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Shout Outs!

Adam, Enjoy your time at YAHS! We are so proud of you!

—*Love, Mom and Dad*

Surprise LanNi! Congratulations on a wonderful performance! We are so happy for you! Hope you had fun this week too. We love you always and Sam misses you too.

—*Mom & Dad*

Allie, Break a leg (but not a finger)! We are so proud of you and of how far you have come with "Maple" this year.

—*Lots of love, from Mommy, Daddy, Theo, Safta and Norman*

Best Wishes Allison, for awesome performances at harp camp! We hope your hard work pays off and you have a great time! We love you lots & think you are "Harpo Good"!

—*Your Favorite Fans, Mom, Dad, David, Laura, Elsa, Pa Pete and most especially, Maizy*

We are so proud of you Elizabeth! Enjoy every moment and learn all you can while you are there. You are awesome!!!

—*Love, Grandma & Grandpa Johnson*

Congratulations to Sophia Shedd! We're so proud of you and your hard work these past two weeks! Wishing you all the best as you keep pursuing the instrument you love! "Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp."

Psalm 149:3

—*Love, Dad and Mom, Olivia, Stephen, Ava, Susanna, Laura, Juliana, and Brennan!*

Sarah, Some people are extremely lucky and the path they set out on leads them exactly where they were meant to be. The many hours spent practicing and in rehearsal have and will continue to open up a world of opportunities and incredible experiences for you. You have brought so much joy to others through the sharing of your love of harp and your music. You have met and are surrounded by the most amazing people one could ever hope to have as friends and teachers. We are so proud of all your hard work and dedication over the past 10 years. We are amazed at you and we can't wait to see where the path takes you.

— *Love Mom and Dad*

Welcome to the 2016 Concert Series
of the Young Artist's Harp Seminar
and Preparatory Division

Saturday, July 9, 7:30 p.m.

Winners Concert of the 2016 Young Artist's Harp Competition

Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 p.m.

Featured Artists Concert

*With Guest Artist Judy Loman, and special guests Katie Buckley,
Duo Scorpio, and Angela Schwarzkopf*

Friday July 15, 2:00 p.m.

Preparatory Division solo and ensemble concert

Saturday July 16, 7:00 p.m.

YAHS opening concert featuring soloists and small ensembles

Friday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.

YAHS soloists in concert

Saturday, July 23, 2:00 p.m.

YAHS Gala Grand Finale featuring large ensembles with selected soloists.

Please join us for a reception in the lobby following the concert.

Master Classes with Judy Loman

Monday, July 11, 2–5 p.m, and Wednesday, July 13, 9 am.–12 p.m.

Ticket Information

Individual Concerts: **\$15** per person

Children 10 and under and Seniors with ID: **\$12**

Master Classes: **\$20**

Packages

All concerts (excluding master classes): **\$50**

Master Classes and all first week concerts: **\$40**

100% of ticket proceeds go towards the YAHS Scholarship Fund!

ABOUT THE YAHS PROGRAM

Thank you for attending the 2016 concerts of the **Young Artist's Harp Seminar** and **YAHS Preparatory Division**. We appreciate your support of this unique program. Since its inception in 2002, YAHS has nurtured the talents of top harpists around the world. Our alumni have pursued careers in harp at major music schools and conservatories such as the Curtis Institute of Music, the Cleveland Institute of Music, the Juilliard School, the Paris Conservatory, the Manhattan School of Music, Oberlin Conservatory, and Indiana University, to name just a few. Other YAHS alumni have pursued careers outside of music but continue to keep the harp and music an important part of their life. Together with the **Young Artist's Harp Competition**, we have welcomed harpists from throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia, Australia, and Central America to Rabun Gap, Ga. Please join us in welcoming **76** young artists from around the world to Rabun Gap this summer!

