

# SARAH- MARI RAMSON

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## BIOGRAPHY

I am 13 years old. I currently study music on 5 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 her junior Black Belt in Martial Arts. My other activities include Ice Skating, Gymnastics, Swimming and Archery.

Sarah's orchestral and ensemble experience(2017-2019) was provided due to her exemplary auditions for the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and her experience participating in the American Youth Debut Orchestra in Virginia.

Sarah's solo engagements include performances for members of Congress, unaccompanied concerts for the Women National Democratic Education Foundation in Washington, DC, fundraisers for prominent music schools and regular performances at various nursing homes and churches around the region.

In 2020-21 season Sarah 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, Sarah 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 Sarah to showcase her hard work and commitment to the studying the harp during the quarantine.

Sarah's ultimate career goal is to become a Supreme Court Judge. She would like to pursue advanced studies in Harp performance at the university level and attend Law school. The harp gives Sarah an opportunity to share her heart with others

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2020-2021 Music Performances ,additional education ,master class experiences during the pandemic

- Master Class with Dr. Ann Hobson-Pilot, Harpist 2/ 5/2021
- Grace Browning, Harpist c/o Harp Column 1/1/2021
- Released Christmas CD. Performed as solo harpist 12/1/2020
- Performed virtual concert for Ladies society fundraiser 12/13/20
- Performed virtual concert for nursing home
- Performed as soloist at African American Civil War Museum 2/4/2020

## ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

### Instrument of Praise Orchestra, June 2019

- Featured as a solo harpist in youth orchestra
- Sanders Milligan, Director

### American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra Harp Ensemble [www.aypo.org](http://www.aypo.org)

September 2016 to February 2019

Sarah was invited to perform with the AYPO in 2016, successfully passing all consecutive auditions. Highlights include performances at:

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

### American Youth Debut Orchestra, May 2018

- Ernst Cultural Center, Northern Virginia College
- One of two harpist at Spring 2018 orchestra performance

## 2017- 2021 PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

### Shine Brighter Concert , December 2021

- Potters Mansion, Takoma Park, MD
- Live, Solo performance

### 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

Produced Spring CD, Ascending Notes 2021

Produced Christmas CD Winter Classics 2020

### The Rotary Club International Photo Exhibit, November 2019

The Dupont Underground Washington,DC

- Performed atmospheric music for guests and a solo performance.

### The Mayflower Hotel, Washington,DC, September 2019

- Performed as the lead soloist at a fundraiser for the Levine school of music and provided background music for guests.

### The Women's National Democratic Committee Education Foundation

Mother's Day Brunch at the Whitmore Mansion in Washington,DC, May 2019

- Performed a solo concert consisting of 45 minutes of harp and 45 minutes of piano.

### Winter Concert, Leisure World, February 2019

- Performed harp as lead musician in Youth Jazz quartet

### Solo Harpist for Legacy Fund Luncheon, June 2018

The National Press Club, Washington,DC

- Performed for Congresswoman Eleanor Norton as a solo musician and provided musical interlude for guests during the luncheon.

## Master Class experience and additional education

- Curtis Institute of Music Harp Summerfest Camp 2020 and 2021
- Performed at the Reach in the Kennedy Center presented by Brandee Younger, 2019
- Andriana Horne, Principal Harpist Kennedy Center, NSO, 2017 Master class
- Elzbieta Szymt, professor of music, harpist 2016 Master class

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