

# 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 play 2 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  
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## Harp Entry Form

Registration date preferred by  
October 7, 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Event: Beginner / Novice / Apprentice / Journeyman  
/ Master Over 18: Yes / No  
SHSA#: \_\_\_\_\_  
email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Advance Tickets:

Adult @ \$20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Children 5-12 @ \$5 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach this page and mail to:

**Elizabeth Dickerson**  
**2 Babcock Hill Rd**  
**Lebanon, CT 06249**  
**(860) 215-2219**

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 representa-  
tives 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)

Place  
Postage  
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Scotland Games Harp Competition  
Elizabeth A.S. Dickerson  
2 Babcock Hill Rd  
Lebanon, CT 06249



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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.**