

The Camac Harpist

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Websites

Our two, linked websites are now up and running and proving to be very popular. Please visit us at: www.camacharps.co.uk and www.rowlandsonline.co.uk. The Camac website has all the information about our range of harps together with an up to date list of used harps and details of our forthcoming exhibitions. You can also read back over our archive of newsletters and the latest harp news from around the world with Camac's *Harpseasons* magazine.

Rowlands Online is where you can order harp sheet music together with music for all instruments, strings, CDs and music related gifts.

The return of our Christmas Harp Sale!

After a break of a few years we are once again holding our popular Christmas Harp Sale. We have 10 of the new *Cambria* 34 gut strung lever harps available in a variety of finishes at a special, reduced rate. These are brand new harps and come complete with a tuning key and full 2 year maker's warranty. The *Cambria* normally retails for £1,495.00, but, for the month of December, these 10 harps are available at a reduced price of £1,245.00. Hurry: this offer is available only while stocks last so don't miss out on a harp for Christmas at a great price!

Used harps

We currently have the following second hand harps in stock: *Troubadour* 22 nylon strung lap harp in natural maple finish. Excellent condition, ex demo model. 12 months old. Full 2 year warranty. £450.00 including VAT.

BabyBlue Electro 36 string folk harp in blue finish. Good condition. Approximately 2 years old. Price includes a heavy duty travelling cover and a stand to hold the harp £2,500.00. *Clio* 44 string extended soundboard pedal harp in mahogany finish with plain soundboard £7,995 including VAT. Excellent condition, ex demo model, 12 months old. Full 5 year warranty and complete set of heavy duty travelling covers worth £400.00. *Athena* 47 string extended soundboard pedal harp in mahogany finish with decorated soundboard, £8,495.00 including VAT. Price includes a full set of heavy duty travelling covers.

7th European Harp Symposium

We were lucky enough to have the European Harp Symposium on our doorstep this year when, for one week in July, harpists from all over Europe descended on Cardiff for a packed programme of concerts, workshops and master classes. Our home for the week was the prestigious Wales Millennium Centre, set in the heart of Cardiff Bay, where we joined Camac to host a large exhibition of Camac harps filling two rooms.

The symposium began with a gathering of 100 harpists playing in the foyer of the Millennium Centre in a bid to make it into the *Guinness Book of World Records* for the

largest number of pedal harpists playing a prepared programme. After a mammoth tuning session, the 100 harpists played two sets to rapturous applause from every level of the building.



The 100 harps at the EHS.



Amanda Whiting, guest harpist, speaks to Jakez François, President of Camac Harps, at the Telynau Vining reception at the EHS.

Among the many fantastic concerts was an opening gala concert featuring a variety of different harps from folk to pedal through to the traditional Welsh triple harp. There was also a special performance by the three royal harpists: Catrin Finch, Jemima Phillips and Claire Jones. Another memorable concert was the Concerto concert held at the city's St David's Hall with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. The soloists were Isabelle Perrin, who performed the William Mathias *Concerto*, and Catrin Finch who performed the *Concierto de Aranjuez* by Joaquin Rodrigo.

The Symposium was brought to a close with a spectacular jazz concert at City Hall. The concert featured Naccara, a French group consisting of six pedal harpists, a double bassist and percussion. This was a visual treat as the six

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harpists moved around the harps using them as percussion instruments as well as playing them in the traditional style. This was followed by Catrin Finch in jazz mode who was joined at one point for a duet by Jakez François, President of Camac Harps, making a rare (and much appreciated) musical appearance. The line-up was completed by Helen Davies who was joined by her husband the jazz trumpeter Palle Mikkelborg and Gert Sorensen on keyboard and percussion. It really was a memorable end to what had been an incredible week.

Bardic harps

The new *Bardic* harp range was launched at this year's European Harp Symposium and, as you may see from our Christmas card, they are available in an extensive range of colours as well as the more traditional finishes. The harps are available with 22 or 27 strings and each one comes complete with a set of legs which can be used if desired. They also come complete with a heavy duty travelling cover which can be worn as a rucksack. The prices are very competitive, with the 22 string retailing at £645.00 and the 27 string at £845.00. Never has the phrase 'Have harp... will travel' been more appropriate for a portable harp!

Harp exhibitions in 2008

Please make a note in your diary of the following major events at which we shall be exhibiting in 2008:

Edinburgh International Harp Festival: 28 March-2 April
National Eisteddfod of Wales, Cardiff: 2-8 August

There will be other events too, for which final details are not available as we go to press. If any harp societies or harp teachers would like us to visit their area, please contact us to discuss.

Stocking fillers

Just look at these affordable Christmas presents and stocking fillers:

Set of four musical shaped cookie cutters £8.95.

Harp keyring £5.95.

Musical latte mug £6.99.

Musical note Christmas tree decoration £4.99. A decoration which after Christmas you soak in water then plant outside to grow a mix of wildflowers.

Musical crackers: have fun this Christmas with these musical crackers. Each cracker contains a whistle at a different pitch. Nominate a conductor to use the score and baton and everyone can join together playing Christmas carols. Hours of fun at £12.95.

Seiko SAT500 electronic chromatic tuner at £29.99. Take the strain out of tuning! The optional tuner pick-up CM1 is also available from us, at £8.00.

New music

If you would like a copy of our current catalogue please contact us by phone, fax or e-mail and we shall be happy

to post a copy to you. All items are available on mail order, usually with next day delivery. The entire harp catalogue is now available for purchase online at www.rowlandsonline.co.uk.

Some of the new books in stock this year are:

From the pen of Meinir Heulyn comes a new collection of *14 Christmas Carols* arranged for 1 or 2 harps.

Lever Harp World – A collection of intermediate contemporary lever harp pieces by various composers edited by Danielle Perrett and David Gough.

We have a large collection of works by Andres Izmaylov, co-principal harpist of the St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra, including *For Artemy* and *St Petersburg – Vienna Concerto Waltz*.

Two new pieces by Janet Bennett: *Images of Northumbria* (15 original compositions and arrangements from Northumbria) and *Traditional Treasures* (18 original compositions and arrangements from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales).

Sue Rothstein's *Dream Studies*, *Magical Animals* and *The Dinopaur Duet Book*.

New CDs

Something borrowed... Something new... – the brilliant new CD by Amanda Whiting, one of the UK's leading young harpists.

Naccara – an exciting combination of 6 harps, double bass and percussion.

Cwlwm Cân – a selection of music by a 5-harp ensemble.

Mail order and Websites

We would like to remind our customers that we offer a next day mail order service on our range of harp music, strings and accessories. You can order these by telephoning us on (029) 2022 1199 or by e-mailing us at telynauviningharps@boltblue.com.

Our shop in the centre of Cardiff is open Monday-Saturday, 10am-5.30pm. Both our websites are now up and running so you can view the harps and see all the latest news at www.camacharps.co.uk and you can purchase all the sheet music, CDs, strings and musical gifts online at www.rowlandsonline.co.uk.

Thank you for your support and custom during 2007. We enjoyed being at your service and look forward to continuing our tradition of a friendly, helpful and knowledgeable service.

'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'
to all our readers

