



2022-2023 Chapter of the Year submission

The **Roslyn Rensch Central Illinois Chapter of the American Harp Society** has had a revitalizing year with the initiative and leadership of current President Jonathan Schneider, officers, and chapter members!

The activities outlined below have embodied the mission and tenets of the AHS multifold in onboarding newly elected officers and energized members, who have felt empowered to create events in our community that they witnessed their own teachers create under the auspices of the AHS and other chapters (e.g. Puerto Rico). This process of transformation and giving forward can be documented in several ways: the return of our chapter newsletter after a hiatus ("*Celebrating our legacy*"); the presentation of Juan Riveros through the Winners Outreach Program; concerts and recitals at senior living communities; the composing and performance of works for harp by chapter members ("*Inspire excellence*"); and outreach concerts at local libraries ("*Empower the next generation of harpists*").

On October 8, 2022, the chapter gathered in-person for the first time in several years to hold elections conducted by past president Julia Kay Jamieson. A new slate of officers, newsletter editor, and an inaugural social media manager were elected.

November 12, 2022 the chapter gathered for a Coffee Chat with Canadian harpist Gianetta Baril and her very special customized Harp to Heart van as she made her way southward for her North American travel blog and concert touring. Gianetta treated chapter members and surprised by-passers to a delightful impromptu concert in spite of the blustery central Illinois weather.

December 7, 2022 the chapter collaborated with the Champaign Public Library for a pop-up concert event "Harp at the Library." The event was well-attended and included tunes performed by chapter members that celebrated their diverse holiday music traditions. A video vignette can be viewed on the AHS, Inc. Roslyn Rensch Central Illinois Facebook page.

On February 18, 2023 the chapter visited the Brookdale Urbana Assisted Living Center for the very first time to present an outreach concert, sharing music and musical memories with the residents. It was a particularly heartwarming event for both the members and the residents.

March 25, 2023 Juan Riveros presented a scintillating program "Journey with Juan Riveros" and masterclass that highlighted works with personal and cultural significance for Juan. The event was co-sponsored by the AHS Winners Outreach Program and the Illinois Harp Program at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign School of Music. Juan's concert was livestreamed via the chapter's Facebook page. After the event, chapter members gathered for a jovial post-event dinner with Juan.

April 16, 2023 the chapter presented a Spring Recital at the Clark-Lindsey Village continuing care retirement community. The event was an inspiring one, bringing new and returning chapter members together, with the debut of several chapter members performing for the first time on the harp, and culminating in the premiere of two new delightful harp duets, composed by Jonathan Schneider and Sabrina Vaughan (2023 Young Composers Project Featured Composer) respectively.

Individual chapter members' activities that align with the AHS mission have included: a "Harp & Hearts" session by Sabrina Vaughan at the Urbana Free Library in February 2023 where she played music while children had the opportunity of creating paper hearts for local nursing home residents; Sabrina has also established a harp studio since last August through The Music Shoppe in nearby Normal, Illinois that has already grown to include six students. Jonathan Schneider premiered his own composition for solo harp, *New Morning*, in October 2022 in a student composition recital, and was recognized for his collaboration and advising on the harp part for a new work for chorus and orchestra by the composer, Reynold Tharp, that was premiered at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in April 2023.

Since the chapter's founding by Alice Spero Keene in honor of Roslyn Rensch (1923-2021), author of the seminal book *Harps & Harpists* and benefactor to many during her lifetime, chapter members have tirelessly embraced the tenets of the American Harp Society's mission and vision, with initiatives throughout the years that have influenced national AHS programs such as the Music Education Auditions and Evaluations Program and the Young Composers Project. This year has seen a resurgence of initiative and activity to bring communities together to celebrate making music making in-person that celebrates diverse traditions and music-making for the Roslyn Rensch Central Illinois chapter, led by new and ongoing inspired members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Yeung, Treasurer
AHS Roslyn Rensch Central Illinois Chapter

Attachments

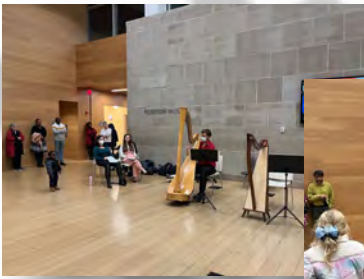
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Facebook Media
Winter 2022 Chapter Newsletter
Harps at the Library December 2022 Concert Announcement
Harp & Hearts Urbana Free Library Announcement
Early Spring 2023 Chapter Newsletter
Juan Riveros Concert and Master Class Publicity Flyer
Juan Riveros Program
Juan Riveros Master Class
Spring Chapter Recital Program





