



SARAH- MARI RAMSON

ALWAYS ASPIRING. HOPING TO INSPIRE 2026

BIOGRAPHY

I am 17 years old. I am homeschooled and currently attend Prince Georges community college in the high school dual degree program. I have a 4.0 grade point average. I plan to obtain my High school diploma and my Associates degree in Music in May 2027. Currently I perform music on 4 instruments; the Harp, the Piano, the Flute, the Tenor Steel Pan, a few songs on Guitar. I play competitive Golf and Chess. June (2019), I earned my Black Belt in Martial Arts. I am an Annapolis Yacht Club Foundation Scholarship recipient. I participate in the West River High School Sailing program. I was recently appointed co captain. My other activities include dance at the Washington Ballet. I have danced En pointe in the Nutcracker, Cinderella and other productions. I compete in Golf and also Ice Skate.

Orchestral and ensemble experience(2017-2025) was provided as a result of exemplary auditions for the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and The Strathmore National Philharmonic Youth Mentorship program.

In 2020-21 season I participated in virtual concerts to encourage children to continue to study music as a way of diverting their attention away from the depressing circumstances associated the pandemic. As a community service project during the 2020-21 pandemic, I produced two CDs to raise spirits during the quarantine. The CDs were distributed to seniors in the community and nursing homes in the region. The CDs also provided a platform for me to showcase hard work and commitment to the studying the harp during the quarantine.

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Master Class experience and additional education

- Zora Evangeline, Harpist, National Orchestra Institute Summer lesson bank, 2025
- Nadia Pessoa, Harpist, Nat Phil Youth Mentorship Program Lesson Bank, Spring 2024
- Emily Stone, National Orchestra Institute summer program 6/2023
- Astrid Stapp, Principal Harpist, National Philharmonic Orchestra Lesson Bank, Spring 2023
- Dr. Ann Hobson-Pilot, Harpist, Master Class 2/ 5/2021
- Elizabeth Hainen, Curtis Institute of Music Harp Summer Camp **2020 and 2021**
- Brandee Younger, Master class at the Reach in the Kennedy Center, 2019
- Elizabeth Blakeslee studio 2015 to 2017

ORCHESTRAL , ENSEMBEL , BAND EXPERIENCE

2023- 25 The National **Philharmonic Orchestra** Youth Mentorship and Ensemble Program performing at the Strathmore

National Orchestra Institute Camp at Maryland University, June, July 2023-2024

Washington Jazz Arts Institute 2020 to present, Davey Yarborough, Conductor

- Featured harpist in youth Jazz band

John Curry Memorial Concert, November 2023

- Concert fundraiser, Montclair NJ, Featured Harpist with ensemble

American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra September 2016-2019 Harp Ensemble www.aypo.org

Highlights include performances at:

- The Mormon Temple Visitors's Center, Kensington, MD
- The Rachel Schlesinger Concert Hall, Alexandria, VA

2020- 2026 SOLO PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Cultural Celebration at the Smithsonian African American Museum -2026 Solo Harp concert

Performs regularly as a featured artist at public and private events.

Cultural Celebration at the Cuban Embssy 2025 Solo Harp concert

National Womens Foundation annual fundraiser at Womens Museum

October 2024, solo performance

Kennedy Center , April 2023, June 2023 and March 2024

- Solo performances Millennium Stage and Skylight Pavilion with Washington Jazz Institute

Hillwood Museum Estate, October 2023 & February 2026

- Solo concert, Washington ,DC

Strathmore Mansion , October 2023

- Solo concert, Bethesda, MD on behalf of Nat Phil Youth Mentorship program

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church , December 2022

- Performed for Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, DC

The Society Inc. National Arts Competition, thesocietyinc.org

November 2022

- 1st place representing DC and Potomac Chapters
- 2nd place national competition

Shine Brighter Concert , December 2021

- Potters Mansion, Takoma Park, MD
- Live, Fundraiser Solo concert to raise money to purchase my full sized harp

Colombian Embassy,

Cultural Exchange Concert for Ambassador, October 2021

Army Navy Country Club, August 2021

- Live, Solo performance

The National Women Democratic Committee Education Fund

- Live solo concert at the Whittmore Mansion, Washington, DC **2021**

Pandemic project: Produced Spring CD, Ascending Notes **2021**

Produced Christmas CD Winter Classics **2020**