

HARP SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INCORPORATED

54 Dawson Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt 4122

Conditions for hire of harps, updated 12/11/2010

Terminology: “The Harp” as specified herein refers to the harp, cover, electronic tuner, tuning key and tuning key holder. “The Hirer” refers to the person acquiring the harp from the Harp Society of Queensland Inc (HSQ) for a specific time by payment of a hire fee.

Care of the harp: The Hirer accepts responsibility for the care and upkeep of the harp, including any broken strings, the cost of which will be deducted from the bond money on return of the harp. The Hirer undertakes to return the harp in the condition in which it was lent, or to pay for any repairs or replacement costs as deemed necessary by the Committee of the HSQ.

Cost: A bond of \$200, (returnable) plus
\$200 hire for a period of 13 weeks

Payment: The costs listed above are payable in advance. Payment to be made by cash, direct deposit, or by cheque to “Harp Society of Queensland Incorporated”.

Overdue Fee: An overdue fee of \$30 will apply for each extra week or part thereof, exceeding the 13 week hire period.

Insurance: It is the responsibility of the Hirer to take out insurance on the harp for the period of hire. The harp is to be included in your personal household contents insurance for the duration of the hire term. Proof in writing of this cover must be shown before the HSQ can release the harp for hire.

Please note that to minimise risk the harp must not be taken to any venue other than to and from the HSQ appointed hire scheme convenor.

Term of hire: The term of hire is 13 weeks. Depending on the availability of harps, this period may be extended upon the written agreement of the Harp Hire Coordinator. Such an extension must be applied for and approved at least two weeks before the end of the current hire term.

Should the harp be returned before the end of the hire term, an appropriate pro rata refund will be given, at the rate of \$5 for every week of unused hire. However, any such refund, and refund of Bond money, shall only be given once the Committee of the HSQ is satisfied that the harp has been returned in its original condition.

Usage: The harp is intended for the use of beginners, i.e. those who are new to the harp, and is not to be used for any monetary gain by the Hirer. The harp is not to be used outdoors under any circumstances and must be handled according to the attached document “Care of the Harp”.

Furthermore the Hirer must be a current member of the HSQ. Taking out a subscription to the HSQ will enhance the hire experience and encourage a life-time of involvement with the harp.

The HSQ reserves the right to withdraw the harp from hire at any time should the Committee have reason to believe that the above conditions are not being met.

Enquiries to: Norah Alfredson 07 3349 1203
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HSQ HIRE SCHEME - CARE OF THE HARP

The harp is never to be taken out from your house, with the exception of collecting and dropping off the harp to Norah's, as it will only be covered by our insurance at these times.

The harp is never to be left in a parked car at any time.

Never expose the harp to weather (rain, hail, snow, etc.)

The harp is to be kept out of draughts, sunlight and damp.

When not in use, the harp is to be kept covered and stood with the back against a wall or chair in a protected situation away from animals or children to avoid accidental damage.

Please note: It is advisable to keep the harp well-tuned. Daily tuning keeps the harp easily maintained, the harp stays in tune better and regular tuning reduces the risk of string breakage due to incorrect tension on strings and soundboard.

Broken strings are to be replaced immediately to minimise overstress to the soundboard – the harp will need to be returned to Norah ASAP to have the string replaced.

Similarly, please notify the Norah immediately if any part of the harp is damaged or requires repair. **ON NO ACCOUNT ATTEMPT ANY REPAIRS YOURSELF** as this could result in greater expense to you in the end.

Cleaning: **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CLEAN THE HARP, APART FROM A LIGHT DUST WITH A DRY SOFT CLOTH. .**

N.B. The Harp Society of Queensland Incorporated undertakes to hire our harps in a spirit of good faith. We expect the hirer to take all due care with these instruments. We reserve the right to withdraw a harp from hire without notice should we believe the harp is not being correctly cared for.

Norah Alfredson, Harp Hire Coordinator, HSQ

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Agreement for Hire of Harp

Applicant to fill in only the first section, in the presence of the co-ordinator,
Norah Alfredson

I,

Of

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have read the above "Conditions for Hire of Harps" and agree to abide by the conditions outlined therein.

Signed:

Date:

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Harp hired:

Term:

Payment Received:

Being for:

Insurance cover:

HSQ Membership:

Signed on behalf of the Harp Society of Queensland Incorporated

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Date: