HARP (Subject Code: 08): Syllabus requirements

Syllabus validity

This syllabus is valid from 2005 until further notice.

Instruments

This syllabus is for pedal and non-pedal harp at all grades. The requirements for pedal harp from Grade 4 are generally for instruments with a minimum of 46 strings. The requirements for non-pedal harp from Grade 3 are for instruments with Eb tuning and with a minimum of 34 strings (highest acceptable pitch for bottom string: 6th-octave C). At Grades 1 and 2, three non-pedal harp tuning groups (C tuning, Eb tuning and F tuning) are provided for.

Tuning

Candidates must bring their own instrument to the exam and ensure that it is properly tuned beforehand. Tuning adjustment is permitted during the exam, if necessary. Candidates will also be given sufficient time to make the necessary pedal/lever changes for scale requirements and pieces. The examiner will not assist with tuning.

Music stands

All ABRSM Centres provide a music stand, but candidates are welcome to bring their own if they prefer.

Programme planning

Candidates should use their discretion in their choice of three pieces to present a contrasted and balanced programme. One piece must be chosen from each of the three lists in each grade (A, B and C).

Pieces marked * may be played by both pedal and non-pedal harpists, provided that the composer's original pitches and rhythms are not omitted or altered in any way. Pieces marked † must be played by pedal harpists *only*, while those marked ‡ must be played by non-pedal harpists *only*.

For those publications where no distributor is listed in the syllabus, candidates are referred to the following harp retailers – Morley, Pencerdd Cyf, Pilgrim, Salvi or Telynau Vining (see pp. 117–119 for contact details).

Scales and arpeggios

Examiners will usually ask for at least one of each type of scale/arpeggio required at each grade. At Grades 1 and 2 examiners will ask non-pedal harp candidates which of the three groups of scales they have chosen.

All scales and arpeggios should:

- be played from memory
- ascend and descend according to the specified range (and pattern)
- be played at a pace that achieves a good even tone, clear articulation and a vital and secure rhythmic structure

Any practical and systematic fingering that produces a good result will be accepted. The scale requirements are published in separate books for pedal and non-pedal harp by Alaw (see p. 117).

Sight-reading

Candidates will be given a short interval of up to half a minute in which to look through and, if they wish, try out any part of the sight-reading test before they are required to perform it for assessment. A book of specimen sight-reading tests for harp (pedal and non-pedal) is published by ABRSM.

Performance and assessment

When marking, examiners will be assessing not only the accuracy of notes and rhythm, but also other elements inherent in a good performance, including tone quality, tuning, balance, clarity, articulation, suitable choice of tempo and details of expression, phrasing and posture. Any practical and systematic fingering that produces a good result will be accepted. Further details of assessment criteria are given in *These Music Exams*, available free of charge from music retailers and from www.abrsm.org/exams.

Marking scheme

Schedule of maximum marks for all grades:

Scales and arpeggios	21
Pieces: 1	30
2	30
3	30
Sight-reading	21
Aural tests	18
Total	150

SCALES AND ARPEGGIOS: from memory, in the keys specified in one of the following groups chosen by the candidate:

Pedal Harp C, G, D, F, B majors (one octave)

Non-pedal Harp Group 1 C, G, D majors (one octave) Group 2

Eb, Bb, C majors (one octave) Group 3 F, C, G majors (one octave)

Scales: in the above keys, with each hand separately

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position only, with each hand separately

THREE PIECES: one chosen by the candidate from each of the three lists, A, B and C:

LIST A

- * 1 Bernard Andrès No. 1 from 'Asters' (Hamelle HA009607/UMP)
- Anon. Bohemian The Jolly Peasant First Harp Book, arr. Paret (Lyra) Betty Paret Rondo
- * 4 Anon. Italian O Sanctissima. Fun from the First!, Vol. 2, arr. Milligan (Lyon & Healy/Salvi)
- * 5 Grandjany Little Waltz. No. 12 from First-Grade Pieces for Harp by Grandjany and * 6 Jane Weidensaul Midnight Stars or Barn Dance Memory. Weidensaul (Carl Fischer O4466/MDS) No. 13 or No. 15 from
- * 7 **Soler** Allegretto. Beginner's Harp Book 1, arr. Schlomovitz (Salvi)

LIST B

- Anon. Chinese The Purple Bamboo. Fun from the First!, Vol. 2, arr. Milligan (Lyon & Healy/Salvi) * 1
- Fiona Clifton-Welker Charlotte in Spring, from 'Harping On', Book 1 (Clifton-Welker)
- **Bonnie Goodrich** Azaleas in Houston *or* Japanese Lanterns, from 'A Bouquet for Young Harpists' (*Bel Artes*)
- David Gough and Danielle Perrett Donkey Ride, from 'Lift Off!' (Beartramka)
- arr. Meinir Heulyn Three Blind Mice. No. 4 from 12 Easy Nursery Tunes for Young Harpists (Alaw)
- Anne Macdearmid Lullaby or The Merry-go-Round. Comunn na Clarsaich Folio 18 (Clarsach Society)
- * 7 David Watkins Berceuse: No. 2 from 'Six Pieces' (Boosey & Hawkes/MDS)

LIST C

- * 1 **Dominig Bouchaud** Coquillages (Shells) or A pas de fourmis (Ant's Steps) or La balle (The Ball), from 'Harpe d'or' (Billaudot GB5993/UMP)
- Ank van Campen Tutor for the Celtic Harp: Etude No. 2 or No. 5 (Harmonia XHU2703/Spartan Press)
- Skaila Kanga Sound the Trumpets or The Glittering Ballroom: No. 8 or No. 10 from 'Minstrel's Gallery' (Maruka
- Pozzoli 65 Piccoli Studi facili e progressivi, 1st Grade: No. 2 or No. 3 or No. 10. Grossi Metodo per Arpa, p. 91 or p. 97 (Ricordi/UMP)
- * 5 Tournier Les Tierces. No. 1 from Les Plaisirs de la Harpe, Vol. 1, ed. Géliot (Lemoine/FM Distribution)

