

Harp Music at your Wedding!

The Irish Harp in the hands of the professionals 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

WEDDING RECEPTION

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

At the church or secular ceremony, the harp will pace your procession with grace and dignity. During the ceremony, your choice of music, songs, hymns or psalms will add special meaning to the exchange of vows, and if you as a couple have any very special song, we will do our best to include it. There are very few songs we can't manage with the harp, but do send us the recording if it is not well known! 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 / table at the ceremony or in the sacristy).* We are also very happy to advise you on your choices and are mindful of the sensitivities of different churches on the choices you make. We are also happy to make some suggestions and Janet Harbison has a **WEDDING ALBUM** (in cassette format) which we are happy to give you complementary with your booking (or pay €5 and you may consider options before confirming the booking. Postage is complementary). We will be happy to plan your music with you at a meeting with your musicians here at the Harp Centre if and when you wish – 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!

Background music at the Drinks Reception is a particular favourite at weddings with all generations of families gathering and coming from afar! 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! We can do similarly as background music during your meal or afterwards in the Lounge.

We have **3 grades** of harp player to meet your requirements!

Our **Grade A** players are seasoned professionals (including the renowned international artist Janet Harbison herself) and guarantee the highest quality of entertainment experience, a personable approach and an unlimited repertoire for everybody's special requests!

Our **Grade B** are our young professional players, who have graduated through our Professional Entertainer's Training Courses. They will be good performers with a fairly broad repertoire - but may not be amenable to special requests as yet!

And, our **Grade C** players are our students who range in age from 15 – 18 years, will look the ticket and will play beautifully in the background for you – but are still students of at least 3 years training.

Other soloists and instrumentalists

As we are a College and Music School, we have a number of other instrument professionals working with us and our teachers are highly acclaimed and experienced soloists. We offer **singers, flute players, violinists / fiddlers, pipers, trumpeters, bagpipers** etc for you – all highly recognised professionals in their fields. Ask us about who would be available to you, we only deal with the best!

Working with Soloists that you arrange

Our Grade A 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 wishes – this will be your most important day and we aim to make it the most special it can be!