Who we are...
The International Harp Archives began with Samuel and Rosalie Pratt's extensive donation of harp music and archival documents related to the harp. Thereafter, additional major donations arrived, including the Jack Nebergall collection and a major bequest from the Victor Salvi Foundation. In 1994, the International Harp Archives became the official host of the Archive of the American Harp Society.

In addition to the AHS Archive, the IHA also embraces materials from the World Harp Congress, and personal collections from individual harpists. Materials range from scores, manuscripts, and recordings to photographs, correspondence, programs, and other documents. Currently we have over 11,000 scores and sound recordings in addition to the archives.

The goal of the IHA is to build a near-comprehensive collection of harp music and memorabilia related to the harp and the musicians who dedicated their lives to preserve and perpetuate the harp's history and to ensure its future.

Our Contributors...
We offer sincere appreciation to our donors for sharing their personal collections and archives. Here is a growing list of our contributors:
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Accessing the Archives...
The International Harp Archives are divided primarily into two sections: non-circulating special collections and the general collection available through Interlibrary Loan. Here are some basic guidelines for searching our holdings.

Advanced Search Options:
1. Enter the Library Catalog as indicated above.
2. Select the “Advanced Keyword Search” option.
3. In addition to Keywords such as composer names and titles, you can limit a search by format using the “Type” drop-down menu (note that the “Format” drop-down menu should not be used).
4. Common “Type” delimiters include “Music Score,” “Compact Disc,” and “Record (LP).”
5. To view a list of the major harp archives enter “Harp” as a keyword and “Music & Dance Archives” from the “Location” drop-down menu.

American Harp Society Lending Library
Because the AHS Lending Library is a service only available to AHS members, the Lending Library contents are not listed in the BYU Library Catalog. The AHS Lending Library, located in the Harold B. Lee Library, contains archive-quality recordings (both audio and audio-visual) of workshops and recitals from past American Harp Society conferences. Patrons may view them on-site at the Archives, or AHS members may request to borrow them through the mail. Requests for loans should be submitted via email to david_day@byu.edu.

The Harold B. Lee Library On-line Catalog
The online catalog contains records for all of our printed music, sound recordings, and books on the harp. To search our collection, go to lib.byu.edu, click on ‘Library Catalog’ under the ‘Unique Collections at BYU’ header, and you will be directed to a simple keyword search.

Susan McDonald teaching a student.

One of several programs from a Mildred Dilling harp recital.

Article about Modern Harp Technique written by Carlos Salzedo.
Accessing the Archives…

To borrow materials from the AHS Lending Library:

1. Use the Audio or Visual Recordings PDFs available at harp.byu.edu to determine which item(s) you wish to borrow.
2. Email your request to david_day@byu.edu.
3. There is a $3.00 per item lending fee. An invoice will be sent to you with your requested materials.
4. After the allotted one (1) month lending period, patrons must return the item(s) either in person or through the mail.

Interviews in the AHS Lending Library

The AHS Interview Series began in 1987 with the purpose of providing a visual and historical record of members who have played a significant role in the American Harp Society and the Harp World. The series includes interviews with Lucile Lawrence (the first President of the AHS), Lucien Thomson, Samuel Milligan, Alice Chalifoux, Roslyn Rensch Herbes, just to name a few. DVDs from the collection are available upon request for individual AHS members and chapters. Upcoming interviews to be added are as follows: Patricia Wooster, Mario Falco, Judy Loman, Gail Barber, Julia Salvi, and Susann McDonald. This series provides a chance to share intimate and inspirational insights through the medium of a DVD.

Internet Archive

In a major effort to make our collections more accessible to the harp community, we have scanned more than 2,400 public domain scores and made them available through the Internet Archive. Go to http://archive.org and search for (byuinternationalharparchive), parentheses included, to access and download music from a large selection rare and manuscript scores.

Photo Galleries

The IHA has a remarkable collection of photographs from several donations. You can request photos or look at our online gallery by going to: http://music.lib.byu.edu/IHA/photogallery.html.

How to Contact us …

The International Harp Archives is located on the 4th floor of the Harold B. Lee Library, at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

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