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## **Education & Training**

**Certified Music Practitioner**, Music for Healing and Transition Program, Hillsdale, NY, 2006

- ♦ I attended classes in Cleveland, Ohio.
- ♦ Focused on Celtic harp and mountain dulcimer.

### **Continuing Professional Education**

Biannual Conference, Music for Healing and Transition Program, Euclid, Ohio, 2006

### **Private Musical Studies**

- ♦ Celtic Harp, Lessons with Karen Babb, Hinckley, Ohio, 2003 to Present
- ♦ Celtic Harp, self-study, 2003 to Present
- ♦ Mandolin, self-study, 2002 to Present
- ♦ Mountain Dulcimer, self-study, 2000 to Present
- ♦ Intermediate Harp Intensive, Sue Richards, Buckeye Dulcimer Festival, Ashley, Ohio, 2005
- ♦ Harp Intensive, Wendy Barlow, Buckeye Dulcimer Festival, Ashley, Ohio, 2004
- ♦ Advanced Mountain Dulcimer Intensives, Katie Waldren and Sue Carpenter, Buckeye Dulcimer Festival, Ashley, Ohio, 2003
- ♦ Festival Workshops—Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Fiddle
  - ♦ Lever Harp, Somerset Folk Harp Festival, Somerset, NJ, 2005
  - ♦ Mountain Dulcimer, Dulcimer Days, Roscoe Village, Coshocton, Ohio, 2003
  - ♦ Folk Harp, Sharon Knowles, Cook Forest Folk Gathering, Clarion, Penn, 2002
  - ♦ Various, Cook Forest Folk Gathering, Clarion, Penn, 2001-2004
  - ♦ Various, Dulci-More Festival, Lisbon, Ohio, 2000-2003

## **Musical Experience in Healthcare Settings**

### **Bedside Service**

- ♦ Alzheimer's patient (man), Parma, Ohio, 2006
- ♦ Quadriplegic man, Canton, Ohio, 2004

**Music Practitioner Intern**, University Hospital's Ireland Cancer Center at Southwest General Health Center, Middleburg Hts, Ohio, Summer 2006

- ♦ Played live therapeutic acoustic music on Celtic harp for cancer patients in the outpatient cancer infusion center and the hospital's inpatient cancer floor to provide a soothing, healing environment.

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## **Musical Experience in Other Settings**

### **Selected Solo Performances**

- ♦ Special Music, Ladies' dinner party, Rittman Christian Church, Rittman, Ohio, 2007
- ♦ Morning meditation music, Prayer Retreat, Edgehill Community Church, Port Clinton, 2006
- ♦ Special music, church services, Rittman Christian Church, Rittman, Ohio, 2006
- ♦ Special music, Women's Retreat, Edgehill Community Church, Aurora, Ohio, 2006
- ♦ Special music, Women's Retreat, Edgehill Community Church, Port Clinton, Ohio, 2004-05
- ♦ Special music, Women's Retreat, Grace Community Fellowship, Ravenna, Ohio, 2002-2003
- ♦ Special music, church services, Grace Community Fellowship, Uniontown, 2000 to Present

### **Discography — guest appearances**

- ♦ *Seasonal Healing Concert*, expected release Spring 2007. Recorded at the 2006 Music for Healing and Transition Program's Biannual Conference. It features the Color Red, Modes of Summer, and the Element of Fire. I played Celtic harp in this large group collaboration. Produced by Tama-Do Academy.
- ♦ *Mixed-Up Strings — Mixed Up Again*, Winter 2007. I played mandolin on five group tunes, and two solo harp tunes. Produced by Mixed-Up Strings.
- ♦ *Mixed-Up Strings — A Simple Life*, Summer 2002. This CD was the soundtrack to a PBS TV documentary, *A Simple Life*, about the Amish in Ohio. I played mountain dulcimer on three group tunes. Produced by Mixed-Up Strings.

## **Additional Information**

### **Email Discussion Lists**

MHTP, Music Medicine, Healing Harps  
Harplist, Scottish-Harp

### **Clubs, Ensembles & Harp Circles**

Village Musicians, Richfield, Ohio, 2005 to Present  
Northeast Ohio Harpers, Richfield, Ohio, 2005 to Present  
Hummingbird Harpers, Founder, Rittman, Ohio, 2003 to Present  
Mountain Dulcimer Ensemble, Rittman, Ohio, 2000 to Present  
Mixed-Up Strings, performing group, Barberton, Ohio, 2000 to Present  
Wayne County Mountain Dulcimer Players, Wooster, Ohio, 2000 to Present  
Grace Ensemble, Director & Musician, Uniontown, Ohio, 2000 to 2005  
Canton Folk Song Society, Canton, Ohio, 2000 to 2002