

Questions for Liza Jensen

Hangin' with the Harp July 2025

*Topic discussed during June livestream

Regulation & Technician Care

- 1 How often should we regulate our levers
- 2 How often should pedal harps be regulated?
- 3 Does Liza have an upcoming regulation schedule to share?
- 4 How often should I have my harp looked at by a technician? I've had it for 7 years and have had no trouble, but it seems that it might be time for a tune-up
- 5 What can/should I do and what should I leave to the tech
- 6 We have a harp program and our harp technician retired. It would be nice to see some general repair tips
- 7 Buzzing disc
- 8 How do you clean squeaky levers on a lever harp?
- 9 I recently replaced my A pedal rod, but now I have a buzz on my 3rd octave A when in the flat position. Any suggestions for resolving the buzz?
- 10 What to do about tuning pegs that are hard to turn?
- 11 I live in a remote area with no access to a harp technician. My 25-year-old harp slips out of tune almost immediately after I tune it. What can I do to fix this myself, and how do I know if it's time for professional repair or replacement?
- 12 I have a buzz when using certain pedals.

Strings (Issues, Replacement, Buzzing, Brands)

- 1 Strings that just sound strange?
- 2 Issue with buzzing bass string
- 3 How best to adjust a buzzy disc on a Camac Blue
- 4 If a harp is rarely played/used, how often should its strings be changed?
- 5
What's your favorite string brand to use and when do you recommend changing strings?
- 6 Would changing the type of strings on my harp help to mellow the tone?
- 7 Looking for a maker who does hand-made nylon wound strings for Celtic Oak 32-string harp
- 8 Any tips for replacing a 5 th octave string?
- 9 Best way to store a harp so that the strings do not break.
- 10 How can a person identify a "false" string?
- 11
How do you know when it's time to have your harp strings replaced and regulated. Can you talk about types of harp strings and which sound best on each type of harp.
- 12 One of the wire strings on my lever harp sometimes rings for quite a long time. It's not exactly a buzz, but a "boi-oing" sound.

- 13 Struggling with an overtone. Are there any solutions for this problem?
- 14 [what to do about tarnished bass wires so don't have to buy new yet](#)
- 15 For me, the hardest thing about replacing a broken string is finding the right string! There are so many ways of counting which string is the right one. I have 11 lever harps and they all seem to be different.
- 16 Is there an easy way to replace broken harp strings on a lever harp? If you haven't played your harp for a while, how often should you tune it? Thank you.

Harp-Specific Maintenance (Lever, Pedal, Electric)

- 1 Maintenance for electric harps such as DHC
- 2 Maintaining a Camac pedal harp, mechanics and Matte finish
- 3 Adjusting Camac levers
- 4 I have a lever that I play about an hour every day, what kind of maintenance should I be doing (it's a LH Ogden that I love!)
- 5
If tuning pins slip on the lever harp, what tools are best used for fixing this problem?
- 6 What size nut driver (?) do I need to regulate a Merlin harp and also what do I need to regulate a Thormahlen Swan?
- 7 How do you regulate Harpsicle levers?
- 8 I have an older Lyon and Healy Folk harp. The finish feels bumpy. What can I safely use on it.
- 9 Best wire/cord. Best tools for maintenance of harp

Environment & Storage

- 1 [Manage the harp during NE humidity in small living quarters](#)
- 2 [Is it ok to open windows in the spring when temperatures and humidity fluctuate? It affects tuning, but is it ok for the harp?](#)
- 3 [What is the recommended humidity vs temperature for the harp room?](#)
- 4 should you put your dust cover on if not using the harp for a while. in general, should you put the dust cover on . Do you use the dust cover under the travel bag?
- 5 What is the best dust cover for a dusty string FSH 36? Conversley, the best fabric to use to make one.
- 6 How do I clean the pegs on the neck of the harp? And also the pedals? Because I like the shiny ?
- 7 [How to fix harps that had humidity damage or high moisture on the metal parts, that caused color changes on the metal.](#)

Tuning, Transport, & Miscellaneous Care

- 1 [Transport Tips](#)
- 2 What's the best way to tune the last bottom wired string in a noisy room?
- 3 One of my tuning pins is not tight in the hole, and the string goes flat quickly. How do I get the pin to stay tight?

- 4 There is a horizontal cracking across the soundboard of an older harp someone donated to my church. The crack isn't completely open, but I'm afraid to tune it for fear of making it worse. Any chance this can be fixed, or at least stabilized?
- 5 I have a few tiny scratches on one side of my harp. Is there any way to treat these so that they show less? thanks
- 6 pressing in tuning pins when you feel them not having enough resistance
- 7 [Do you recommend putting wood oil on instrument ? I have heard mixed thoughts on this.](#)
- 8 During your last presentation, I believe you might have mentioned possibly using something like Windex to remove black concert performance clothing contact stains on the harp body. Is this possible or recommended for a harp with a water-based finish (like Salvi harps)? Is there any way that you could possibly very briefly demonstrate this during today's presentation?
- 9 What are the most common issues you run into in regards to Lever Harps?
- 10 I'm interested in learning more about how to become a harp technician.
- 11 [What is the best way to care for the wood finish?](#)
- 12 best levers on the market for ease of use?