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Photo Collage



*Harps at the Library
December 2022*



*Brookdale Senior Living
February 2023*



*Clark-Lindsey
Village
Spring Chapter
Recital
April 2023*

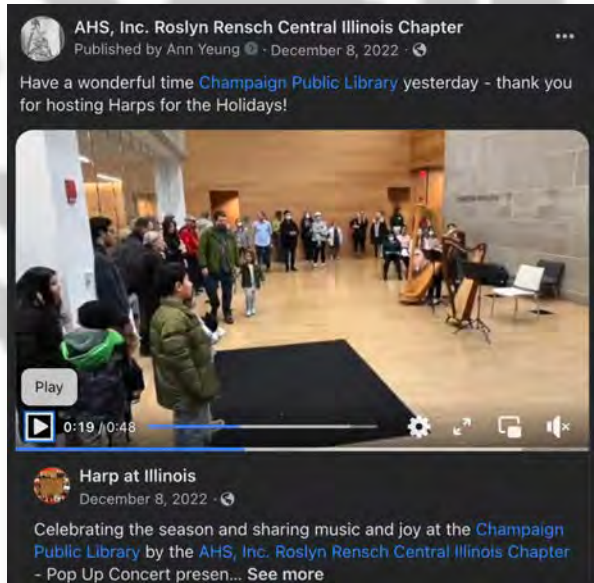


*Juan Riveros
Master Class
March 2023*



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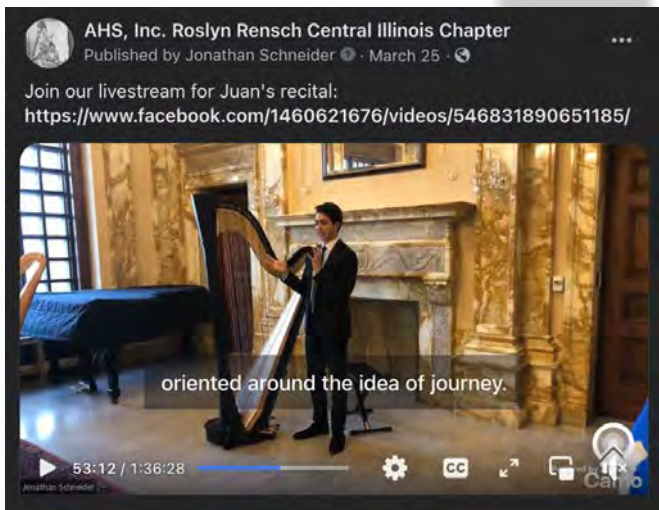
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*Harps at the Library
Video montage*



*Brookdale Senior Living
Photo montage*



*Juan Riveros
AHS Winners Outreach Concert
Livestream – closed captioning*

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ROSLYN RENSCH CENTRAL ILLINOIS HARP CHAPTER // NEWSLETTER



Winter 2022 Edition

December 2022 Performances

Illini Strings and University of Illinois Philharmonia /December 1st at 7:30pm

Krannert Center for Performing Arts, 500 S. Goodwin Ave,
Urbana. Featuring harpists Sasha Preskill and Sofia Dietrich.

University of Illinois Wind Symphony / December 2nd at 7:30pm

Krannert Center

Featuring harpists Jonathan Schneider & Julia Gu

Christmas Carol Sing-Along / December 4th at 6:30pm

All Souls Presbyterian Church, 202 W. Illinois St, Urbana

Molly Madden will be providing harp music with other
musicians for this event.

CUSO Holiday Concert / December 7th at 7:30pm

Krannert Center

Featuring Principal Harpist Molly Madden

Pop-Up Holiday Chapter Recital & Gathering / December 7th, 5:30pm

Champaign Public Library, 200 W Green Street

Open to all chapter members to participate! We will be holding
an informal, holiday-themed recital in the library foyer ~
people are free to come and go or casually stop by to hear you
play. Harpist gathering afterwards at 6:45pm, at Café Bene,
700 S. Gregory St., Urbana

Please sign up by Nov. 23rd with name of selection!