*Bravo to our YAHS alumni international competition winners: **Katherine Siochi**, first prize at the 2016 USA International Harp Competition and AHS Concert Artist; and **Coline Jaget**, top prize at the 2014 Lily Laskine Competition.*

2016 Young Artist's Harp Seminar Participants

<i>Glavier Aldana, Venezuela</i>	<i>Ashleigh Jones, OH</i>	<i>Isabelle Scott, FL</i>
<i>Iris Brown, FL</i>	<i>*Ellie Kirk, IL</i>	<i>April Simons, LA</i>
<i>Emily DeLia, NJ</i>	<i>Alexandra Kovatch, KS</i>	<i>Sophia Shedd, VA</i>
<i>LeAndra Douds, GA</i>	<i>Connor May Kelly, NC</i>	<i>Evelyn Sturrock, MD</i>
<i>Lily el Naccash, NC</i>	<i>Karlee Lanum, VA</i>	<i>Vivian Tang, CO</i>
<i>Dana Esposito, FL</i>	<i>Iam Lim, Malaysia</i>	<i>Karen Tay, Singapore</i>
<i>Gloria Estes, TX</i>	<i>Jennifer MacGray, MA</i>	<i>Elizabeth Trent, OH</i>
<i>Anju Felix, NJ</i>	<i>Cherish McKellar, GA</i>	<i>Lauren Twombly, MD</i>
<i>Matthew Gillespie, NC</i>	<i>*Taylor Mittleider, GA</i>	<i>Tiffany Wong, CA</i>
<i>Krista Hagglund, IL</i>	<i>+Grace Monteleone, GA</i>	<i>Ashley Cheng Wei Lim, Singapore</i>
<i>+Sara Hancock, GA</i>	<i>Danielle Nam, CA</i>	
<i>Allison Jacob, OH</i>	<i>Jared Parsons, NC</i>	
<i>Elizabeth Johnson, VA</i>	<i>Adam Pell, NY</i>	

2016 YAHS Preparatory Division Participants

<i>Kate Arbuckle, NY</i>	<i>Ava Crook, GA</i>	<i>Zora Nelson, PA</i>
<i>Alexandra Bernstein, NY</i>	<i>Brooke Farley, CO</i>	<i>Ahshanti Smalls, PA</i>
<i>Jocelyn Bowns, NC</i>	<i>Isabel Guerra, FL</i>	<i>Malaya Tapp, AR</i>
<i>Lorraine Cain, GA</i>	<i>LanNi Harris, NY</i>	<i>Kate Twiss, NC</i>
<i>Lindsey Chu, NY</i>	<i>Alyssa Lawton, CA</i>	<i>Shae Zalenski, AR</i>
<i>Olivia Clark, GA</i>	<i>Alicia Miguelez, Canada</i>	
<i>Elizabeth Cockrell, SC</i>	<i>Trinity Mosley, GA</i>	

*Counselor, +Intern

ARTISTIC STAFF

YAHS Artist Faculty

YAHS co-founder **Susan Bennett Brady** resides in Atlanta where she performs as Principal Harpist with the Atlanta Opera Orchestra and other regional orchestras. In addition to her large private studio, Susan is on the faculty at the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University and directs the Atlanta Harp Ensemble. She attended the Curtis Institute of Music as a student of Marilyn Costello.

YAHS co-founder **Kimberly Rowe** is founding Editor and Web Editor of *Harp Column* magazine and currently resides in Czech Republic. She is from Philadelphia, where she has performed with ensembles such as The Philadelphia Orchestra and other top ensembles. She attended the Cleveland Institute of Music as a student of Alice Chalifoux.

YAHS 2016 Guest Artist Judy Loman

Recognized as one of the world's foremost harp virtuosos, **Judy Loman** graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music, where she studied with the celebrated harpist Carlos Salzedo. She served as Principal Harpist with the Toronto Symphony from 1960 to 2002. As a soloist, she has won the admiration of audiences and critics alike across Canada, the United States, Europe, and Japan. She is a recipient of Canada's Juno Award for best classical recording and the Canada Council's Grand Prix du disque Canadien. She was recently awarded the Order of Canada, a prestigious honor given by the government of Canada to Canadians who have been influential in their fields. Judy Loman has been a featured recitalist at American Harp Society Conferences and for the World Harp Congress, where she performed the opening recital in 2011. Judy Loman is Adjunct Professor of harp at the University of Toronto and instructor of harp at the Glenn Gould School of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. She gives masterclasses worldwide and has adjudicated at both the International Harp Contest in Israel and the USA International Harp Contest.

2106 Special Guests

Contemporary music enthusiast **Katie Buckley** is Principal Harpist with the Iceland Symphony Orchestra. She is a founding member of Duo Harpverk with percussionist Frank Aarnink. Katie performs as a soloist and chamber musician throughout Iceland, Europe, and the United States. She graduated from the Eastman School of Music with a Bachelor of Music degree, Performer's Certificate, and a Master of Music. Her primary teachers were Susan Bennett Brady, Ann Adams, and Kathleen Bride.

