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**HARP ♦ PIANO ♦ ORGAN**  
*Gentle, Romantic Music  
 for your special occasion*

## HOW TO BOOK AN EVENT

Contact me by email or phone with the following information:

- Your name, email address and phone number
- Event date and time
- Event location: site, address, AND indoor or outdoor
- Instrument preference: Harp, Piano, or Organ

### If Your Event Is A Wedding:

You will confirm your booking with a \$100 deposit (**non-refundable**) and a signed agreement. Balance is to be paid two weeks before your wedding.

We will set up a time for you to come to my home studio for a consultation, where we can meet and where you will be able to hear live music and select your processional and recessional and decide on the type of music you want for your wedding.

### If Your Event Is Not Wedding-related:

I will send you an agreement letter, and you may confirm your booking by returning the signed agreement. A \$50 deposit is preferred, and balance due onsite before the event begins. (For non-wedding events less than three weeks away, special arrangements for deposit will be made on a case-by-case basis.)

## About Prelude Music for Weddings

- ♪ *Unlike many other musicians you may have encountered, I like to be early for your wedding! If I am playing harp, I will arrive about 50-60 minutes before to set up and tune, and will begin playing when your first guests arrive for seating so that they may enjoy background music while they are waiting. If I am playing piano/organ, I will arrive 45 minutes before scheduled start time.*

## Sound Amplification

- ♪ *Amplification:* Although the sound of the harp carries well on its own, I can provide a small amplifier/speaker for larger areas at no additional charge.

## HARP at Outdoor Events

- ♪ *There are several necessities for the safety of the harp:*

- 1) *Floor* must be smooth and level where harp sits; if your event is on *dry* grass or an uneven surface like bricks, please let me know so I can bring a level surface.
- 2) Shade must be provided (Tent, awning, patio cover, gazebo); the harp cannot be exposed to direct sun.
- 3) An alternate indoor location **must be** planned in case it rains or temperature is below 60F.

<b>FEES</b>  <b>\$100 non-refundable deposit</b> now to hold your date; Balance due 2 weeks before event	<b>Piano/Organ:</b> <i>Wedding: \$250;</i> includes music selection consultation at my studio <i>Memorial Service: \$200</i> (prelude and up to 1 hour service) <i>Non-wedding Background Music: \$100/hr.</i> <b>Harp</b> <i>Wedding: \$325;</i> includes music selection consultation at my studio; <i>Memorial Service: \$250</i> (prelude and up to 1 hour service) <i>Non-wedding Background Music: \$200/1st hr;</i> <i>\$100/each additional hr.</i>  <i>Please call for price quote for your specific event.</i>  <b>Additional Fees for:</b> 🚗 <b>Travel</b> \$30/hr (if out of Canandaigua area) 🚗 <b>Rehearsal</b> with soloist at my studio - \$40/hr 🚗 <b>\$25 each ¼ hr</b> if wedding exceeds one hour from scheduled start 🚗 <b>Cocktail Hr/Reception after wedding</b> (at same location, immediately following ceremony) additional \$100/hr.
<b>MUSIC Repertoire</b> <i>(50 year collection of music!)</i>	🚗 Light Classical 🚗 Romantic & Easy Listening (contemporary pop/ rock) 🚗 New Age and Soft Rock 🚗 Celtic (Irish/Scottish) 🚗 Christian hymns (church services) 🚗 Theme or Period (Disney, Renaissance, etc.)

## How do my harp rates compare to others?

In *September/October 2013*, the Harp Column magazine conducted a national survey of harpists' rates for gigs and teaching. The results for the National average, as well as the Northeast (New York/New England states), are shown below.

	NATIONAL	Northeast States	Donna's Harp Rates
wedding	\$320	\$341	\$325
1 hour	\$247	\$282	\$200
2 hour	\$330	\$366	\$300
funeral / memorial	\$259	\$288	\$250
Teaching (1 hr)	\$54	\$60	\$50