Ceremony of Carols / December 11th, 9:30am

First Presbyterian Church, Urbana

Featuring harpist Jonathan Schneider

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- ⇒ *Becoming a member allows you to perform & participate in upcoming chapter recitals and events!*
- ⇒ **November 23rd** Deadline to sign up for Champaign Public Library recital. *Teacher approval required. Membership dues should be submitted by November 28th if planning to perform.*

Spring-Summer 2023 Upcoming Events

Harp Regulations / circa January 7th

Harp technician Jason Azem will be in the Champaign-Urbana area to offer harp regulations. If you are interested in scheduling, a harp regulation with Jason, please contact him directly about his availability at <https://www.azemharpservice.com/>

Illinois Summer Harp Class - June 8-10, 2023*

With Ann Yeung and Associates

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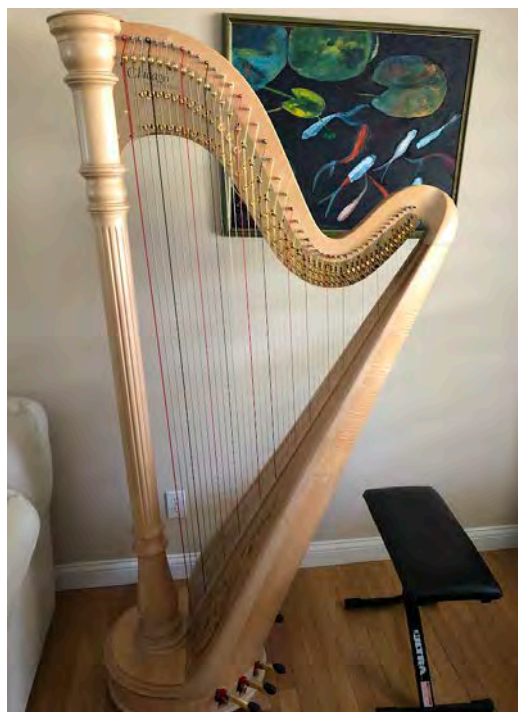
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Learn more at <https://www.harpsociety.org/young-composers-project>

Stay tuned for more news about a Chapter Recital this Spring!



Harp For Sale!

Carissa Hwu is selling her Lyon & Healy Chicago Grand Extended Harp with a natural finish (see photo on left & below).

Original value was \$16,000, but willing to negotiate the price. Includes harp cover, bench, and dolly.

Please contact Carissa if interested!

Phone: *****

Email: *****



The AHS Roslyn Rensch Central Illinois Chapter has elected a new slate of officers and positions for 2022-2024. The Board has exciting plans in the works for 2023 and welcomes member contributions and suggestions!

The 2022-2024 slate of officers are:

President: Jonathan Schneider

Vice President: Molly Madden

Secretary: Anna Hirons

Treasurer: Ann Yeung

Newsletter Editor: Sabrina Vaughan

Social Media Manager: Regina Raemsch

Harp Stories

Featured Harpist: Gianetta Baril

This past Saturday, we had the pleasure of hosting Canadian harpist Gianetta Baril, who studied with Judy Loman (former student of Carlos Salzedo). During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Gianetta converted a van into a specialized harp-mobile in order to travel around and give harp concerts. Visit her website here to learn more about her arts outreach program or to schedule her for a concert near you!

harptoheart.org





Harps at the Library

Wed, Dec 7, 2022

5:30 PM – 6:15 PM



Enjoy an evening of music in the library lobby

The Roslyn Rensch Central Illinois Chapter of the American Harp Society is comprised of harpists of all ages and ability levels from the central Illinois area. At this performance, harpists will entertain with favorite holiday and wintery tunes on the harp!

The performance is going to be in our main lobby area, so the ambient music will be enjoyed throughout the library. A wonderful place to view the performance would be our upstairs mezzanine next to the Adult Fiction section or enjoy listening while you browse our new books!