SIGHT-READING§: see p. 58

AURAL TESTS FOR THE GRADE[§]: see pp. 98 and 99

^{*} Pedal and non-pedal harp

§ Published by ABRSM (Specimen Sight-Reading Tests, Specimen Aural Tests)

SCALES AND ARPEGGIOS: from memory, in the keys specified in one of the following groups chosen by the candidate:

Pedal Harp C, G, D, F, Bb majors; A, E, D minors (two octaves)

Non-pedal Harp *Group 1* C, G, D, A majors; A, E minors (two octaves)

Group 2 Eb, Bb, C, G majors; C, G minors (two octaves)

Group 3 F, C, G, D majors; D, A minors (two octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in harmonic form *only*), with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position only:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as example below:



THREE PIECES: one chosen by the candidate from each of the three lists, A, B and C:

LIST A

- * 1 **Bernard Andrès** No. 2 or No. 6 from 'Aquatintes' (Hamelle HA009606/UMP)
- * 2 Anon. Scottish College Hornpipe. A Harper's Pleasure, arr. Mieras (Swanston Music)
- * 3 Anon. Welsh Dacw Mam yn Dwad (Here Comes Mother) or Can y Melinydd (The Miller's Song) (harp 1 part): No. 3 or No. 6 from 'O'r Dechrau' (From the Beginning), arr. Heulyn (Alaw)
- * 4 J. S. Bach While Bagpipes Play Second Harp Book, arr. Paret (Lyra)
- * 5 J.-J. Rousseau Evening Song
 * 6 Mel Bonis Le Petit Mendiant (The Little Beggar). No. 7 from Les Plaisirs de la Harpe, Vol. 1, ed. Géliot (Lemoine/
- * 6 Mel Bonis Le Petit Mendiant (The Little Beggar). No. / from Les Plaisirs de la Harpe, Vol. I, ed. Géliot (Lemoine, FM Distribution)
- * 7 **Grandjany** Gigue: No. 2 from 'Petite Suite Classique' (Carl Fischer O4788/MDS)
- * 8 Grandjany The See-Saw, from 'Little Harp Book' (Carl Fischer O4636/MDS)
- * 9 Lucien Thomson Ebbing Tide or Song at Night (publ. separately: Thomson)

LIST B

- * 1 Bartók In Phrygian Mode or In Yugoslav Mode: No. 2 or No. 3 from 'Mikrokosmos', arr. Marzuki (Boosey & Hawkes/ MDS)
- * 2 **Geoffrey Burgon** Dawn: No. 1 from 'Beginnings' (Stainer & Bell H52)
- * 3 Fiona Clifton-Welker Goblin Rustle, from 'Harping On', Book 1 (Clifton-Welker)
- * 4 Monique Gabus Crépuscule sur le Lagon (Twilight on the Lagoon). No. 13 from Les Plaisirs de la Harpe, Vol. 1, ed. Géliot (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- * 5 Yann Geslin Complainte (Lament). No. 12 from
- Grandjany Rêverie: No. 1 from 'Trois petites Pièces très faciles', Op. 7 (Leduc AL20039/UMP)
- * 7 Stewart Green Mister Blister's March, p. 2 from 'Blistering Along!' (Green)
- * 8 Skaila Kanga Hippopotamus Rag or Bedtime Blues or Swing Time: No. 27 or No. 28 or No. 29 from 'Minstrel's Gallery' (Maruka Music)
- * 9 Geoffrey Winters At Anchor or Celtic Rag: No. 6 or No. 8 from 'Journeys', Op. 80 (Simrock EE4019/MDS)

LIST C

- * 1 **Dominig Bouchaud** Parapluie (Umbrella) or Le Crabe (The Crab), from 'Harpe d'or' (Billaudot GB5993/UMP)
- * 2 Ank van Campen Tutor for the Celtic Harp: Etude No. 8 or No. 11 (Harmonia XHU2703/Spartan Press)
- * 3 Skaila Kanga Mountain Stream or Garden of Dreams: No. 14 or No. 22 from 'Minstrel's Gallery' (Maruka Music)
- * 4 Pozzoli 65 Piccoli Studi facili e progressivi, 1st Grade: No. 13a or No. 13b; or 2nd Grade: No. 11 or No. 15. Grossi Metodo per Arpa, pp. 100, 116 or 122 (Ricordi/UMP)
- 5 Phyllis Schlomovitz Ballerina. Beginner's Harp Book 1, arr. Schlomovitz (Salvi)

SIGHT-READING§: see p. 58

AURAL TESTS FOR THE GRADE see pp. 98 and 99

SCALES AND ARPEGGIOS: from memory, in the following keys:

Pedal Harp C, G, D, A, E, F, Bb, Eb majors; A, E, D, G, C minors (two octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in harmonic form only), with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position only:

- with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart (two octaves)
- ii) divided between the hands, as example below (three octaves):



Non-pedal Harp Eb, Bb, F, C, G, D majors; C, G, D, A, E minors (two octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in harmonic form only), with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position only:

- with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart (two octaves)
- ii) divided between the hands, as example above (three octaves)

THREE PIECES: one chosen by the candidate from each of the three lists, A, B and C:

LIST A

- * 1 Bernard Andrès Gavotte, from 'Automates' (Hamelle HA009608/UMP)
- **Anon. Welsh** Llwyn Onn (The Ash Grove) (pp. 20–22) Medieval to Modern, Vol. 2, ed. Milligan
- **Bochsa** Rondo 'Le Garçon Volage', from 'Air and Rondo' (pp. 4–6) (Lyon & Healy/Salvi)
- J. S. Bach Minuet (from Sixth French Suite). Second Harp Book, arr. Paret (Lyra)
- 5 Clarke Chaconne. No. 4 from
- Y Telynor Clasurol (The Classical Harpist), arr. Powell (Adlais) Handel Allegro or Sonatina. No. 5 or No. 6 from
- * 7 Skaila Kanga Country Dance: No. 2 from 'Miniatures' (harp 1 part) (Alaw)
- Koechlin Sicilienne. No. 23 from Les Plaisirs de la Harpe, Vol. 1, ed. Géliot (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- * 9 Pässler Rondo. No. 3 from Short Pieces from the Masters, arr. Grandjany (Carl Fischer H64/MDS)

LIST B

- * 1 Anon. Scottish A' Bheairt-Fhioda (A Weaving Lilt). A Harper's Pleasure, arr. Mieras (Swanston Music)
- Bartók Triplets or Five-tone Scale: No. 11 or No. 12 from 'Mikrokosmos', arr. Marzuki (Boosey & Hawkes/MDS)
- Delibes Solo for Harp. Two Original Pieces by Franck and Delibes, ed. Costello (OUP archive/Allegro)
- Grandjany Barcarolle: No. 3 from 'Trois petites Pièces très faciles', Op. 7 (may be played in C on non-pedal harp) (Leduc AL20039/UMP)
- * 5 **Stewart Green** Blistering Rock!, from 'Blistering Along!' (*Green*)
- Hasselmans Rouet: No. 2 from 'Trois petites Pièces faciles' (Durand/UMP) † 6
- Susann McDonald Alpine Waltz Harp Solos, Vol. 3, by McDonald and Wood (Musicworks)
- Linda Wood Russian Lullaby * 9
- Buxton Orr No. 2 from 'Three Diatonic Preludes' (OUP archive/Allegro)

LIST C

- † 1 Bochsa 40 Etudes Faciles, Op. 318, Book 1: No. 4 or No. 5 (Leduc AL20029/UMP)
- Ank van Campen Tutor for the Celtic Harp: Scale-Study No. 4, p. 47 (Harmonia XHU2703/Spartan Press)
- **Jean-Michel Damase** 10 Etudes Faciles et Progressives: No. 1 or No. 2 (Billaudot GB7090/UMP)
- Carlo Grossi Etude. No. 22 from Les Plaisirs de la Harpe, Vol. 1, ed. Géliot (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- Pozzoli Studi di Media Difficoltà: No. 1 (Ricordi/UMP)

SIGHT-READING§: see p. 58

AURAL TESTS FOR THE GRADE§: see pp. 98 and 100

† Pedal harp only * Pedal and non-pedal harp

§ Published by ABRSM (Specimen Sight-Reading Tests, Specimen Aural Tests)

SCALES AND ARPEGGIOS: from memory, in the following keys:

Pedal Harp C, G, D, A, E, F, Bb, Eb, Ab majors; A, E, D, G, C, F minors (three octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (A, E, D and G minors in harmonic form *only*, C and F minors in *both* melodic *and* harmonic forms), with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position and first inversion:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart (three octaves)
- ii) divided between the hands, as example below (four octaves):



Non-pedal Harp Eb, Bb, F, C, G, D, A, E majors; C, G, D, A, E minors (two octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in harmonic form *only*):

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) C and A minors in melodic form with RH only

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position and first inversion:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart (two octaves)
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 3 (three octaves)

THREE PIECES: one chosen by the candidate from each of the three lists, A, B and C:

LIST A

- * 1 Bernard Andrès Sarabande or Gaillarde, from 'Automates' (Hamelle HA009608/UMP)
- † 2 **J. S. Bach** Prelude in C, BWV 846: No. 1 from 'The Well-Tempered Clavier', Book 1. *Second Harp Book, arr. Paret (Lyra)*
- ‡ 3 J. S. Bach Prelude in C, BWV 846: No. 1 from 'The Well-Tempered Clavier', Book 1, arr. O'Farrell (O'Farrell)
- † 4 Clementi Sonatina in C, Op. 36 No. 1: 1st movt, Allegro. Second Harp Book, arr. Paret (Lyra)
- ‡ 5 Clementi Sonatina in C, Op. 36 No. 1: 1st movt, Allegro. Composers in Georgian London, trans. Shaljean (Blue Crescent Music)
- † 6 arr. Olivia Dussek Merch Megan (Megan's Daughter) (Adlais)
- † 7 Handel Sarabande. Second Harp Book, arr. Paret (Lyra)
- † 8 Grandjany Gavotte: No. 3 from 'Petite Suite Classique' (Carl Fischer 04788/MDS)
- ‡ 9 **Kuhlau** Theme and Variations. No. 23 from Panorama de la Harpe Celtique, arr.
- ‡ 10 Mozart Andante grazioso (from Piano Sonata, K. 331). No. 22 from Bouchaud (Editions Musicales
- ‡ 11 A. Scarlatti Minuetto. No. 19 from \ Transatlantiques/Music Sales)

