

# Winter Harp

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## Winter Tour 2007

### West Vancouver

Sun. Nov. 18, 3 p.m.  
St. Francis in the Wood  
Tickets \$15 at 604-922-3531

### Winnipeg

Sat. Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.  
Pantages Playhouse  
Tickets \$32 at 866-656-6838

### Sechelt

Sun. Dec. 2, 2:30 p.m.  
Raven's Cry Theatre  
Tickets \$25 at Talewind Books, Coast Books or 604-886-2481

### Courtenay **SOLD OUT**

Thurs., Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Sid Williams Theatre

### Victoria

Fri., Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Alix Goolden Performance Hall  
Tickets \$25 at Munro's Books, Ivy's Book Shop, In Bloom Floral Boutique and Old Town Strings

### St. Albert **SOLD OUT**

Sun. Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.  
Arden Theatre

### Spruce Grove **SOLD OUT**

Mon. Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.  
Horizon Stage

### North Vancouver

Tues., Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Wed., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Capilano College Theatre  
Tickets \$28, \$25, at 604-990-7810

### New Westminster

Sat. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Massey Theatre  
This is a joint concert with the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir.  
Tickets \$25 at 604-878-1190

### Nanaimo

Sun., Dec. 16, 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
Port Theatre  
Tickets \$34, \$30, \$17 at 250-754-8550

### Maple Ridge

Wed., Dec. 19, 8 p.m. **NOW SELLING**  
Thur., Dec. 20, 8 p.m. **SOLD OUT**  
The ACT  
Tickets \$28, \$24, \$17, 604-476-2787

### Vancouver

Sat., Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Andrew's-Wesley Church  
Burrard and Nelson  
Tickets \$28 at Celtic Creations (Lonsdale Quay), Zulu Records,  
Tickets Tonight 604-231-7535  
or [www.ticketstonight.ca](http://www.ticketstonight.ca)



Details at [www.winterharp.com](http://www.winterharp.com)



## 15th Anniversary CD just released

This year Winter Harp celebrates its 15th anniversary -- and what better way than with the release of a 15th anniversary CD.

*A Night in Winter* is one of those CDs that will warm your heart on a cold winter's eve.

Curl up by the fire and let this music be to you like softly falling snow, like candles flickering in a moonlit forest.

The CD features a delightful mix of medieval, English and Spanish carols -- from upbeat tunes with percussion solos to

hauntingly beautiful lullabies.

Harp, flute, fiddle, rare medieval instruments, oud, sitar, percussion and singing combine in gorgeous melodies that will have you dreaming of falling snow and crackling hearth fires.

*A Night in Winter* is available at Winter Harp concerts, by mail order and in record stores.

Hear samples at [www.winterharp.com](http://www.winterharp.com).

## Winter Harp concerts to be broadcast on radio this December

CKUA Radio in Alberta is recording Winter Harp's performance in Spruce Grove (near Edmonton) as part of its series called *Live From Alberta Stages*. The broadcast date is Friday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. Alberta time. Winter Harp will also be broadcast on CBC Radio in December. This broadcast was recorded in August at Festival Vancouver's Harp Day.

## Concerts selling out quickly

Last spring we had a request – would Winter Harp please perform in Winnipeg?

“Winnipeg?! It’s cold there!” we wimpy west coasters exclaimed. But, of course we agreed to go. And weren’t we amazed at the enthusiastic response.

Tickets went on sale May 1, and in the first 6 days, 600 tickets sold! One man bought 100! Other people grabbed up entire rows because they didn’t want their friends to miss out. By September, the 1,200 seat Pantages Playhouse was getting close to sold out. So, if you have friends, relatives, moms, dads, aunts, uncles, cousins or grandmothers in Winnipeg, let them know they better buy tickets now, or they will miss out. The concert is Nov. 24.

Talk about selling out, our concerts at The Arden in St. Albert and at Horizon Stage in Spruce Grove (both near Edmonton), sold out in early September. At Horizon Stage, one patron ordered a block of 25 seats. Our Courtenay concert sold out in September. In October, our Dec. 20 Maple Ridge concert sold out. So, we’ve added a second show in Maple Ridge on Dec. 19.

Other concerts are selling briskly – so don’t delay. We don’t want to miss seeing you this year!

Winter Harp features harpists and singers Lori Pappajohn and Janelle Nadeau; violinist Mark Ferris, percussionist and singer Lauri Lyster; medieval instrumentalist Joaquin Ayala; and narrator Ron Halder. Alternating with Lori Pappajohn is harpist Sharlene Wallace.



*Can you spot the harpist in this picture?*

## The Harvesting Harpist

When our pedal harpist Janelle Nadeau isn’t playing the harp, she has another expertise. You can find this petite young woman driving a 17-ton, 30-foot long, 580 Lexion Cat Combine.

Janelle’s family has a large farm in Manitoba. And every summer, Janelle and her sister Kara can be found operating the massive harvesters.

The 16-foot tall machine holds 955 litres of fuel and can harvest 15 to 17 acres of wheat an hour. The onboard computer keeps the operator abreast as to the grain moisture level (critical for harvest), acres harvested and the yield. During harvest time, these machines run daily to midnight. They harvest, store the grain in large onboard bins, and then unload the grain while at



**Definitely not the opera** – and definitely not Winter Harp. In October, harpist Janelle Nadeau was in the backup band for famed rapper Kanye West’s concert in GM Place. Needless to say, the concert was a bit louder and wilder than Winter Harp. Above, Janelle is to the left of Kanye, with other band members. Our other harpist Sharlene Wallace played with Kanye in Toronto.

## Happy birthday Winter Harp

This year Winter Harp celebrates its 15th anniversary. As the years passed and concerts followed concerts, we began to realize that something rich and deep and unexpected was happening. As we performed, we realized that we and the audience had come together to celebrate a birth – the birth of a child, the birth of an idea, the birth of a mystery.

We didn’t start out that way. We were just there because it was Christmas. We wanted to share the hush, the tinsel, the green and the gold, and the bright coloured air of Christmas. We didn’t think we had gathered to be born, but as we journeyed through the years together we learned that at the centre of all the songs, gathering and gifting, is a birth – the birth that gives life and meaning to us all.

We thank you for travelling with us. Thank you for 15 wonderful years.

the same time harvesting. When Janelle and Kara were just youngsters, they loved to ride all day on the combine with their grandfather Gilbert. They would take a lunch and a little pillow for when they got tired. They sat by their grandfather’s side for so many years that combining became instinctive for them. As they grew older, the girls were eager to harvest on their own. The first field Janelle ever harvested by herself was flax. She was 11 years old. And she’s been harvesting ever since.

By the way, when you see Janelle – thank her for growing the food YOU eat. Without hard working farmers like her, you’d be without your Weetabix, oatmeal, French bread and cookies.

## Harps team up again with Welsh Choir

Now that was incredible! Last year Winter Harp teamed up with the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir for a Christmas concert extraordinaire. And it was such a success, we are going to repeat it – but in a bigger venue, because last year's concert completely sold out.

So, this year, you can hear the 90 male voices singing with harps at Massey Theatre in New Westminster Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. These singers are a force to be reckoned with – they have performed around the world and are known for their enthusiastic and heartfelt performances.

The concert will be different from the usual Winter Harp concert. The first part will feature the choir singing on its own. The second part will feature Winter Harp on its own. And then the two groups will join together for three or four numbers. It's like two concerts in one. Tickets at 604-878-1190.



## Harping around with CBC at Festival Vancouver

Last August, Winter Harp performed at Festival Vancouver's Harp Day. The harpists played seven different harps ranging from lap harps to Spanish and classical harps. Including their medieval instruments, they had close to 300 strings which needed to be tuned before the performance. The concert featured harp music from around the world – from China to ancient Greece and Spain. For the broadcast date, visit [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca).

Pictured above are Joaquin Ayala, Lori Pappajohn, Lauri Lyster and Janelle Nadeau with CBC Radio's recording and broadcast truck at Festival Vancouver.

## Learn to harp while being massaged

This January or February give yourself a treat – stay for five days at the Silver Hills Guest House – a beautiful health retreat in the wilderness.

