

## **MILDRED MILLIGAN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION 2017**

**Date:** Sunday March 26, 2017

**Location:** St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 8915 Timberside Drive, Houston, TX 77025

Dear Houston Harpists:

The Greater Houston Chapter of the American Harp Society ([www.houstonharp.org](http://www.houstonharp.org)) is pleased to announce the 2017 Mildred Milligan Scholarship Competition for members of the GHC. The competition will take place on Sunday, March 26, 2017, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church.

The main goals of this competition are educational: encouraging student growth and development by challenging harpists to prepare for an adjudicated performance and building a sense of community for Houston area harpists.

**All contestants, as well as their teachers**, must be members of the Greater Houston Chapter of the American Harp Society. Membership application is included on the last page of the competition application.

- Students will perform before a judge (without a screen). Parents, family members, teachers, and friends are permitted to listen during students' performance. The judge's decisions are final.
- First place winners in each category will perform both required and free choice pieces for the May or September meeting of the Houston Harp Chapter. Second and Third place winners will perform their free choice piece for the May or September meeting of the Houston Harp Chapter.
- First Place Winners in all categories will receive a cash prize. A runner-up will be chosen for all divisions and will receive a gift certificate from Melody's Traditional Music, care of the GHC.
- In addition to a cash prize, the First Place Winner of the Division VI (college level) will receive a recital performance opportunity as part of the GHC's 2017-2018 program season. Repertoire may include chamber music as well as solo.

- Arrival and audition time will be sent via email to all registered contestants.

To participate in the competition students must prepare from memory both a required piece, which is listed on the application form by division, and a “free choice” piece. Division VI prepares two free choice pieces. The time limit of the free choice piece varies by division. Contestants will be judged by a professional harpist. Judges will award scores in the following areas:

- Accuracy of Notes/Rhythm
- Dynamics/Phrasing
- Memory
- Tempo
- Overall Artistic Performance

It is important for competitors to select a “free choice” piece that can be performed accurately, by memory, and with the correct dynamics, phrasing, and tempo. Overall, judges will be looking for the most polished performances.

We hope that you and your students will take advantage of this exciting opportunity! Please note that the registration deadline is March 1, 2017. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact me via email at [hope.k.cowan@gmail.com](mailto:hope.k.cowan@gmail.com) or phone at 507-993-4969.

Sincerely,

Hope Cowan, chairman

**MILDRED MILLIGAN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION 2017**  
**MUSIC REQUIREMENTS**

Sunday March 26, 2017

**All pieces must be played from memory**

- DIVISION I**  
(grades 1-3)
1. **Long, Long Ago** from **First Harp Book** by Betty Paret
  2. Free Choice – 2 minute time limit
- DIVISION II**  
(grades 4-5)
1. **Snow White** from **The Enchanted Harp** by Beatrice Rose
  2. Free Choice – 4 minute time limit
- DIVISION III**  
(grades 6-7)
1. **Siciliana** from **Petite Suite Classique** by Marcel Grandjany
  2. Free Choice – 5 minute time limit
- DIVISION IV**  
(grades 8-9)
1. **Tango** from **Suite of Eight Dances** by Carlos Salzedo
  2. Free Choice – 7 minute time limit
- DIVISION V**  
(grades 10-12)
1. **On Arpeggios** from **Modern Method for the Harp** by Carlos Salzedo
  2. Free Choice – 7 minute time limit
- DIVISION VI**  
(College: up to and including age 24)
1. Free Choice - 8 minute time limit (complete work or movement)
  2. Free Choice - 8 minute time limit (contrasting work or movement)

**All music available at Melody's Traditional Music – 281-890-4500 [www.folkharp.com](http://www.folkharp.com)**

Melody's offers a 10% discount on all orders of Milligan Competition materials. Please mention you are ordering for the competition when you place your order, or make a note in the comment box if you order online. Discounts/refunds may not be made post-orders.

**FIRST PLACE PRIZES:** Division I-\$50  
Division II-\$75  
Division III-\$150  
Division IV- \$200  
Division V-\$250  
Division VI-\$400 and GHC 2017/18 recital performance  
\*All runners-up will receive a gift certificate redeemable at Melody's Traditional Music.

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APPLICATION FORM**

Sunday March 26, 2017  
St. Luke's Presbyterian Church  
8915 Timberside Drive  
Houston, TX 77025

NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (required):

\_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY WON 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE IN THIS COMPETITION, YEAR AND  
CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GHC of the American Harp Society/Milligan**

**ENTRANCE FEE: \$15.00**

**DEADLINE: March 1, 2017**

**LATE ENTRANCE FEE: \$30.00 due by March 12, 2017**

**\*\*\*ALL PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS THEIR TEACHERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE  
GREATER HOUSTON CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY\*\*\***

**Membership Application for GHC on following page.**

**PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND REGISTRATION FEES TO:**

Hope Cowan  
22022 Cimarron Parkway #1074  
Katy, TX 77450  
hope.k.cowan@gmail.com

# Greater Houston Chapter of the American Harp Society

[www.houstonharp.org](http://www.houstonharp.org)

Application for Chapter Membership for Milligan Competition 2016-2017

The membership year is from September 1 to August 31

Please use ONE application per person

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APT \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

We encourage you to join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/127047944063>

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS (Choose One)

\_\_\_\_ Individual \$25.00 \_\_\_\_ Student/Senior Citizen \$15.00 \_\_\_\_ Family (group of 4) \$40.00

## DONATIONS (tax-deductible)

\_\_\_\_ Milligan Competition Scholarship

\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_ other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Website

\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_ other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASSIFICATION:** \_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_ Teacher

For the Milligan competition, if you or your teacher are not a current member of the Chapter, please complete this membership application and enclose a separate check payable to "GHC of AHS" (Greater Houston Chapter of the American Harp Society) and mail to:

Hope Cowan  
22022 Cimarron Parkway #1074  
Katy, TX 77450

Questions: [hope.k.cowan@gmail.com](mailto:hope.k.cowan@gmail.com)