Principal Harpist of the Lyric Opera of Chicago, **Marguerite Lynn Williams** has won numerous national competitions including both the American Harp Society's

National Competition and Anne Adams Awards twice. She has appeared at American Harp Society conventions and the World Harp Congress as well as served as judge for both the American Harp Society and Young Artist's Harp Competitions. Ms. Williams attended the Eastman School of Music where she received both a Bachelor of Music degree and Performer's Certificate studying with Kathleen Bride. She then attended Roosevelt University to study with Sarah Bullen, where she received a Master's Degree in Orchestral Studies and where she now holds the position of Head of the Harp department. She is a founding member of the Chicago Harp Quartet and an avid arranger of harp music including two volumes of harp ensemble music published by Lyon & Healy and nearly 100 other publications.

Preparatory Division Faculty—Duo Scorpio

The dynamic Duo Scorpio—comprised of **Kathryn Andrews** and YAHS alumni **Kristi Shade**—join the faculty once again to lead the YAHS Preparatory Division. Based in New York City, Duo Scorpio is on a mission to expand the duo harp repertoire by commissioning new works and exploring existing repertoire. Kristi and Kathryn both maintain active careers performing on Broadway for shows like *Wicked* and for orchestras such as the Chelsea Symphony and the Bronx Opera (Kathryn) and the Chamber Orchestra of New York and the Miami Symphony (Kristi), where Kristi has been a featured soloist. The two met at the Manhattan School of Music, where they both received Master of Music degrees studying with Susan Jolles. As a duo, they have performed throughout the U.S. and the world, most recently at The World Harp Congress in Sydney, Australia.

YAHS Faculty

Our 2016 faculty includes **Emily Levin** and **Angela Schwarzkopf**. A graduate of Juilliard studying with Nancy Allen, Emily has just began her new post as Principal Harp with the Dallas Symphony. Angela recently finished her Doctoral degree at the University of Toronto where she studied with Judy Loman, and is now a course instructor there and at the Glenn Gould School.

Support YAHS

Each year we receive applications from talented harpists throughout the world who need financial assistance to attend the Young Artist's Harp Seminar. Our scholarship fund awards partial scholarships to students in need. This summer many students received awards thanks to donations from our generous sponsors and audience members like you. We are a non-profit organization in the state of Georgia, and your donation may be eligible for tax benefits.

Donations can be made in the lobby if you wish to contribute today. Or visit www.harpseminar.com to donate online. You can also mail your donation to: Young Artist's Harp Seminar; c/o Susan Bennett Brady; 1281 Rolling Oaks Drive; Kennesaw, Ga, 30152.

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Special thanks to Lyon & Healy for their 2016 gift to YAHS.

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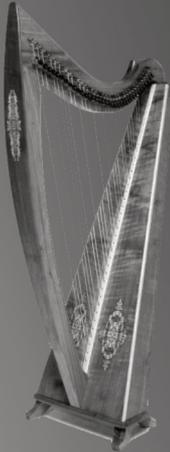


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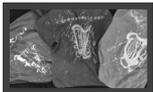
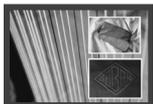
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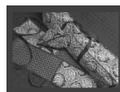


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OUR STORY

As Founders and Artistic Directors of YAHS, we would like to welcome you to the 15th season of the **Young Artist's Harp Seminar**. We first met as teens at an intensive summer orchestra camp not far from Rabun Gap. The musical opportunities, fabulous teachers and mentors, and talented peers drew us back year after year, and it was there that we began building a musical foundation that would carry us into our professional careers.

Later in life our paths continued to cross as we became professional harpists with performing careers and highly-regarded private studios. YAHS was born out of a great friendship, similar work ethic, and desire to give today's young harpists an experience of a lifetime modeled after the positive experiences we received as young musicians.

We are excited to see that YAHS alumni are being recognized at top schools, international competitions and orchestral auditions, and continue to share their love of the harp, music, and the friendships that developed at YAHS.

Susan Benntt Brady and Kimberly Rowe



Join us in 2017!

The Young Artist's Harp Seminar and Competition and YAHS Preparatory Division will be in residence at the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School **June 30–July 15, 2017**. Join us for concerts on:

Friday, July 7, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Prep Division and Duo Scorpio in Concert

Saturday, July 8, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

solos and small ensembles

Friday, July 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

solo performances

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