LIST B

- * 1 Bartók Merriment: No. 13 from 'Mikrokosmos', arr. Marzuki (Boosey & Hawkes/MDS)
- * 2 arr. Deborah Friou Scarborough Fair (Friou Music)
- * 3 Stewart Green Ragged Robin, from 'Flights of Fancy' (Green)
- * 4 arr. Meinir Heulyn O'er the Sea to Skye: No. 6 from 'Famous Music for the Harp', Vol. 1 (Alaw)
- † 5 **arr. Meinir Heulyn** Y Ferch o Blwy' Penderyn (The Girl from Penderyn) *or* Ar Hyd y Nos (All Through the Night), from 'Telynor Llys a Chastell' (Harpist of Court and Castle) (*Adlais*)
- * 6 Skaila Kanga Skating on Ice: No. 4 from 'Miniatures' (harp 1 part) (Alaw)
- * 7 Alfredo Rolando Ortiz Waiting or The Harp Cha-cha-chá, from 'The International Rhythmic Collection', Vol. 1 (Aroy Music)
- * 8 Alfredo Rolando Ortiz Tango Triste or Carnaval Brasileiro, from 'The International Rhythmic Collection', Vol. 2 (Aroy Music)
- † 9 Renié Angelus, from 'Feuillets d'Album' (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- † 10 Renié Conte de Noël: No. 1 from 'Six Pièces Brèves', 1st Suite (Leduc AL20157/UMP)
- * 11 arr. Ronald Stevenson Eriskay Love-Lilt, from 'Sounding Strings' (UMP)
- † 12 Linda Wood Two Guitars. Harp Solos, Vol. 4, by McDonald and Wood (Musicworks)

LIST C

- * 1 Freddy Alberti 10 Etudes Progressives et Techniques: No. 3 or No. 8 (Hamelle HA009600/UMP)
- 2 **Bochsa** 40 Etudes Faciles, Op. 318, Book 1: No. 14 (*Leduc AL20029/UMP*)
- * 3 Louis Concone 30 Etudes Progressives, Op. 26, Book 1: No. 1 (Prélude) (Billaudot R3589/UMP)
- * 4 **Jean-Michel Damase** 10 Etudes Faciles et Progressives: No. 3 (*Billaudot GB7090/UMP*)
- † 5 **Jean-Michel Damase** 12 Etudes pour Harpe: No. 1 (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- † 6 **Pozzoli** Studi di Media Difficoltà: No. 11 *or* No. 14 (*Ricordi/UMP*)
- * 7 **Phyllis Schlomovitz** Butterflies. Beginner's Harp Book 1, arr. Schlomovitz (Salvi)

SIGHT-READING§: see p. 58

AURAL TESTS FOR THE GRADE§: see pp. 98 and 100

^{*} Pedal and non-pedal harp † Pedal harp only

SCALES AND ARPEGGIOS: from memory, in the following keys:

Pedal Harp all major and minor keys not involving double sharps or double flats (three octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in both melodic and harmonic forms), with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position *and* first inversion (as well as in second inversion in C and F majors and minors):

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart (three octaves)
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 4 (four octaves)

Dominant Sevenths: in the keys of C, F, G and Bb in root position only:

i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart, as example below (three octaves):



ii) divided between the hands, as example below (four octaves):



Non-pedal Harp Eb, Bb, F, C, G, D, A, E majors; C, G, D, A, E minors (two octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in harmonic form *only*):

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) C, D and A minors in melodic form with RH only

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position *and* first inversion (as well as in second inversion in C and G majors and minors):

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart (two octaves)
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 3 (three octaves)

Dominant Sevenths: in the keys of C, F, G and B in root position only:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart, as first example above (two octaves)
- ii) divided between the hands, as example below (three octaves):



^{*} Pedal and non-pedal harp

THREE PIECES: one chosen by the candidate from each of the three lists, A, B and C:

LIST A

- † 1 Anon. Pavane, trans. Salzedo Solos for the Harp Player, ed. Lawrence (Schirmer GS33075/Music Sales) Corelli Sarabande, trans. Owens
- Anon. Variations sur un thème de Mozart, arr. Le Dentu: Theme & Vars 2, 5 & 6 only (Billaudot GB3163/UMP)
- Arne Sonata No. 6 in G minor: 2nd movt, Presto (Gigue). Anthology of English Music for the Harp, Vol. 3, ed. Watkins (Stainer & Bell H141)
- Clementi Sonatina in C, Op. 36 No. 1: 2nd and 3rd movts, Andante and Vivace. Composers in Georgian London, trans, Shaliean (Blue Crescent Music)
- J. L. Dussek Sonatina No. 2 in F: 2nd movt, Allegro. Dussek 6 Sonatines (Bärenreiter Praha H 1748/Bärenreiter)
- arr. Meinir Heulyn Ymadawiad y Brenin (The King's Departure), from 'Telynor Llys a Chastell' (Harpist of Court and Castle) (Adlais)
- Naderman Sonatina No. 2 in C minor: 1st movt, Allegro maestoso. Naderman 7 Sonates Progressives (Leduc AL20037/UMP)
- ‡ 9 O'Carolan Concerto. No. 39 from Panorama de la Harpe Celtique, arr. Bouchaud (Editions Musicales Transatlantiques/Music Sales)
- ‡ 10 O'Carolan Madam Cole or Lady Dillon. No. 2 or No. 12 from Sounding Harps, Book 3 (Cáirde na Cruite)
- * 11 Scarlatti Sonata in C. No. 1 from Pièces Classiques, Book 5, arr. Bouchaud (Billaudot GB4369/UMP)
- ‡ 12 arr. Florence Wilson Eilean a' Chéo (The Misty Island). Comunn na Clarsaich Folio 8 (Clarsach Society)

