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I absolutely love this song and have enjoyed listening to Connie's playing.Click Here for a copy of the Lead SheetScarborough Fair Lyre Music SheetScarborough Fair Lyre Music VideoA Mother's Love Lyre Music SheetA Mother's Love Lyre Music VideoBaroque Flamenco Lyre Song Arrangement Video OnlyBeautiful Dreamer Lyre Song Arrangement by Connie Video OnlyAmazing Grace Lyre Song Arrangement by Connie Video OnlyExtras | Sharon Brownell love supporting creators!learningthelyreharp@gmail.comClick on the photo to view the new lyre tutorial series created with the very beginner in mind. This is a simple and quick tutorial overview. Links will be provided where applicable on a more in-depth video tutorial or handout. I hope that this helps those who are looking into beginning their lyre journey using diatonic lyres. Happy Playing Click on the photo to view the lyre unboxing and comparison videos I did of the lyres I own. The videos were created to give you a chance to see and hear the lyres and help you decide for yourself whether you like them or not. I am not affiliated with any supplier and am not paid or received goods to produce the reviews. These are my honest thoughts. Happy Playing Click on the photo to view the lyre by chord tutorial playlist created with the very beginner in mind. Learning to play a few chords on the lyre is one of the simplest ways simplest way to get started with I hope that this helps those who are looking into beginning their lyre journey using diatonic lyres. Happy Playing This is a long video for a long process. This video is created to assist with questions on is it possible to change from wire to nylon strings, where to start, what are the steps and end result. Please note I am not a luthier. What you are viewing is my personal experience and simply sharing to help answer questions. Results will vary, depending on your lyre and strings you use. This accompanying PDF shows the steps I outlined as well as conclusions I came to. There are many different types of lyres from ancient replicas and modern lyres. Knowing the lyre you have will help you identify the method of playing that will suit the instrument better, narrow down the type of songs you are able to and would like to play. It will also help you find out the best care and maintenance that is required for your instrument. Click on the image to enlarge and explore this sample of a modern lyre. DIATONIC LYRE vs CHROMATIC LYRElyre harps will fall under these two types: Diatonic or Chromatic. Knowing the difference will allow you to choose the one that suits your current goal, budget and aspirations. Both are capable of playing beautiful, relaxing music. Both are rewarding. Both are able to provide lasting joy and great feelings of accomplishments. Click on the image, to learn more of the details between the two. DIATONIC vs CHROMATIC LYREQuick video to show the difference between Chromatic Lyres and Diatonic Lyres made easyHow to tune your lyre harp is an essential knowledge in learning to play your instrument. Tuning the lyre harp is simple but can be time consuming at the start. For a fantastic written out guide Click on the tuning basic picture. For a video on things to keep in mind when tuning your lyre harp for the first time, click on the video links below. Quick and impromptu recording of step by step instruction on how to fix loose or slipping tuning pegs and get your lyre to hold pitch and stay in tune. First Time Tuning What to Keep in MindHow to Tune a Lyre (16, 10, 7 Strings)The next step in how to play the lyre is learning how best to hold it. This will vary and depend much on the style and size of your lyre. The method of playing you have chosen will also affect this. Because there are many different types of lyres and playing variations and individual preferences, there is no one size fit all. We must determine the best way and position that works for us by observing others that play the same type of instrument and use similar method and see if it works well for how we are built. The key thing is to ensure that we are maintaining optimal position to avoid strain, fatigue and injury. Playing the lyre harp is meant to be a beautiful, joyful experience. Click on the image to show more details. For more information, check out the video tutorials to find the video on how I hold my lyre as an example. Lyre Music Reading BasicClick on the images below to get basic information on reading music and how the strings of the lyre correlates to the notes on music sheet. Video lesson also available on the Tutorial Page. How the strings correlate to music notesSee the Tutorial page for video lessons o reading musicRhythm is the first element of music. Rhythm dictates movement or motion in music. This is achieve with the use of notes and rests. Notes are sounds we produce and rests are silences we observe. Rhythms are produced through various combinations of note and rest durations. The rests are just as important as the notes that we play. Click on the image to learn more about Rhythm. Melody is the second element in music. Often referred to as the tune. It is often the most memorable part of the music. Melody is the arrangement of sounds that have different pitches. These represent the high and low notes representing the tones that singers often sing. Melody works hand-in-hand with rhythm and indeed needs to have rhythm to function. Click on the image to learn more about playing melody for the lyre. How to Play the Lyre HarpSimple introduction to some of the lyre playing methods available. Click on the images to learn more. Guitar Method (Picking&Strumming)Harmony is the third element of music. Harmony is as an accompaniment to a melody, and is represented with two or more pitches played at the same time. These can be sweet and soothing sounds as well as dissonant. Harmony can be a simple learn, but is also a very complex subject that can take time to master. Harmony in music is built using triads called chords. Harmonic progressions are often used in music. To learn more about harmony, chords and chord progressions click on the images below. Popular Chord Progression Chart & Strumming Patternin told that Lyres and Harps as very close cousins. They have much wngs in common, but are distinct instrume it is easy to learn. But also incredible for experienced musicians who want to expand their sound palette and add that relaxing, rich and open sound the lyre is famous for. So I ask you now, my fellow musical friendare you ready to learn how to play this ancient, magical and almost heavenly sounding instrument? Choosing your LyreDid you already buy a lyre harp? Well, I still want to give you my advice for choosing and buying a lyre. Sadly there are so many cheaply produced lyre harps on the market. Some instruments are even unplayable, because they can not hold the tuning at all, have strings that breaks all the time, or simply sounds bad. You will do yourself a huge favor by avoiding these cheap instruments. Make sure to read the reviews before you buy. I also suggest picking one with at least 16 strings, because then you will be able to play more tunes compared to one with too few strings. Make sure the lyre has a nut, which is a raised bar that the strings go over. This helps with the tone and tuning. Your lyre should also come with a tuning tool, and hopefully an extra set of strings. Regarding other design choices, the color does not matter, but I recommend to get a lyre with strings in metal because they hold the tuning much better than nylon strings. I also personally recommend a lyre harp with a sound hole and resonance body because it makes the sound more full and rich. Also, take a good look at the top of the strings, where the note names should be clearly labeled so that you can read them as you hold your harp and play any tune. If the note names are engraved, that is much better than simply painted or printed. Ok so where should you buy a lyre? Well, you can of course buy a lyre on Amazon or Ebay, and perhaps you will get lucky. But in my experience there are a lot of bad products on marketplaces like this, so what I recommend is buying from an actual music store, or even better, directly from a vendor that specialise in lyre harps. I bought my lyre from an online music store in Europe called Thomann. Good luck lyre hunting, I hope you will find a good instrument that you are happy with. Tuning your LyreTuning a string instrument, and particularly the lyre, is something you will need to get used to do often. Because strings go out of tune over time, regardless if you play them or not. I strongly recommend that you always have a tuner available when you practice and play your lyre. You can use a standalone tuner device, but I would suggest installing a tuner app on your smartphone, and then opening that app up every time you pick up your lyre to play or practice. You should start every session by tuning all strings of your lyre. When you first get your instrument, or if you just put on new strings, it will take quite a while before the strings and tuning will settle down. What I recommend is that you start by tuning the strings, according to the note names on the labels, and then leave the lyre for a day, without playing or practicing. You may have to do this for a few days until the strings settled and the tuning will hold good enough to be able to start playing. Also, be very careful and delicate when you tune, because the strings break easily. Now lets tune your lyre: Start your tuner appUse the included tuner toolStart with the lowest stringTurn very slowly in tiny amountsPluck the string as you turn to check tuningTune each string according to the note labelsRe-check each string and adjust as neededYour lyre will be playable as long as all strings are within +/- 15 cents of a note. You will always need to check and re-tune your lyre at the start of each practice or playing session. But in time this will become habit, and you will be able to do it very quickly. Holding your LyreNow that your lyre is in tune, lets learn the basics of how you hold it, pluck the strings, and play notes and tunes on your lyre. There is no perfect way to hold a lyre harp, but I will teach you a good starting point, and then you can choose to