

Scoil na gCláirseach

APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Mobile: _____ Age (if under 18): _____

E-mail: _____

I do not wish my contact details to be shared with other Scoil attendees []

Please tick as appropriate:

I play early Irish harp [] I cannot read music

If so, for how long? _____ at all []

I play another harp [] I play with nails []

Details: _____

Ability level: _____

Areas of special interest: _____

Musical experience inc. other instruments played: _____

Other information you would like us to know: _____

Please send me information on harps to rent []

Please return this form completed together with a deposit payment of €150 to:

The Historical Harp Society of Ireland
33 Altamount Park
Kilkenny
Ireland

E: info@irishharp.org

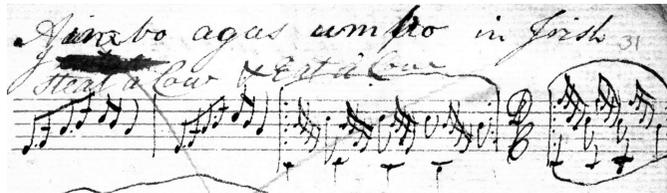
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THE HISTORICAL HARP SOCIETY OF IRELAND

The Historical Harp Society of Ireland was founded in 2002. It leads a revival of Ireland's largely forgotten medieval musical instrument, depicted in the national emblem: the early Irish harp. This pinnacle of aristocratic Gaelic culture—strung in brass, silver and perhaps even gold wire—was played in Ireland for some 1000 years until it died out after 1800 to be replaced by the newly invented gut-strung neo-Irish harp now more familiar. In addition to Scoil na gCláirseach, the Society runs

- year round nationwide tuition for adults and children
- talks, workshops and beginners' taster days
- a student rental harp collection
- a members' lending and reference library
- a summer concert series
- an on-line shop for harps and CDs

More information & membership details can be found at
www.irishharp.org



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Here's what some previous years' students said:

"Thank you very much for your teaching and warm hospitality during the summer school"

HK, Japan

"I had a great time. Can't wait for next year!"

BK, Poland

"It really is a great experience that you can't get anywhere else"

CS, USA

"I am digesting all the riches of information, inspiration and encouragement as I continue to practise and study."

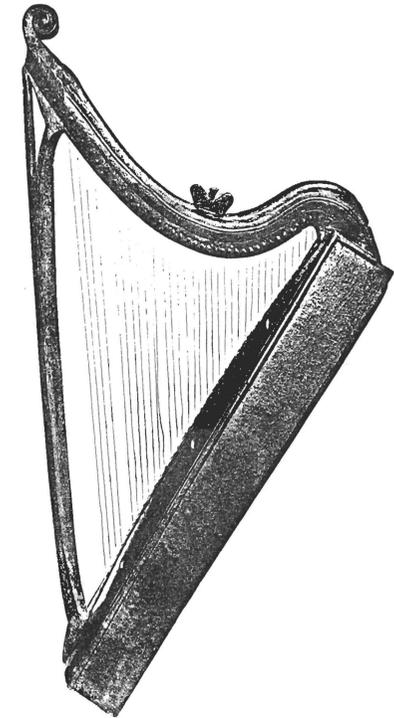
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For more information on Scoil na gCláirseach please visit

www.irishharpschool.com

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SUMMER SCHOOL OF EARLY IRISH HARP

13th-19th August 2014

KILKENNY SCHOOL OF MUSIC
IRELAND



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Ealaíon, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta
Department of
Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht



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SUMMER SCHOOL OF EARLY IRISH HARP

Scoil na gCláirseach—Summer School of Early Irish Harp is a unique summer school devoted to the ancient Gaelic harp. Scoil na gCláirseach 2014 will take place 13th-19th August at the School of Music, Kilkenny, Ireland.

Would you like to:

- **Play an early Irish harp?** This is Ireland's illustrious medieval harp strung in brass and sometimes even silver and gold wire. Played in Ireland & Scotland from at least 1000 years ago and made famous by harpers such as Carolan, it died out in the early 19th century.
- **Rediscover** the music of the early Irish harpers?
- **Study at first hand** the surviving sources of their music in early manuscripts and printed sources?
- **Become proficient** at reconstructing appropriate accompaniments for the melodies?
- **Learn medieval playing techniques** on replica medieval instruments?
- **Research** and use sparkling Irish harp melodic ornamentation?
- **See, hear, and play** replicas of the medieval instrument depicted in the Irish National emblem?