LIST B

- **Anon.** Water is Wide. Treasures of the Celtic Harp, arr. Robertson (Mel Bay)
- † 2 Lex van Delden Notturno (Lengnick/FM Distribution)
- Jeffrey Mayhew Fiskars from 'People and Places' (Jeffrey Mayhew)
- Jeffrey Mayhew El Colibri † 5 Susann McDonald Nocturne. Harp Solos, Vol. 5, by McDonald and Wood (Musicworks)
- O'Carolan Carolan's Farewell to Music. The Irish Harp Book, ed. Larchet Cuthbert, p. 103 (Mercier Press)
- * 7 **Anne-Marie O'Farrell** Prelude for Irish Harp (*O'Farrell*)
- Buxton Orr No. 3 from 'Three Diatonic Preludes' (OUP archive/Allegro)
- Alfredo Rolando Ortiz Noche de Fiesta, from 'The International Rhythmic Collection', Vol. 1 (Aroy Music)
- † 10 Renié Au bord du ruisseau (Leduc/UMP)
- † 11 Renié Esquisse, from 'Feuillets d'Album' (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- † 12 Carlos Salzedo Short Fantasy on a Catalan Carol, from 'Christmas Harp Collection' (Boosey & Hawkes/MDS)
- ‡ 13 arr. Ronald Stevenson Harp of Gold and The Cockle-Gatherer, from 'Sounding Strings' (UMP)
- † 14 **Tournier** Prélude No. 1 in Gb, from '4 Préludes', Op. 16 (*Leduc/UMP*)

LIST C

- Freddy Alberti 10 Etudes Progressives et Techniques: No. 4 (Hamelle HA009600/UMP)
- Bernard Andrès Préludes, Book 1: No. 1 or No. 3 (Hamelle HA009624/UMP)
- † 3 **Bochsa** 40 Etudes Faciles, Op. 318, Book 1: No. 8 or No. 15 or No. 16 (*Leduc AL20029/UMP*)
- Louis Concone 30 Etudes Progressives, Op. 26, Book 1: No. 2 (Prélude in Bp) (Billaudot R3589/UMP)
- Jean-Michel Damase 10 Etudes Faciles et Progressives: No. 4 or No. 5 (Billaudot GB7090/UMP) * 5
- † 6 Jean-Michel Damase 12 Etudes pour Harpe: No. 2 or No. 3 (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- † 7 Pozzoli Studi di Media Difficoltà: No. 10 or No. 15 or No. 20 (Ricordi/UMP)
- Sor Etude No. 5. No. 27 from Panorama de la Harpe Celtique, arr. Bouchaud (Editions Musicales Transatlantiques/ Music Sales)

SIGHT-READING§: see p. 58

AURAL TESTS FOR THE GRADE see pp. 98 and 101

PREREQUISITE FOR ENTRY: Grade 5 (or above) in Theory of Music, Practical Musicianship or any solo Jazz subject.

SCALES AND ARPEGGIOS: from memory, in the following keys:

Pedal Harp all major and minor keys not involving double sharps or double flats (four octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in *both* melodic *and* harmonic forms), with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart *and* a sixth apart

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position, first and second inversions:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 4

Dominant Sevenths: in all keys in root position *and* first inversion:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart (three octaves)
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 5 (four octaves)

Non-pedal Harp Eb, Bb, F, C, G, D, A, E majors; C, G, D, A, E minors (three/two octaves, as range permits)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in harmonic form *only*):

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart and a sixth apart
- ii) minors in melodic form with RH only (three octaves)

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position, first and second inversions:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 3 (three octaves)

Dominant Sevenths: in the keys of C, F, G and B in root position *and* first inversion (three octaves):

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as non-pedal harp example in Grade 5

THREE PIECES: one chosen by the candidate from each of the three lists, A, B and C:

LIST A

- ‡ 1 **Anon. Irish** Bean Dubh an Ghleanna (The Dark Woman of the Glen). *No. 8 from Sounding Harps, Book 3 (Cáirde na Cruite*)
- ‡ 2 Anon. Irish Shule Aroon. Treasures of the Celtic Harp, arr. Robertson (Mel Bay)
- ‡ 3 J. C. Bach Presto. No. 3 from Pièces Classiques, Book 5, arr. Bouchaud (Billaudot GB4369/UMP)
- † 4 Blow Mortlack's Ground. Anthology of English Music for the Harp, Vol. 2, ed. Watkins (Stainer & Bell H140)
- † 5 Cabezón Pavane and Variations. Spanish Masters of the 16th and 17th Century, ed. Zabaleta (Schott BSS 38512/MDS)
- † 6 J. L. Dussek Sonatina No. 6 in Ep: complete. Dussek 6 Sonatines (Bärenreiter Praha H 1748/Bärenreiter)
- † 7 **Handel** Gigue, arr. Thomas (*Adlais*)
- ‡ 8 T. C. Kelly Interlude. The Irish Harp Book, ed. Larchet Cuthbert, pp. 116–8 (Mercier Press)
- † 9 **John Parry** Sonata No. 1 in D: 1st movt, Allegro. Anthology of English Music for the Harp, Vol. 3, ed. Watkins (Stainer & Bell H141)
- † 10 Rameau Tambourin, trans. Salzedo. Solos for the Harp Player, ed. Lawrence (Schirmer GS33075/Music Sales)
- † 11 Scarlatti Sonata in A, Kp. 208, L. 238. Scarlatti 2 Sonatas, trans. Wooldridge (Lyon & Healy/Salvi)