adapt to what suits your playing style and comfort. Start by picking it up with your left hand (if you are right handed), and grip the far side of the opening behind the strings. Your thumb should be at the inside of the lyre frame, for the best grip and support. Then place the lyre so that it leans against your chest for extra stability. The note labels and tuning screws will be slightly below your eye level, so you are looking a bit down when playing. Tilt the lyre a bit so that the instrument is at an angle with the top a bit further away from you. That way the strings will be easily accessible to pluck with your right hand, and the labels clearly in sight so you can see what notes you play. You will also get good stability holding the lyre this way, as well as nice comfort and plucking angle and position for your fingers. Another way of playing a lyre, which some players prefer, is to put it down flat on a surface like a table in front of you. If you do this I recommend placing it in an angle so the note labels and tuning screws are to the left. Because if you place your lyre so that you have the tuning screws at the far side from you, it will be hard to pluck the strings in a clean and clear way. Plucking the StringsNow that your lyre is in tune, and you have learned how to hold your instrument properly for easy access and playability, its time to pluck some strings and make beautiful sounds with your lyre. What Fingers to UseAs a beginner on the lyre, I would recommend sticking to using your thumb, index finger and middle finger. When you get more experienced you can add the ring finger and pinkie as well, in order to play arpeggios and bigger intervals easier and without having to move your hand as much. But start with 3 fingers: thumb, index and middle finger. Pluck DirectionIt's actually really simple, you pluck the strings in the direction your fingers are naturally facing. So your thumb will pluck the strings away from your body. And your other fingers will pluck towards your body. Where to Pluck the StringsI recommend plucking the strings just over the open area of the lyre, where the instrument is cut out. Thats where the strings will have the most space between them, making it easier to avoid accidentally touching the wrong string when you pluck the strings. Its also closer to the string labels which make it easier to keep track of what notes you play. How to Pluck the StringsYou simply place your finger on the side of the string, and lightly pluck it in the finger direction. Also make sure that when you pluck the string, you move your finger out from the lyre and towards you, to avoid that your finger will touch the string next to the one you pluck. Improve your PluckingA mistake many beginners on the lyre harp make, is to allow your hand and fingers to get too far away from the strings after you pluck the strings. What you want to do instead is to always keep your fingers very close to the strings at all times. This way your fingers have way less distance to move when you pluck any string, and you will increase your aim and efficiency. Basic Lyre ExercisesCongratulations! You now have a nice overview of the lyre, what do think about when choosing and buying an instrument, and you learned all the basics: how to tune the strings, how to hold it, tips for improving your plucking of the strings. I will now give you a few exercises that you can do as a daily practice routine as a beginner, to get used to playing your lyre. All Strings Up and Down in 3sUse your thumb, index finger and middle finger, and then pluck all the strings one by one starting from the lowest and going all the way to the highest string. Pluck in 3s, meaning thumb, then index, then middle finger. Then move your hand and start over with your thumb again. Once you reach the highest string, you start again but play in the opposite order: middle finger, index finger thumb. And go down through all the strings, 3 strings at a time. All Strings Up and Down 1, 3, 2, 3Start from the lowest string and play in a 1, 3, 2, 3 pattern. 1 is your thumb, 2 is your middle finger, and 3 is your middle finger. After each pattern you move up 1 string and repeat again. Do this all the way until you reach the highest string. Then you do the same but with the opposite pattern going from the highest to the lowest string, meaning: 3, 1, 2, 1. All Strings Up and Down 1, 3, 5Since a chord on the lyre is based on skipping a string, you should also practice playing the strings up and down in a 1, 3, 5 pattern. Again, use your thumb, index and middle finger, and do this exercise going up and down the entire range of your lyre. You are doing great! Are you ready now for playing melodies, harmonies, arpeggios and beautiful music on your lyre? Then lets move on to the next lesson of this class. Skip to content Cookie policyWe use cookies and similar technologies to provide the best experience on our website. Refer to our Privacy Policy for more information. Your cart is emptyContinue shopping If youre looking for songs to play on the 7-string lyre harp, youve come to the right place! Ive been on a journey to find the best online resources for learning songs on the 7-string, including YouTube tutorials, books, and more. These resources will help you with playing your 7-string! 