Or are you a more advanced player who would like to continue to improve your early harping skills under the tuition of some of the foremost international teachers, scholars and players of this harp? **If so, then this is the summer school for you!**

Come and join international participants from the USA to Europe to Japan, to immerse yourself in the world of Ireland's ancient and exquisite historical harp with intensive tuition, lectures, informal talks, concerts and a field trip to museums to see surviving instruments.

The Scoil extends a particularly warm welcome to absolute beginners. Harpists who don't yet play early Irish harps but who are interested in historical playing techniques and repertoire are also very welcome to attend.

There will be a limited number of historical Irish harps available to rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Our rental instruments, made for us by David Kortier in the USA, and Natalie Surina of Ériú Harps in Connemara, are accurately copied from surviving historic Irish harps and are fitted with brass and sterling silver strings.

For more information on the early harp of Ireland and the Scottish Highlands, please visit www.earlygaelicharp.info

THE FACULTY

Siobhán Armstrong *Director* **Ireland**

One of Europe's leading historical harpists

Simon Chadwick *Assistant Director* **Scotland**

Scholar, musician and founder of earlygaelicharp.info

Ann Heymann **USA**

Pioneer of the modern revival of the early Irish harp

Andrew Lawrence-King **Guernsey**

The world's foremost early harpist

Plus other specialist lecturers. See timetable for details.

AREAS OF STUDY

Scoil na gCláirseach explores all aspects of the instrument's playing techniques and repertoire including:

- old Gaelic harp repertoire from early manuscripts and printed sources, from both Ireland and the Scottish Highlands
- historical playing and string-damping techniques
- idiomatic melodic ornamentation
- historically informed approaches to bass and treble
- other historical repertoire appropriate to the instrument
- practical applications e.g. physical posture and nail care

LEVELS OF ABILITY

Scoil na gCláirseach caters for all levels, from raw beginners to advanced and professional players. Students are divided into small groups, assigned according to experience and playing ability. This guarantees almost individual attention for each student and with so many different levels, you are sure to be in a class tailored to your needs.

TIMETABLE

A detailed timetable of all summer school tuition, seminars, short talks, lectures and concerts can be seen at – and downloaded from – the Scoil na gCláirseach web pages at www.irishharpsschool.com

VENUE

The School of Music is on Ormonde Road in the city of Kilkenny, with easy access by foot to accommodation, shops, restaurants, pubs and tourist attractions. Kilkenny is a medieval city which has a rich heritage of historic buildings, lively pubs, fine restaurants and wonderful

shops. Dublin and Shannon airports are two hours away; the nearest ferryport is Rosslare. For bus, rail and other information please visit www.kilkenny.ie

ACCOMMODATION

A wide range of accommodation is available within walking distance. For further information please see www.kilkennytourism.ie or telephone Kilkenny Tourist Information on +353 (0)56 7751 500. The HHSI is not directly responsible for student accommodation, but is very happy to assist with accommodation questions. Please email info@irishharp.org for help. **Early booking of accommodation is strongly recommended, as Kilkenny is a very popular destination in August.**

FEES

Adults	€460	(HHSI members €430)
Under 18s	€360	(HHSI members €330)
Auditors	€25 per day	(HHSI members €20)

HHSI Membership costs €30 annually, due on 1st Jan.

Private lessons will be available at a rate of €50 per hour.

Adult and Under 18 fees include admission to all tuition, lectures, concerts and receptions. Fees do not include the cost of the optional field trip to Dublin or any lunches which may be provided. Auditors are not required to pay in advance of their attendance but are kindly asked to let the HHSI know on which day/s they are planning to attend.

PAYMENT

Participants can pay by direct bank transfers, for which the HHSI bank account details are:

Account name: The Historical Harp Society of Ireland
Allied Irish Bank, 3 High St, Kilkenny, Ireland.
BIC/SWIFT Code: AIBKIE2D
IBAN: IE39 AIBK 9331 9847 9670 49

We also accept international postal orders, bank drafts (made payable to The Historical Harp Society of Ireland), and personal cheques in most currencies. For foreign cheques and Paypal payments, please add €20.

Completed application forms together with a deposit of €150 should be received as soon as possible to secure your place.

EARLY BOOKING BONUS: Deposits paid on or before 13th May entitle the participant to a €25 discount on the balance of the Scoil fees.