

HARP RENTING/PURCHASING INFORMATION

1. Lyon & Healy Harpmakers

- a. <http://www.lyonhealy.com/>
- b. Rental program
- c. Rent-to-own program
- d. Bounty program (can trade in a lever harp or small pedal harp purchased from them towards a larger pedal harp within a certain time frame). This is a great deal I think!!!
- e. Can also purchase new and certified pre-owned harps from them.
- f. This is a high-quality, reliable brand of harp!
- g. Recommended instruments are: Ogden, Troubadour, or Prelude (lever harps)

2. Local and National Companies that may offer rentals or purchasing new/used harps

American Harp Society- Dallas

This is a local group of harpists and on the classifieds page, local harpists can list harps for rent or sale. Check back often as new listings are posted frequently!

<https://www.dallasharpsociety.org/classifieds>

Harp Column Classified

The same sort of listing as the previous one, but it's a national listing. However, on occasion there will be harps nearby that are listed on this classifieds but not on the American Harp Society's!

<https://harpcolumn.com/harp-column-classifieds/>

Vanderbilt Music Co.

1-800-533-7200

<http://www.vanderbiltmusic.com/>

Pacific Harps

<https://www.pacificatlanticharps.com/index.php>

The Harp Connection

888.287.4277

<http://www.harpconnection.com/>

3. Local Harpists who may carry rental harps:

Patricia Diers

harpsource@padiers.com

940.440.2818

Harps International (has local representative)

<http://www.harps-international.com/>

Kimberly DeRosa

www.harpevents.net

kimberlyharp@gmail.com

713.962.6923

MindaMusic

<https://www.mindamusicstore.com/>

4. A few key points:

- a. Lyon & Healy, Salvi, Venus, and Camac are all good brands. Lyon & Healy and Salvi are the most common and well-known in the USA. Choosing a well-known and trusted brand will make selling the harp much easier if that is necessary in the future.
 - i. If something seems too good to be true, it almost certainly is (where harps are concerned). There are harps available for just a few hundred dollars online, but they are more like a toy than an actual instrument and will not work to practice on.
- b. Both new and pre-owned harps are completely fine, as long as the used harp has been kept in good condition. Even a fairly old harp may still have a great sound and play well!
- c. Middle School: look for a Lyon & Healy Troubadour VI lever harp or something of a similar size. Other good options are:
 - i. Lyon & Healy Ogden,
 - ii. Lyon & Healy Prelude
 - iii. Salvi Gaia
 - iv. Dusty Strings Ravenna.
- d. High School: look for a pedal harp with at least 40 strings, ideally more (47 is full-sized). School instruments are Lyon & Healy #85 or Chicago Style petites, grand petites, and concert grand pedal harps.
- e. Here is a link to an article with information about looking at a used harp and how to determine if it's in good condition: https://www.harpspectrum.org/harpworks/buying_a_used_harp.shtml
- f. When considering a used harp, the most important questions are:
 - i. Does it seem to be in good condition? Has it been well-taken care of?
 - ii. Do I like the sound? Does it feel like it fits me?
 - iii. Does the price seem appropriate? A good way to check is to search for comparable harps on different listings (like Dallas Harp Society Classifieds or Harp Column Classifieds) and see if the prices are similar.