All ages | Performance

♥ Main Library, Lobby

📅 Upcoming Events

Babies Love Books - CPL

Mon, May 15, 9:45 am

Teen Lounge | Early Edition

Mon, May 15, 1:00 pm

**Introduction to Keyboard and
Mouse Skills**

Mon, May 15, 7:00 pm

Toddler Tales - CPL

Tue, May 16, 9:45 am

**Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint,
Part I**

Tue, May 16, 2:00 pm

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Harp & Hearts



Saturday, February 11
11:00am - 12:00pm

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Urbana Free Library

Busey Mills Reading Room, MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room

Enjoy the music of classical harpist, Sabrina Vaughan, while coloring hearts, making paper hearts for local nursing home residents, or browsing new books in this program for all ages.

Gather in the Library's historic front rooms for the warmth of harp music with Sabrina Vaughan. The Library will supply hearts to color and supplies to make paper hearts for local nursing home residents. You may also enjoy the stillness of listening or browsing new books and magazines during this program for all ages.

About the Musician

Sabrina Rose Vaughan was first introduced to the harp at the age of six, when her grandmother taught her the first notes of music on a Celtic lap harp custom built by her grandfather. She soon progressed to a full-size lever harp, learning to play music by ear. She began her formal music training at age nine at the Louisville Harp Academy (KY), studying under harp soloist and instructor, Lisa Spurlock Gilmore, from 2009-2018. Sabrina graduated with a bachelor's degree in instrumental music and a minor in global studies from Liberty University. She was awarded the Roslyn Rensch Harp Fellowship at the University of Illinois where she is earning her master's degree in Harp Performance and Literature. She has performed with the Seminary School of the Arts Faculty and Friends String Orchestra (Southern Theological Seminary), the Louisville Civic Orchestra (Bellarmine University), the Liberty University Symphony Orchestra, and the Missouri Symphony during the MSO Summer 2022 Music Festival.

The Library is committed to making programs accessible for all. If you need an accommodation to attend a program, please let the Library know at least two weeks in advance. To request an accommodation, contact the Programming and Outreach Manager via email at programming@urbanafree.org or via phone at 217-367-4057.

AGE GROUP: | Toddlers | Seniors | Pre-Schoolers | Middle School Students | High School Students | Families | Elementary Students | Babies | Adults |

EVENT TYPE: | Teen | Children | Adult |

TAGS: | Music |

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Upcoming Chapter Events

February 18th

**Chapter concert at Brookdale Assisted Living,
2:00pm**

1706 East Amber Lane, Urbana, IL 61802

(Molly Madden will be bringing her harp)

Please email the Harp Chapter by Feb. 15th if you are planning to attend and/or play! Genre is up to player's choice.

March 25th

Juan Riveros, Guest Artist Recital and Master Class

U of I campus, Smith Memorial Room

Recital at 1:30pm, Masterclass at 2:45pm

(3 slots open, \$20 to play)

\$10 suggested donation in total for both events

April 16th

Spring Chapter Recital

More details to come soon!

Spring Concerts at UIUC

February 17th, March 23rd, and April 30th

Symphony Orchestra Concerts

Foellinger Great Hall, Krannert Center for Performing Arts

7:30pm

March 7th and April 28th

Philharmonia Concerts

Foellinger Great Hall, Krannert Center for Performing Arts

7:30pm

February 24th, April 6th, and May 3rd

Wind Symphony Concerts

Foellinger Great Hall, Krannert Center for Performing Arts

7:30pm

March 1st and April 21st

Hindsley Band and Wind Orchestra Concerts

Foellinger Great Hall, Krannert Center for Performing Arts

7:30pm

April 8th

Sinfonia de Camera: Mahler's 4th Symphony

Featuring Dr. Ann Yeung, Harp

Foellinger Great Hall, Krannert Center for Performing Arts

7:30pm

Spring Concerts at UIUC

April 15th

Annual Mom's Weekend UIUC Harp Studio Recital

Music Building Auditorium

11am

March 4th and April 22nd

CUSO Concerts: Mendelssohn's *Elijah* (on 3/4)

and Festival of Rhythm, including Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* (on 4/22)

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Journey with Juan



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Music by

Benjamin Britten

Caroline Lizotte

Alba Quintanilla

Jesús Guridi

Christy de la Rosa

Arturo Márquez

March 25, 2023

1:30 p.m. Harp Recital & Master Class

Smith Memorial Hall, Memorial Room

Sponsored by the American Harp Society Roslyn Rensch Central Illinois Chapter, American Harp Society Winners Outreach Program, and the School of Music Illinois Harp Program.

