## HARP EVENTS

## SCOTLAND HIGHLAND GAMES FESTIVAL 2025

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Registration: 8:30-8:50 at Harp Tent

Rules and Requirements

**Definitions:** 

**Beginner:** Has just begun to learn to play the harp **Novice:** Able to play2 contrasting tunes in public

Apprentice: Received 80% at the Novice level in two competitions; OR is able to adequately perform in public

**Journeyman:** Received 80% at the Apprentice level in a prior year; OR is able to give an enjoyable performance in public, demonstrates a solid understanding of the Scottish idiom, uses technique, ornamentation, rhythm and appropriate style

Master: Received 80% as a Journeyman in two competition years; OR is a Scottish harper of the highest caliber with advanced harp technique and a thorough grasp of the traditional Scottish idiom, including phrasing, ornamentation and dance rhythms

Events:

9:00-10:00 AM -Harper's workshop

10:15 Harp Competition: Judge - Rhiannon Ramsay-Brimberg (SHSA Sanctioned Adjudicator)

Beginner: Plays one Scottish tune, either with or without sheet music

**Novice:** Plays two Scottish tunes, either with or without sheet music, from two different tune categories

**Apprentice:** Plays two Scottish Pieces, one air and one of contrasting style

Journeyman: Plays a 10-15 minute program of 3 selections in any order; one air, one strathspey and a third contrasting piece

Master: Plays up to 20 minutes varied program of Scottish music, which might range from an air to a March/Strathspey/reel set (MSR) to a Theme and Variation (T&V)

12:00 Concert with Haley Hewitt

1:30 Judge's concert with Rhiannon Ramsay-Brimberg

2:30 Harpers Circle: (Performance by the CT Harp Circle, under the direction of Rhiannon Ramsay-Brimberg

3:30 Open Stage Harp Circle and Q&A with Rhiannon Ramsay-Brimberg

Competitors may be required to explain the connection of their chosen music to Scottish style or tradition. All pieces will be performed on a non-pedal harp. Order of play is determined by entry postmark.

Dress: Appropriate dress required. All competitors are required to provide proof of membership in the Scottish Harp Society of America

Decisions by judge final. The Festival reserves the right to cancel any event for which there are insufficient entries.

**Entry Fee: \$ 35.00** (Includes gate ticket, concerts and workshop)

Per site rules and regulations:
NO PETS AND NO ALCOHOL ARE ALLOWED

Thank you for your cooperation



This event is graciously sponsored by The Clan Currie Society

**Harp Entry Form** 

## Registration date preferred by October 7, 2025

Name:	
Street:	
City:	
State:	Zip::
Event: Beginner / Novice / Ap	prentice / Journeyman
/ Master	Over 18: Yes / No
SHSA#:	
email:	
Entry Fee Enclosed:	\$
Advance Tickets:	
Adult @ \$20 each	\$
Children 5-12 @ \$5 each	\$
Total Enclosed:	\$
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Make checks payable to:

**Scotland Highland Festival Association** 

Email question to: magistradickerson@gmail.com

Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) for confirmation and tickets. Entries without a SASE will not be processed.

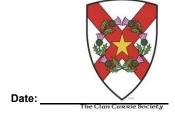
In entering, I hereby, for myself, executors, administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages against the Highland Festival association of Scotland, their agents or representatives and the owner of the property on which the games/festival are held, for any injury and/or damage suffered by me (my child).

Signature of competitor (or parent if under 18)

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## **Harp Competition**

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Brooklyn Fairgrounds 15 Fairgrounds Rd Brooklyn, CT 06234 Sunday October 12, 2025 8 a.m.—5:00 p.m.