

2019 VHC College Fair

WELCOME!

VHC College Fair Day is dedicated to 6th – 12th grade students interested in continuing their harp studies beyond high school. If you are planning to make music part of your college experience, this is your chance to meet harp professors from universities throughout the mid-Atlantic United States and learn about harp degree programs, elective studies, orchestral and ensemble opportunities, and studio policies.

You will have the opportunity to spend individual time with our esteemed faculty during our Speed Harping as well as perform in the Student Showcase. Spaces are limited for Speed Harping and the Showcase, and are available on a first come, first served basis. Check out the class schedule and register today!

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS

Each of our renowned faculty members will give a short presentation with information regarding opportunities available to harpists at their institution. Learn about becoming a harp major or minor, ensemble opportunities, private lessons, and scholarship availability.

COLLEGE FAIR

After the college presentations, participants will get the unique chance to meet each faculty member in person by visiting their booth. Students and parents will be able to ask questions and gain invaluable information about numerous music programs.

SPEED HARPING

This is the VHC College Fair version of organized matchmaking! Students will be paired with each instructor for a quick one-on-one mini lesson. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the faculty and get a feel for their teaching style. Students should plan to play 2 minutes of an etude, orchestral excerpt, or solo piece to allow time for feedback. **Please note that there are only 16 spots available to participate in speed harping, the positions will be given to the first 16 students that register.**

MINI STATIONS

While you're in between your speed harping sessions, check out the 2 mini stations:

1. The Memorization Station!

Many college auditions require your repertoire to be memorized. Join Mary Jane D'Arville and learn about various techniques and methods to successfully memorize music and have a great audition experience.

2. Maintaining a Happy Harp!

A favorite class for participants and parents alike, stop by and learn how to keep your harp happy! Amy Roberts, manager of the VA showroom, will be sharing information about general harp maintenance, regulation tips, and string changing hacks.

STUDENT SHOWCASE

Students are encouraged to sign up to perform a solo piece of any level up to 8 minutes in length. Our esteemed faculty will have comment sheets available to help you take your piece to the next level. **Please note that there are only 7 spots available to participate in the student showcase, the positions will be given to the first students who request to participate.**

Please contact Megan Landfair at newjersey@vaharpcenter.com or call 856-428-1430 if you have any questions.

VISITING FACULTY MEMBERS

Jacquelyn Bartlett (University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Winton Salem, NC)

Elizabeth Blakeslee (George Mason University, Fairfax, VA | Washington Adventist University, Silver Spring, MD)

Laura Byrne (Duke University, Durham, NC | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC)

Anastasia Jellison (University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA | The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA | University of Richmond, Richmond, VA)

Anastasia Pike (Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA)

Colleen Thorburn (Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA)

Emily Waggoner (Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC)

Jaclyn Wappel (James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA)