

## Information sheet for Parents and Caregivers

### **It's time to book your early bird tickets for Harp Fest NZ 2023.**

Please note: the **Child's Early Bird Ticket** is a 3 day pass - Saturday, Sunday and Monday – and includes a special invite to the Friday evening welcome festivities, and the afternoon concerts on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

- Evening concerts are not included on this ticket.
- Children may not attend concerts unaccompanied therefore a parent/caregiver must also have a concert ticket for the child to attend.

The evening concerts tickets for the child, and all concert tickets for other family members or friends, must be purchased through the website – either when you buy the early bird ticket, or right up until the event.

**Definitions:    Harp Fest (HF)    Forest of Harps (FoH)**

#### **Parents/Caregivers**

- Aged 18 or older
- Is responsible for the young harpist(s) at all times when not signed in to a FoH session.
- If the parent/caregiver is a harpist also involved in HF they must be in the same session as the child.

Parents/Caregivers can volunteer at HF while their child is in sessions, in return for concert tickets. Please email us if you are interested: [nzharpfest@gmail.com](mailto:nzharpfest@gmail.com)

### **If your harpist is 12 years of age, or younger, we offer two options.**

#### **Option 1**

If your harpist is 12 years or younger, and is performing **above** Grade 4 level, they can choose to attend the general sessions.

- Between sessions, and from 12.30pm onwards, under 12 year olds must be accompanied by a parent /caregiver.
- With this option, you will need to register your morning workshops choices independently as these have class size restrictions.

After you have registered for the early bird ticket, a follow up email will be sent to you with regard to workshop choices, pre-paid catered lunches, merchandise and hire harps.

- If the harpist wishes to attend the Harp Art workshop in session 3, it can be arranged that they are signed in and out and left in HF care for that session.
- Your harp can either be stored in the Forest of Harps (lever harps) or in the Performing Arts Studio (pedal harps)

#### **Option 2**

Harpists can join the 'Forest of Harps Adventurers,' a special programme for young harpists, **grade 1- 4** level, with some of our top HF guests as their tutors. It is not exclusive to, but is designed to accommodate harpists aged 12 years and younger and you will need to tick the 'Forest of Harps Adventurers' option after registering. Read on for schedule and workshops.

## Forest of Harp Adventurers

The Forest of Harps (FoH) is the dedicated venue for young harpers, playing at Grade 1-4 level. We are committed to providing a safe environment for young harpists at Harp Fest NZ, and we have arranged a series of workshops where you can sign your harpist, 12 years and under, in to leave her/him/them/they with our police vetted HF staff. Snacks and drinks will be provided for your child during Forest of Harps workshops.

- If your harpist is 12 years or younger (as of 3 February 2023) they MUST be signed in and out of FoH.
- On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, there are two morning workshops, and after lunch on Saturday and Sunday, there is a Harp Art workshop. You need to sign your child/children in and out of these sessions as seen in the schedule below.
- Parents/caregivers are required to be with their child/children for the lunch break, to enter the marketplace, to attend all concerts and the 4<sup>th</sup> session - see the schedule.
- Pre-paid catered lunches, merchandise and hire harps will be available to organise following registration.
- Your harp will be stored in the Forest of Harps room.

Below is the schedule for Forest of Harps Adventurers and their parent/caregivers.

FRIDAY EVENING	
<b>5.30pm onwards</b>	Registration and Welcome festivities <b>Parent/caregiver must be in attendance with a harper under 12 years</b>
<b>7.30-9.30pm</b>	Welcome concert: with welcomes from sponsors and committee featuring mini performances from some of the Harp Fest guests.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY			
<b>9.15am</b>	<b>SIGN IN</b>	<b>SIGN IN your harper to the Forest of Harps</b> Tune up and set up!	
<b>9.30-10.45am</b>	Session 1	<i>Irish Tunes by Ear</i>	<i>South American Tunes</i>
<b>11-12.15</b>	Session 2	<i>Making Images in Music</i>	<i>Italian Dance Tunes</i>
<b>12.15</b>	<b>SIGN OUT</b>	<b>SIGN OUT your harper from the Forest of Harps</b> leave your harp at FoH	
<b>12.30</b>	Lunch	<b>Parent / caregiver to remain with your harper</b>	
<b>1.15</b>	<b>SIGN IN</b> Session 3	<b>SIGN IN your harper to the Forest of Harps</b> <i>Harp Art session</i> (no harp needed from here onwards for the rest of the day)	
<b>2.45</b>	<b>SIGN OUT</b>	<b>Parent / caregiver to remain with your harper for the rest of the day</b>	
<b>3pm</b>	Concert	Parent/caregiver/family can buy tickets to attend this concert	
<b>4.15-5.30</b>	Session 4	<b>Optional</b> - Bring your harp to the Harp Petting Zoo and teach members of the public a few things about playing the harp.	
<b>7.30-9pm</b>	Concert	Evening tickets are not included in the day pass	

MONDAY		
<b>9.15am</b>	<b>SIGN IN</b>	<b>SIGN IN your harper to the Forest of Harps</b> Tune up and set up!
<b>9.30-10.45am</b>	Session 1	<i>How to Make a Band</i>
<b>11-12.15</b>	Session 2	<i>Throw the Music Away and See What Happens</i>
<b>12.15</b>	<b>SIGN OUT</b>	<b>SIGN OUT your harper from the Forest of Harps</b>
<b>12.30</b>	Lunch	<b>Parent / caregiver to remain with your harper for the rest of the day</b>
<b>2pm</b>	Concert	