Hanging with the Harp - June 17, 2025

Questions for Liza – Harp Care & Maintenance

5 1. String-Related Questions

- Replace fluorocarbon strings after 4 years?
- Tie knot for Camac harp string
- Difficulty knotting 5th octave B string how to avoid crimping?
- Tying knots with 4th octave strings
- 3 strings continually break filed areas already, what else?
- Changing strings on an electric harp. Electric harp maintenance for Lyon and Healy Silhouette.
- Never replaced wire strings uncomfortable doing it. Can you show me?
- String change for metal strings
- How often do you suggest replacing strings on a lever harp used a few times a year?
- Handmade oak harp with custom strings can't find replacement maker. Suggestions? Also want to add levers.

🔧 2. Lever and Regulation Issues

- How to repair levers that aren't moving smoothly?
- How do you know if your harp needs to be regulated?
- Fixing buzzing when using sharping levers
- Buzz in 4th octave mechanism with certain pedal combinations troubleshooting?
- Haven't regulated harp in years is that a problem?
- How hard is it to learn to regulate your own harp?
- Regulating a lever harp so the note is correct when lever is engaged
- Lever adjustment tools how to use them again?
- How to adjust loose levers

3. Maintenance and Cleaning

- Keeping/correcting finish on natural harp with black clothing transfer
- Cleaning after outdoor gigs. 50-year-old harp maintenance. Removing sticky residue.
- Removing dye stains and hand sweat from harp sides
- Oxidized/dull bass strings safe ways to brighten?
- Best way to clean the edge of the soundboard
- What to dust harp with? Clean strings?
- Daily or weekly maintenance for pedal harp

😓 4. Environmental Conditions

- Care for lever harp in outdoor environment (e.g., beach)
- How risky are humidity fluctuations?
- Importance of 40–60% humidity
- Best room or environment to keep and practice harp
- Protecting harp in car bumpy roads, heat
- How hot is too hot to play harp outside?

🚔 5. Tools & Equipment

- What's in your tool bag?
- Basic "tool kit" for simple harp repairs/adjustments?

🎯 6. Tuning

- Slipping tuning pins
- Sticky/hard-to-turn tuning pegs

🛸 7. General Knowledge / Technician Info

- How to study to become a technician
- General "checklist" for harp care without technician access