If you want to be spoiled and pampered at a glorious spa – this is the place to be. Enjoy massage, gourmet meals, walking through the quiet woods, or relaxing in the hot tub or sauna in this spectacular retreat just north-east of Vernon. And learn the harp, too! When Lori Pappajohn is there, she can teach you the art of harping in between your glorious hot stone massages and delectable, scrumptious, healthy meals. Visit [www.silverhills.org](http://www.silverhills.org) for details.

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*At Left, Lori Pappajohn and Janelle Nadeau pose with fiddler Michael Fraser at a Yukon sign post.*



## Winter Harp Wins!

This year, the Whitehorse Concert Society celebrates its 25th anniversary. As part of the celebrations, audience members voted on which concerts through the past 25 years were their favourites – and which they'd like to hear again during their anniversary year. Winter Harp won the most votes.

What fun it was to be back in the far north. The weather was perfect - sunny with brilliant fall colours everywhere and a light dusting of snow on Yukon's breathtaking mountains. This is the third time a concert society has voted Winter Harp as one of its favourite acts over the past 25 years.

## Become a harpist

If you've ever wanted to play the harp consider this: you can become a harpist in five days. Really.

Each August, Lori Pappajohn teaches beginning harpists at BC's International Celtic Harp School. And each August, people who have never even touched a harp before, graduate five days later as full, bona fide harpists.

Also teaching are Sharlene Wallace, Kim Robertson and Sunita Staneslow.

The harp school is in the quaint town of Wells (near Barkerville). Call 1-800-442-2787 or visit [www.imarts.com](http://www.imarts.com).

Another option for learning the harp is to book weekly lessons with Lori. She will have you harping in no time. Call her at 604-521-7194.

# Winter Harp CDs

## A Night in Winter

Just released, Winter Harp's newest CD is a beautiful mix of medieval, English and Spanish carols -- from upbeat tunes with percussion solos to hauntingly beautiful lullabies. Harps, flute, violin, medieval instruments, oud, sitar, percussion and singing combine in gorgeous carols that will have you dreaming of falling snow and crackling hearth fires.

## A Child's Christmas in Wales

Dylan Thomas' timeless tale is beautifully and evocatively retold by Alan Woodland making this CD a Christmas classic. The recording also includes Laurie Lee's touching tale Carols in the Cotswolds. Both stories interspersed with carols on harp. A magical literary journey to Christmas' past.

## Christmas Night

Warm your winter nights with this CD which features ancient Spanish and Celtic carols as well as well-known favorites. Exotic, delicious Yuletide music at its best. This CD was nominated for a VIBE award.

## Winter Harp

Well-known carols and rare medieval carols. One of our most popular CDs, featured numerous times on CBC Radio. This CD was named one of the top 10 CDs of Christmas by The Georgia Straight. "Everything about this album reflects beauty and balance." -- Christmas Reviews

## Winter Harp -- Poetry & Music

Some of our best-loved stories, poems and songs. Featuring Alan Woodland and the Winter Harp ensemble.

## Celtic Harp for Christmas

The quintessential Christmas album -- all your favorite carols to warm your heart on a cold winter night. Harp, flute and cello. A top-seller for its distribution companies Canada wide.

## Harp Dance

Harp Dance features some of Winter Harp's most popular pieces including Camel Caravan and the fiery Baroque Flamenco. Celtic dances mix with Spanish and medieval music to create an upbeat collection. Harp Dance was nominated for a Westcoast Music Award.

## Celtic Harp of Dreams

A hauntingly beautiful collection of Celtic and Medieval songs. A favourite of CBC Radio's Jurgen Gothe. Lori Pappajohn on Celtic harp and flutes with cello, medieval instruments and percussion.

## To order CDs

To order CDs, send \$22 (includes shipping) in cheque payable to Lori Pappajohn, and mail to 63 Courtney Cres., New Westminster, BC V3L 4M1.

CDs can also be ordered gift wrapped in Christmas paper. The name of the recipient will be handwritten on a small card together with your message. Gift wrapped, mail-ordered CDs cost \$27 (includes shipping).

**Hear samples of the CDs at [www.winterharp.com](http://www.winterharp.com).**

Winter Harp would like to say thank you to CBC Radio, Celtic Creations (at Lonsdale Quay), M & P Mercury Sales, Tony Antonias, Kevin Mooney, and to Ange Frymire of Vocal Point Communication.

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