

BIOGRAPHY

Sonja Westberg is a freelance harpist, maintaining an active performing and teaching schedule in San Antonio, Texas. She has performed with the harp both locally and internationally - from Texas and California, all the way to India and Southeast Asia.



After completing her Bachelor's degree, Sonja accepted a six-month contract to play harp internationally for Sound Spirit Event Company based in Mumbai, India. She toured throughout India, Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates, performing Bollywood harp music for private weddings and corporate events. In 2018, Sonja performed a Bollywood harp concert for the American Harp Society's 43rd National Conference in Redlands, California.

Sonja returned to Southeast Asia in 2017 to perform with the UNT HarpBeats as one of the featured ensembles for the 13th World Harp Congress in Hong Kong, China. In 2018, she again travelled with The UNT HarpBeats where the ensemble performed one of her harp ensemble arrangements for the prestigious Lyon & Healy Summer Concert Series.

Sonja currently holds the Principal Harp positions with the McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra, based out of North Texas. She was a featured concerto soloist in their performance of Debussy's *Danse sacrée et danse profane* in the Spring of 2019. Other performances extending through the Southwestern region of the United States include concerts with the Santa Fe Symphony, New Mexico Philharmonic, El Paso Symphony, and Symphony Viva.

As an advocate for musical outreach, Sonja frequently performs for Texas Winds, which is a non-profit organization that brings concerts directly to isolated seniors, hospital patients, veterans, and those who have little opportunity to experience live music. She either performs as a soloist or as an ensemble with her flute and harp duo, Zephyr Strand.

Sonja received both her Master of Music degree and Bachelor of Music degree in harp performance from the University of North Texas, where she studied with Dr. Jaymee Haefner. She has a related field in Music Entrepreneurship and a minor in Hospitality Management.