Free and open to the public. Event donations welcomed.

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Guest Artist Recital

Juan Riveros, *Harp*

Smith Memorial Hall
Memorial Room
March 25, 2023
1:30 p.m.

ARTURO MÁRQUEZ (b. 1950)	Zarabanda y Son
CRISTY DE LA ROSA (b. 1983)	Son Barroco from <i>Los Colores del Arpa</i>
ALBA QUINTANILLA (b. 1944)	Joropo
ALBERTO GINASTERA (1916-1983)	Sonatina (1938) <i>Preludio</i> <i>Aria</i> <i>Toccata</i>
JESÚS GURIDI (1886-1961)	Viejo Zortzico (1949) <i>intermission</i>
CAROLINE LIZOTTE (b. 1969)	Odyssée, Op. 35
BENJAMIN BRITTEN (1813-1976)	Suite, Op. 83 <i>Overture</i> <i>Toccata</i> <i>Nocturne</i> <i>Fugue</i> <i>Hymn (St. Denio)</i>
JEAN-MICHEL DAMASE (1928-2013)	Sicilienne variée

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Juan Riveros is one of a new generation of young harpists who bridge a variety of genres on the classical and world music spectrum, building audiences and fostering fresh appreciation for an instrument with ancient and diverse traditions. His numerous honors include Award Winner in the 2022 Lyon & Healy Awards, Outstanding Instrumentalist in Harp at the 2022 and 2023 Sphinx SOPA Competitions, Award Winner in the 2020 Anne Adams Awards Competition, Third Prize in the Young Professional Division of the 2019 American Harp Society National Competition, and Grand Prize in the Lewisville Lake International Concerto Competition. Riveros holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music in Harp Performance and Music Theory, where he studied with Yolanda Kondonassis. His other teachers have included Joan Raeburn-Holland and Alison Read. Juan Riveros is currently pursuing a PhD in Music Theory at the University of Michigan.

Riveros' orchestral work includes engagements with the Louisiana Philharmonic, the Atlanta Symphony, the Cleveland Repertory Orchestra, the Round Top Festival Orchestra, and the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America. During his NYO-USA residency and tour of Latin America, he premiered Gabriela Lena-Frank's, "*Apu: Tone Poem for Orchestra*," and gave his Carnegie Hall debut as a part of the program.

In addition to his active performing career, Riveros maintains a private teaching studio and is devoted to creating a thorough and creative approach to playing the harp. His primary music theory interests are centered in the areas of providing accessible resources on harp pedagogy, theory pedagogy at the harp, and analysis of the harp's repertoire, especially of Latin American or Hispanic heritage. His first published composition, "Concert Fantasy on *Pajaro Campana*," is available for purchase through Lyon & Healy.

www.juanriveros.com

Juan Riveros

MASTER CLASS

March 25, 2023
Memorial Room, Smith Hall
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Sicilienne from *Pélleas et Mélisande*

Gabriel Fauré/arr. Dewey Owens

Abby Grace, flute, and Sasha Preskill, harp

Selections from *New Blues*

Deborah Henson-Conant

Sharon Lam, harp

Siciliana from *Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite no. 1* Ottorino Respighi/arr. Marcel Grandjany

Sabrina Vaughan, harp

Scherzo del Pueblo from *Suite Galactique*

Caroline Lizotte

Jonathan Schneider, harp

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and the Illinois Harp Program

Roslyn Rensch Central Illinois Harp Chapter
2023 Spring Recital

Dewdrops

(Julia Kay Jamieson)

Leia Ellerman

Ami Chini Go Ghini Tomare

(Rabindranath Tagore)

Tourna Khan

Water Lilies

(Bonnie Goodrich)

Alisha Betka

Scheherezade

(Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov)
(Arr. Barbara Brundage)

James McMann

Jesus Lover of My Soul, I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Medley

(Arr. Anna Hagen)

Till There Was You

(Meredith Wilson)
(Arr. David Ice)

Molly Madden

Siciliana

(Ottorino Rhesphigi)
(Ts. Marcel Grandjany)

Sabrina Vaughan

Sarabanda e Toccata

(Nino Rota)

Jonathan Schneider

Dusk on the Lake

(Jonathan Schneider)

Leaf Fairies

(Sabrina Vaughan)

Sabrina Vaughan and Jonathan Schneider