

Virginia Harp Center - Hangin' With the Harp - July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Connection and Resilience During Covid

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*What if we reframed this time at home as an Artist Residency?*

*We couldn't be living in a better time to tell our unique stories as harpists.*

**What is your WHY? Why do you play music? What keeps you driven as a harpist?**

**Finding your strengths - some questions to ask yourself:**

- What are my strengths as a musician?
- What do I like to do anyway if no one is paying me?
- What feels most natural to you as it relates to the harp? Is it teaching, arranging, composing, playing in an orchestra or ensemble, playing weddings, therapeutic music?

***Let's say we are able to work full time again in Summer 2021.***

*What is your dream vision for this time? What are you busy doing?*

*Who are your dream collaborators?*

**Relationships** When you wrote down dream collaborators, do you know anyone who works with them, or in their style/ field? Can you reach out to them for a lesson of some kind or maybe to propose a collaboration? How are you nurturing the relationships you have to your current audience?

**List your top current collaborators:**

**List top past collaborators:** (can include anyone that has hired you in the past!) How can you reenergize the relationship and offer something new?

## **“Harpist in Residence”**

### **List your top three goals for your artist residency 2020-2021**

(Examples: commission new work, release a major video project, grow your teaching studio)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**What are the action steps you need to take to achieve these goals:**

#### **Goal 1**

- Action Step 1.
- Action Step 2.
- Action Step 3.

#### **Goal 2**

- Action Step 1.
- Action Step 2.
- Action Step 3.

#### **Goal 3**

- Action Step 1.
- Action Step 2.
- Action Step 3.

**Sharing Authentically** Of the strengths and the specialties you listed above, how can you be sharing them in a way that is authentic to you?

How can you share snippets of your action steps so people are brought along in your process?