^{*} Pedal and non-pedal harp † Pedal harp only ‡ Non-pedal harp only

LIST B

- † 1 Britten Interlude: No. 7 from 'A Ceremony of Carols', Op. 28 (harp part: Boosey & Hawkes/MDS)
- † 2 Paul Lewis Blue Fiver: No. 3 from 'Saturday Night Jazz Suite' (Goodmusic)
- † 3 Henry Mancini Moon River. No. 2 from All-Time Jazz Favourites, arr. Kanga (Alaw)
- ‡ 4 Daniel McNulty Berceuse. The Irish Harp Book, ed. Larchet Cuthbert, pp. 166–7 (Mercier Press)
- ‡ 5 O'Carolan Planxty Johnston. No. 13 from Sounding Harps, Book 3 (Cáirde na Cruite)
- ‡ 6 arr. Anne-Marie O'Farrell Don Oíche Úd i mBeithil (The Night in Bethlehem) (O'Farrell)
- ‡ 7 Alfredo Rolando Ortiz Danza de Luzma (advanced version, p. 54), from 'The International Rhythmic Collection',
 Vol. 1 (Aroy Music)
- ‡ 8 Alfredo Rolando Ortiz Tu Ventana (advanced version, p. 38) or The Butterfly Trees, from 'The International Rhythmic Collection', Vol. 2 (Aroy Music)
- † 9 Carlos Salzedo Polka, from 'Suite of Eight Dances' (Lyon & Healy/Salvi)
- † 10 arr. John Thomas Bugeilio'r Gwenith Gwyn (Watching the Wheat) (Adlais)
- † 11 Tournier Les Enfants à la Crèche de Noël, from '3 Images', 2nd Suite, Op. 31 (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- † 12 Tournier Prélude No. 3 in Eb or Prélude No. 4 in Gb, from '4 Préludes', Op. 16 (Leduc AL20062/UMP)

LIST C

- * 1 Freddy Alberti 10 Etudes Progressives et Techniques: No. 5 or No. 6 (Hamelle HA009600/UMP)
- † 2 **Bochsa** 50 Etudes, Op. 34, Book 1: No. 1 *or* No. 2 (*Leduc AL20022/UMP*)
- * 3 Louis Concone 30 Etudes Progressives, Op. 26, Book 1: No. 5 (Prélude in Bb) (Billaudot R3589/UMP)
- * 4 **Jean-Michel Damase** 10 Etudes Faciles et Progressives: No. 7 or No. 10 (Billaudot GB7090/UMP)
- † 5 **Jean-Michel Damase** 12 Etudes pour Harpe: No. 5 or No. 6 (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- † 6 Dizi 48 Etudes, Book 1: No. 7 (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- 47 Heller Etude in C, Op. 45 No. 1. Etudes for Concert or Celtic Harp, ed. Shaljean (Blue Crescent Music)
- † 8 **Pozzoli** Studi di Media Difficoltà: No. 12 or No. 21 (Ricordi/UMP)
- Bonnie Shaljean Prelude in A minor, from '12 Preludes for Concert or Celtic Harp' (Blue Crescent Music)

SIGHT-READING§: see p. 58

AURAL TESTS FOR THE GRADE see pp. 98 and 101

PREREQUISITE FOR ENTRY: Grade 5 (or above) in Theory of Music, Practical Musicianship or any solo Jazz subject.

SCALES AND ARPEGGIOS: from memory, in the following keys:

Pedal Harp all major and minor keys not involving double sharps or double flats (four octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in *both* melodic *and* harmonic forms):

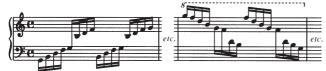
- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart, a sixth apart and a tenth apart
- ii) in contrary motion (minors in harmonic form *only*), starting one octave apart (two octaves)

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position, first *and* second inversions:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 4

Dominant Sevenths: in all keys in root position, first *and* second inversions:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 5
- iii) in the narrow position, divided between the hands (in root position only), as example below:



Non-pedal Harp Eb, Bb, F, C, G, D, A, E majors; C, G, D, A, E minors (three/two octaves, as range permits)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in harmonic form *only*):

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart and a sixth apart
- ii) minors in melodic form with RH only (three octaves)
- iii) in contrary motion (minors in harmonic form only), starting one octave apart (one octave)

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position, first *and* second inversions:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 3 (three octaves)

Dominant Sevenths: in the keys of C, F, G and B in root position, first *and* second inversions (three octaves):

- with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as non-pedal harp example in Grade 5
- iii) in the narrow position, divided between the hands (in root position only), as example above (three octaves)

THREE PIECES: one chosen by the candidate from each of the three lists, A, B and C:

LIST A

- ‡ 1 Anon. Irish Miss Brown's Fancy. Treasures of the Celtic Harp, arr. Robertson (Mel Bay)
- † 2 Arne Sonata No. 7 in A: 1st and 2nd movts, Allegro and Andante. Anthology of English Music for the Harp, Vol. 3, ed. Watkins (Stainer & Bell H141)
- † 3 J. L. Dussek Sonata in C minor, Op. 2 No. 3: any two movements (Schott BSS 38511/MDS)
- † 4 **Handel** Passacaglia, arr. Béon (*Leduc AL20028/UMP*)
- † 5 Handel Theme and Variations (Schott ED 4913/MDS)
- ‡ 6 **Edward Jones** Pant Corlan yr Wyn (The Hollow of the Lambsfold): No. 3 from 'Clasuron Edward Jones' (Edward Jones Classics), ed. Heulyn (*Alaw*)
- † 7 P. J. Mayer Sonata in G minor, Op. 3 No. 6: 1st and 2nd movts, Andante and Un poco Allegro (Schott ED 5394/MDS)
- † 8 Naderman Sonatina No. 7 in C: Prélude and Allegro brillante poco moderato. Naderman 7 Sonates Progressives (Leduc AL20037/UMP)
- ‡ 9 **Anne-Marie O'Farrell** Chorale Variations on Deus Meus Adiuva Me (O'Farrell)
- † 10 John Parry Sonata No. 2 in G: any two movements. Parry 4 Sonatas, ed. Williams (Salvi)
- † 11 Carlos Salzedo Menuet or Siciliana, from 'Suite of Eight Dances' (Lyon & Healy/Salvi)
- * 12 Scarlatti Sonata in A minor, Kp. 61, L. 136. No. 3 from Pièces Classiques, Book 6, arr. Bouchaud
- ‡ 13 Sweelinck Bergamasca (omitting Vars 3, 4 & 5). No. 5 from \(\) (Billaudot GB5635/UMP)
- * 14 Bonnie Shaljean The Seven Joys (Blue Crescent Music)

