

Harp Notes: Fall 2012



Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a great summer, with a lot of time to enjoy friends and family as well as some time to play your harp. In this issue of Harp Notes, I will introduce you to a new partnership I created with Classical Harp Academy of Ottawa. I will also share exciting news about this fall and some of the performances I will be involved in. Enjoy reading the experience of a member of the harp circle and marvel at the "Neat Things" page ☺

Happy reading!

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Classical Harp Academy

As of the fall of this year, I will be teaming up with Classical harp Academy (CHA) located in Ottawa and serving the Western provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. I will be representing four major harp companies through CHA: Lyon and Healy, Salvi Harps, Triplett and Dusty Strings.

I will specialize in sales of harps and accessories. You can now order your books, strings, tuners and tuning keys directly from me. I can also assist you in the purchase of your new lever or pedal harp.

I presently have the following harps available for viewing (by appointment only):

2 Lyon and Healy Prelude 40 (Mahogany)

1 Lyon and Healy Ogden (Mahogany)

1 Salvi Juno (Blue)

1 Triplett Christina therapy harp (Cherry)

Please contact me for further information at 306-540-6428. Thank you!

Calendar of Performances

In addition to my regular performance schedule with the RSO and SSO, I will be a part of a very exciting show this fall: the Vancouver Award-winning show "The Light in the Piazza" is coming to Persephone theatre in Saskatoon. This musical is accompanied from beginning to end with a beautifully written chamber ensemble score. All musicians will be visible on stage during the performance of this great musical. "The Light in the Piazza" will run from October 24th to November 11th. Information about performance dates and tickets available on the Persephone site: www.persephonetheatre.org.

Echoes of Erin-2012 Concert Tour of North America

Echoes of Erin, which showcases some of the top Irish traditional performers (including harp!), will visit the following venues with an exciting show of traditional Irish music, song and dance:

Wednesday, October 10th: Saskatoon, Holy Cross High School Theatre- 7:30PM.
(Call 306-975-0551 or email hugbren@sasktel.net)

Thursday, October 11th: Regina, Royal Saskatchewan Museum-7:30PM.
(Call 306-584-0018 or email cleggett@accesscomm.ca)

Other dates in Manitoba, see details on www.comhaltas.ie



Harp Circles New members welcome!

Harp Circles are a very important part of harp playing for the very beginning to the more advanced player. Harp circles started in my home in September 2011 and since then, regular harpers meetings have been held in and around Regina thanks to the commitment and hard work of Kelly Warden. The circle is formed mostly of former and present students of mine. Each member is encouraged to take turns in hosting a monthly circle.

New members are welcome to join this circle, please contact Kelly at **584-9516** for further information.

Here is the testimonial of one of the circle's members. It illustrates how a true spirit of inclusion and support is what our meetings are built on. I urge actual members to continue cherishing this "esprit de corps" and I wish for future members to start emulating it:

"After attending my first harp circles this year, I walked away feeling so happy, refreshed, spiritually uplifted and blessed. Was it the harp music? Our emotions bonding as we played on such a beautiful instrument? Our chatty visits as we happily try the variety of dishes?

The encouragements and acceptance as we'd play pieces for each other? The hello & goodbye hugs? What was it?

Each and everyone of you has brought such a gift to my life!

You each have such a gentleness of spirit, your acceptance, your smiles, your guidance, sharing of music, your homes, tips and the list goes on...

I wish to see the Harp Circle continue and flourish because it is good. Truly, it is."

Neat Things

Earth Harp

On *America's Got Talent*, William Close, a musical instrument inventor, showcased his Earth Harp. You can view footage of his performance on this very unusual instrument on YouTube. Enter the following on YouTube to find a great performance of the Earth Harp: "William close-Top 48-america's got talent 2012"

Never be without a Metronome!

So here you are practicing along with your metronome and suddenly it stops working (no battery juice? Given up the ghost?). It is late, minus too cold outside to go to the store and buy batteries, don't despair! There are a number of free online metronomes you can access on your PC. Here is one I found on Google www.metronomeonline.com.

Piper the Musical Dog

On a more personal note: I would like to introduce you to Piper, the much-loved Kennedy family pet. He demonstrates a real attraction to music, and to the harp in particular. He has been assigned a special bench to sit on while Jillaine is practicing!



Used Harp for Sale

I have come across a beautiful used Prelude 38 for sale. It is advertised on www.kijiji.ca. It is located in Lethbridge, the description goes as follows:

This beautiful quality Lyon & Healy Prelude Harp is like new, never really been used. It comes with matching adjustable height bench, tuning wrench, metronome, harp music books, padded cover and shipping box.

Selling all for the price of \$4000 Firm (no duty or gst)

This Prelude Harp is a 38 string harp with range from 6th Octave C to 1st Octave E, with full standard Loveland levers. It has a Solid spruce soundboard and has the exquisite sound and appearance of a concert model, with a scalloped brass crown, claw feet and a fluted column. It has a natural finish.

. Soundboard Width 14 7/8" (38 cm)

. Extreme Width: 31 1/2" (80 cm)

. Height: 64" (163 cm)

. Weigh: 42 lbs (19 kg)

Serious inquiries only please.



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Closing Words

I would like to give a special thank you to the following people for their contributions to this fall newsletter issue of Harp Notes:

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Please note: Deadline for the winter issue of Harp Notes is January 10th 2012. Email me your small articles about all things harp: harps for sale or rent, photos, neat websites, etc.... I will be sure to include them in our next issue.

*"Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the
mind,
Flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to
life"
Plato*

