

The Irish Harp at your Wedding!

The Irish Harp in the hands of the professionals at the



has to be one of the most beautiful
and especially Irish complements to your most special day.

WEDDING CEREMONY

In the church, registry office or another venue, the harp sets the atmosphere of the occasion and with the right processional march, the bride can enter with all the grace and dignity of a regal occasion. During the ceremony, the harp will perform your choice of music, songs, hymns or psalms all adding special meaning to your exchange of vows, and if you as a couple have any very special song, we will do our best to include it. Janet is the master of adapting even the most unlikely piece to the harp, so if there is something particularly unusual, send us a recording and we'll do the rest! Even with a conservative church wedding, during the Registration which is not part of the religious ceremony itself, anything is possible. (*The Registration is the part of the Wedding Ceremony where the Bride and Groom sign the Register of Marriages either on the alter or in the sacristy*). We are happy to advise you on your choices and are mindful of the sensitivities of different churches on the choices you make. Janet Harbison has a **WEDDING ALBUM** (in cassette format) which can help you consider some choices and get your ideas flowing. This is complementary with your booking (or pay €5 and we send it to you without obligation). We can arrange for you to plan your music here at the Harp Centre – or, just leave it to us! Give us an idea of the kinds of music you like and we guarantee that we will create a programme that will make your day meaningful and memorable for everybody there!



WEDDING RECEPTION

- Background music during the Drinks Reception in the Hotel or Venue
- During the Wedding Meal
- In the Lounge after dinner while the dancing is elsewhere

are the next favourite options at weddings – particularly because of the harp's specialness and Irishness appealing to all ages and international visitors! We perform a broad mix of music from favourite folk airs such as 'The Rose of Tralee' to the music of Carolan ('Ireland's Mozart'), from the beautiful old airs such as 'Mo Róisín Dubh' to the vibrant music of jigs and hornpipes, and from the modern romantics such as 'My Heart Will Go On' to light classical favourites such as 'Pachelbel's Canon'. What is certain is that the harp adds immeasurably to the atmosphere of your wedding day with something for every generation to enjoy and remember!

WHO WE ARE

We represent Janet Harbison (Director of the Irish Harp College) and a large number of her professional colleagues based throughout Ireland (and also the UK and Europe) who are present and past students of the College.

Janet Harbison

Has been a leading figure in Irish harping for almost 35 years. Having won all national and many prestigious international competitions and awards in the late '70s and early '80s, she has an impressive career history of performing nationally (accompanying and performing for the Irish president on state occasions at home and abroad, and as the harper to no less than 3 American presidents on state visits to Ireland); and internationally where she has performed extensively on concert and lecture tours, at festivals and state occasions, as a soloist, guest artist with other musicians such as the Chieftains, flautist James Galway and pop singer Brian Kennedy, and as director of the Grammy Award winning Irish Harp Orchestra.



Despite the glam and glory of the stage experience, Janet always finds it a special joy to help to make a couple's wedding day the most magical, meaningful and romantic event in their life. With a background of also being a church organist, Janet is eminently versed in all kinds of weddings and wedding music from traditional and folk to modern and classical. She likes to work directly with the bride and groom ensuring the most personalised and meaningful musical choices for the wedding ceremony including unusual 'special requests' either for the ceremony or at the reception! Always, she guarantees a most amenable and personable service with the highest quality of performance, expansive breath of repertoire and impeccable professionalism.

We can also offer other Professional Players

Through the Irish Harp College, we can offer a number of other highly accomplished and experienced professional harp players with the guarantee of good quality entertainment, a personable approach and a broad repertoire of music from Carolan to contemporary Irish.

And, for the challenged budgets, our Student Performers

These are our young student professionals who are 'in training' at the Irish Harp College who are working up their expertise and experience but will still do a good job for you.

Other soloists and instrumentalists

We have a number of other instrument professionals working with us, including **singers, flute players, violinists / fiddlers, uilleann pipers, trumpeters, bagpipers** – all highly accomplished and experienced professionals in their fields. Ask us about who would be available to you on your special day!

Other Soloists that you arrange

Janet Harbison and our more experienced professionals are happy to collaborate with soloists that you have arranged independently. Perhaps you have a friend that sings or a sibling who fiddles! Talk to us about your ideas – this will be your most important day and we aim to make it the most special it can be!

OUR FEES from June 30th 2008

WEDDING CEREMONY

Janet Harbison

Full ceremony: Harp and song:	€360
Harp only:	€280
With a singer / flute / violin soloist:	€400 – 580

Professional Players:

Full Ceremony:	€220 – 280
With a singer / flute / violin soloist:	€420 – 520

Student Performers are not recommended for your Ceremony.

DRINKS RECEPTION (for the standard 2 hours engagement)

Janet Harbison Solo:	€340	With another musician:	€560
Professionals Solo:	€200	With another musician:	€400
Students Solo:	€160	With another musician:	€320

FOR COMBINED CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

Choose one grade of player for both ceremony and reception and reduce the total fee by 20% or chose different grades of players for your ceremony and for the reception and reduce the total fee by 10%.

Mileage

For engagements more than 20 kilometres from Limerick, there will be a €1 charge for every extra kilometre (in one direction).

MAKING YOUR BOOKING

A deposit of €150 or 50% of the fee secures your booking whereupon we will send you a receipt and Confirmation of Engagement. Payment may be made **by cheque** (payable to 'The Irish Harp Centre') **or by Paypal** on the internet. For your own protection, we do not take direct credit card payments over the net or telephone and Paypal is very simple to use. Just key in 'Irish Harp Centre' when you are asked who you wish to pay money to. You may pay the full amount up front if you wish.



is based at the Old Schoolhouse, Castleconnell, County Limerick serving Ireland nationwide and internationally with a world-wide network of students and graduates of the IRISH HARP COLLEGE, founded and directed by Dr Janet Harbison (from 1984).