LIST B

- † 1 Alwyn Crépuscule (Lengnick/FM Distribution)
- † 2 Falla Danse du Corregidor. No. 1 from Falla Three Pieces, arr. Watkins (Chester CH55056/Music Sales)
- † 3 Field Nocturne in D minor. Anthology of English Music for the Harp, Vol. 4, ed. Watkins (Stainer & Bell H142)
- † 4 Glinka Nocturne (Salvi)
- † 5 Hasselmans Prière (Salabert/UMP)
- * 6 Deborah Henson-Conant Nataliana (Golden Cage Music)
- * 7 **arr. Meinir Heulyn** Pedair 'Waltz' o Gymru (Four Welsh Waltzes): No. 1 from 'Gwledd Geltaidd' (A Celtic Feast), Vol. 1 (*Alaw*)
- † 8 **Ibert** Scherzetto: No. 2 from 'Six Pièces' (*Leduc AL18087/UMP*)
- † 9 **Skaila Kanga** Les Saisons de la Harpe: any two movements (Alaw)
- † 10 William Mathias Improvisations for Harp, Op. 10: any two movements (OUP)
- † 11 Sergiu Natra Sonatina for Harp: any two movements (Israel Music Institute)
- ‡ 12 Alfredo Rolando Ortiz Cocorná (advanced version, p. 29) \ from 'The International Rhythmic Collection',
- † 14 **John Rutter** Interlude from 'Dancing Day' (harp part: OUP)
- ‡ 15 Gerard Victory No. 3, Allegro assai, from 'Three Pieces for the Irish Harp'. The Irish Harp Book, ed. Larchet Cuthbert, pp. 141–4 (Mercier Press)
- † 16 **David Watkins** Nocturne *or* Fire Dance, from 'Petite Suite' (*UMP*)

LIST C

- † 1 J. S. Bach, arr. Grandjany Etudes for Harp: No. 9 (Carl Fischer O4819/MDS)
- † 2 **Jean-Michel Damase** 12 Préludes pour Harpe: Allegretto (pp. 4–6) or Allegro vivace (pp. 8–11) (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- † 3 **Desserre** 3 Etudes: No. 1 in Cb or No. 3 in Gb (Les Nouvelles Éditions Méridian)
- † 4 **Dizi** 48 Etudes, Book 1: No. 2 or No. 5 or No. 10 (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- * 5 Moszkowski Etude in C, Op. 91 No. 11 Etudes for Concert or Celtic Harp, ed. Shaljean (Blue Crescent Music)
- ‡ 6 **Viner** Etude *and* **Shaljean** Etude after Viner J
- ‡ 7 arr. Kim Robertson Glenlivet or Moving Cloud. Treasures of the Celtic Harp, arr. Robertson (Mel Bay)
- * 8 Bonnie Shaljean Prelude in C or Prelude in Bb, from '12 Preludes for Concert or Celtic Harp' (Blue Crescent Music)
- † 9 **Tournier** Etude de Concert 'Au Matin' (*Leduc AL20007/UMP*)
- † 10 Zabel Marguerite au Rouet, Op. 19 (Adlais)

SIGHT-READING§: see p. 58

AURAL TESTS FOR THE GRADE§: see pp. 98 and 102

^{*} Pedal and non-pedal harp † Pedal harp only
‡ Non-pedal harp only

PREREQUISITE FOR ENTRY: Grade 5 (or above) in Theory of Music, Practical Musicianship or any solo Jazz subject.

SCALES AND ARPEGGIOS: from memory, in the following keys:

Pedal Harp all major and minor keys not involving double sharps or double flats (four octaves)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in *both* melodic *and* harmonic forms):

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart, a sixth apart and a tenth apart
- ii) in contrary motion (minors in harmonic form *only*), starting one octave apart, a sixth apart *and* a tenth apart (two octaves)

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position, first *and* second inversions:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 4
- iii) in the narrow position, divided between the hands (in root position only), as example below:



Dominant Sevenths: in all keys in root position, first, second *and* third inversions:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 5
- iii) in the narrow position, divided between the hands (in root position only), as example in Grade 7

Diminished Sevenths: starting on C#, F# and G#:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as example below:



Non-pedal Harp Eb, Bb, F, C, G, D, A, E majors; C, G, D, A, E minors (three/two octaves, as range permits)

Scales: in the above keys (minors in harmonic form only):

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart and a sixth apart
- ii) minors in melodic form with RH only (three octaves)
- iii) in contrary motion (minors in harmonic form *only*), starting one octave apart, a third apart *and* a sixth apart (one octave)

Arpeggios: the common chords of the above keys in root position, first *and* second inversions:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart
- ii) divided between the hands, as example in Grade 4 (four/three octaves, as range permits)
- iii) in the narrow position, divided between the hands (in root position only), as example above (three octaves)

Dominant Sevenths: in the keys of C, F, G and B in root position, first, second *and* third inversions:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart (three octaves)
- ii) divided between the hands, as second pedal harp example in Grade 5 (four octaves)
- iii) in the narrow position, divided between the hands (in root position only), as example in Grade 7 (four octaves)

Diminished Sevenths: starting on C#, F# and G#:

- i) with each hand separately, and hands together one octave apart (three octaves)
- ii) divided between the hands, as example above (four octaves)
- * Pedal and non-pedal harp † Pedal harp only

 ‡ Non-pedal harp only
- § Published by ABRSM (Specimen Sight-Reading Tests, Specimen Aural Tests)

