inc, please visit [www.harpsociety.org](http://www.harpsociety.org) to join or to renew your membership.



On Thursday, September 22, 2022, the AHS in Dallas will participate in the Communities Foundation of Texas' 14<sup>th</sup> annual **North Texas Giving Day**, a one-day online giving extravaganza for you to give to the organization of your choice. Please join the movement on September 22, 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. Your participation is very much appreciated and your donation will be increased by bonus funds.

AHS in Dallas is pleased to sponsor up to three student members for participation in the **2022-23 Chapter Ambassador Awards**. Financial assistance of \$500 per Chapter Ambassador is available. Selected ambassadors are eligible for up to an additional \$500

in matching grants from the (national) American Harp Society, Inc. Chapter Ambassadors will attend and participate in the AHS Summer Institute in Los Angeles, June 1-4, 2023. Each Chapter Ambassador will create a local community engagement project to help to share the beauty of the harp with more people. The deadline for application is October 1, 2022. Please visit <https://www.harpsociety.org/chapter-ambassador-program> for program guidelines and application requirements.

This year, AHS in Dallas will be sponsoring two student competitions on February 25, 2023-the **Student Scholarship Award Competition, and the Gail Barber Scholarship Award Competition**. Interested students may find the repertoire, competition rules, and entry forms on our website. The deadline to enter is January 20, 2023

A new program that has just been created by the AHS in Dallas is called the **New Commissions Grant Project**. This program enables members to apply for a grant of up to \$500 to help cover expenses of composing a new musical work. The deadline for this year's project is May 1, 2023. Please see the website for all details.

For the latest information about our chapter, local harp-related events and performances, and classified ads, please visit our website. Also visit our Facebook page called AHS Dallas Community.

We are 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. More information is available on our website.

Thank you for your support and membership in the American Harp Society in Dallas. We look forward to seeing you at our events!

Sincerely,

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