THREE PIECES: one chosen by the candidate from each of the three lists, A, B and C:

LIST A

- ± 1 Gabriel Currington Millennium Hope. Lever Harp 2000, ed. Perrett and Gough (Beartramka)
- J. L. Dussek Sonata in Eb, Op. 34 No. 1: 1st movt, Allegro brillante. Dussek 2 Grandes Sonates (Salvi)
- S. Dussek The Garland of Love, ed. Shaljean (Blue Crescent Music)
- Barbara Giuranna Sonatina: 1st movt, Allegretto con fantasia (Ricordi/UMP)
- † 5 Glinka Variations on a Theme of Mozart (version No. 1 for harp) (Salvi)
- Handel Air and Variations ('The Harmonious Blacksmith'). No. 6 from Pièces Classiques, Book 6, arr. Bouchaud (Billaudot GB5635/UMP)
- Handel Concerto in Bb. Op. 4 No. 6, HWV 294 (unaccompanied): 1st and 2nd movts, Andante allegro and Larghetto (pedal harp solo part: Bärenreiter BA 8347)
- Handel Concerto in Bb, Op. 4 No. 6, HWV 294 (unaccompanied): 1st and 2nd movts, Andante allegro and Larghetto ± 8 (non-pedal harp edition by Le Dentu: Billaudot GB3320/UMP)
- Handel, arr. Grandjany Prelude and Toccata. Grandjany Music for the Harp (Associated Music Publishers/Music Sales)
- ‡ 10 Anne-Marie O'Farrell The Knappogue Medley (O'Farrell)
- † 11 **Pierné** Impromptu-Caprice, Op. 9 (*Leduc AL10381/UMP*) † 12 **Respighi** Siciliana, trans. Grandjany (*Ricordi/UMP*)
- † 13 Rodrigo Concierto de Aranjuez: 2nd movt, Adagio con passione, trans. Hurst (Safari Publications)
- † 14 Carlos Salzedo Gavotte and Tango, from 'Suite of Eight Dances' (Lyon & Healy/Salvi)
- † 15 Scarlatti Sonata in D, Kp. 430, L. 463. Scarlatti Three Sonatas, ed. Owens (Lyon & Healy/Salvi)
- ‡ 16 Bonnie Shaljean Fantasia on a Sonata by Cardon (Blue Crescent Music)
- † 17 **David Watkins** Prelude, from 'Petite Suite' (*UMP*)
- † 18 Aristid von Wurtzler Variations on a Theme of Corelli (omitting Vars 4 & 5) (General Music Publishing Company)

LIST B

- † 1 York Bowen Arabesque (Goodwin & Tabb/Music Sales)
- † 2 Henri Büsser Pièce de Concert, Op. 32 (observing both cuts) (Leduc AL13879/UMP)
- † 3 Marius Flothuis Pour le tombeau d'Orphée, Op. 37 (Donemus)
- † 4 Eugene Goossens Ballade No. 2, from '2 Ballades' (Leduc AL22974/UMP) (limited availability)
- ± 5 David Gough Rag-Bag
- Danielle Perrett After Debussy \\ Lever Harp 2000, ed. Perrett and Gough (Beartramka) ‡ 6
- † 7 Jesús Guridi Viejo Zortzico (UME 19549/Music Sales)
- † 8 Hasselmans Valse de Concert (Combre/UMP)
- Anne Macdearmid Sea Rapture (Macdearmid) **‡** 9
- ‡ 10 Daniel McNulty Fantasia and Rondo. The Irish Harp Book, ed. Larchet Cuthbert, pp. 163–5 and pp. 168–71 (Mercier Press)
- * 11 Alfredo Rolando Ortiz Milonga para amar (advanced version, p. 52), from 'The International Rhythmic Collection', Vol. 2 (Arov Music)
- † 12 Richard Rodgers My Favourite Things. No. 3 from All-Time Jazz Favourites, arr. Kanga (Alaw)
- † 13 Roussel Impromptu, Op. 21 (Durand/UMP)
- * 14 **Bonnie Shaljean** Slow Train (*Blue Crescent Music*)
- † 15 Tailleferre Sonata: 3rd movt, Perpetuum mobile (Peermusic/Music Sales)

LIST C

- J. S. Bach, arr. Grandjany Etudes for Harp: No. 1 or No. 12 (Carl Fischer O4819/MDS)
- Beethoven Mandolin Sonatina in C. Beethoven for Harp, trans. Shaljean (Blue Crescent Music)
- † 3 **Desserre** 3 Etudes: No. 2 in Eb (Les Nouvelles Editions Méridian)
- † 4 **Dizi** 48 Etudes, Book 1: No. 21 or No. 23 or No. 24 (Lemoine/FM Distribution)
- † 5 Prokofiev Prelude in C, Op. 12 No. 7 (Forberg/Peters)
- ± 6 **Kim Robertson** Boundless. Treasures of the Celtic Harp, arr. Robertson (Mel Bay)
- † 7 Nino Rota Toccata, from 'Sarabanda e Toccata' (Ricordi/UMP)
- Eric Schmidt 6 Etudes: No. 6 (Leduc AL21326/UMP)
- * 9 Bonnie Shaljean Prelude in D minor or Prelude in F, from '12 Preludes for Concert or Celtic Harp' (Blue Crescent Music)
- ‡ 10 David Snell Toccata
- Lever Harp 2000, ed. Perrett and Gough (Beartramka) ‡ 11 Nigel Springthorpe Rondo
- 12 John Thomas Selected Studies: No. 2 in Bb minor or No. 4 in Gb (Adlais)
- † 13 Zabel 3 Grand Concert Etudes: No. 1 in Eb (Zimmermann/MusT or Zimmermann/MDS)

SIGHT-READING§: see p. 58