1. Free Video Tutorials for 7-String LyresI compiled this list of songs. Most of them have notes/tabs in the video or the descriptions. There isnt a lot. But dont despair! Did you know you can use tutorials for 16-string lyres and adapt them to 7 strings? Check out the method here. 2. Paid Courses for 7-String LyresThe Lyre Academy offers two paid courses for intermediate to advanced lyre players. Master Modern Songs on the 7-String Lyre This course teaches how to play contemporary music on the 7-string lyre. The songs include: Nothing Else Matters (Metallica) Dust In The Wind (Kansas) What a Wonderful World, The Godfather theme, My Heart Will Go On, Stand By Me, Game of Thrones theme, Star Wars theme Master Ancient Melodies on the 7-String Lyre This course is all about playing ancient melodies. The program covers these tunes: Hurrian Hymn, Schema Musica Antique, Parte di Canto Greco del Modo Ippolidio, Delphic Hymn3. Song Books for 7-String LyresFor those of us who prefer to learn by reading, Ive collected book recommendations from online communities and my own research on the 7-string lyre. Northrpe How To Play Anglo-Saxon, Viking & Germanic Lyres + 80 Tunes by Paul WildingThis is a method book with 80 songs for the Anglo-Saxon, Viking, and Germanic 6-string or 7-string lyres. The collection has many medieval tunes as well as newer and original compositions by the author. The customer reviews are overwhelmingly positive! Check out the authors YouTube channel, where he played some of the songs in the book. Selection of Tablatures for a 7 Strings Lyre 1 & 2 by Lyre AcademyLyre Academy has two tablature books for 7-string lyres (Gallic, Kravik, Greek, etc.) that use an original tablature system instead of standard sheet music. Each book has over 30 songs so there are a lot! While many song titles are in a different language (possibly French? Im not sure), there are also a few in English. I Love to Be Me: Songs in the Mood of the Fifth by Channa Seidenberg & Kingsley LittleThis book features 32 childrens songs designed for 7-string pentatonic lyre and colorful illustrations. It may be helpful for parents and teachers who want to introduce young children to playing a musical instrument. Ancient Melodies A Collection of 8 Songs of Antiquity by LuthierosThis is a free e-Book that is kind of tricky to get! Go to Luthieros website and keep an eye out for a pop-up box on some pages (it doesnt always appear), where you enter your email address to get the e-book. The collection features 8 ancient tunes written in standard music notation. 9 Easy Melodies for Beginners Lyre Sheet Music by LuthierosThis is a collection of sheet music for lyres with 7 or more strings. The nine melodies are: Tetrassimon, Exassimon, Dodekassimon, Melody in 6/8 rhythm, Happy Birthday to You, The River, Kolon Exassimon, Old Times, and Embrace 3 Ancient Melodies that Survive to This Day Lyre Sheet Music by LuthierosThis book contains sheet music for melodies from ancient Greece to ancient Syria, also for lyres with 7 or more strings. The tunes are: Oktassimos Dekassimos, Callimachus Hymn to Zeus, Homeric Hymn to Demeter, Hurrian Hymn to Goddess Nikkal, Seikilos Epitaph, 1st Delphic Hymn, 2nd Delphic Hymn, Hymn to Muse Calliope, and Hymn to Nemesis. Thats all for now. I hope this post helps you in your quest to learn the 7-string lyre! Intermediate to Advanced Level | Lyre 302 Learn how to play well-known songs written by Metallica, Kansas, Cline Dion, Louis Armstrong, and Nino Rota, along with theme songs of award-winning Hollywood movies and tv-series. From Nothing else matters, What a Wonderful World, Stand by me, My heart will go on and Dust in the Wind to The Godfather, Game of Thrones and Star Wars theme songs, you are surely going to learn melodies that impress the audience, while mastering several playing techniques. Produce a sharp note on a string without permanently changing the tuning. Play complicated rhythms while using both hands. Play Nothing else matters by Metallica. Play Dust in the wind by Kansas. Play What a wonderful world by Louis Armstrong. Play The Godfather theme song of the classic Francis Ford Coppolas movie. Play My heart will go on by Cline Dion. Play Stand by me song performed by Ben E. King, John Lennon and others. Play Game of Thrones theme song. Play Star Wars theme song. * This course is for intermediate to advanced lyre playersand for lyres of any type with at least 7 strings. It is highly recommended to first complete the beginner courses 101, 102 and 103, along with all core lessons (both beginner and intermediate) available also at LyreAcademy. * Do you own a lyre with more strings? The course can be done by students with a lyre or a kithara with 7 or more strings. Simple and step-by-step videos are available to prepare your lyre for the courses (including tuning). In this lesson, we are going to learn step by step "Nothing else matters" by Metallica by using both our hands and applying several rhythmic values. Plus: Music sheet for a lyre. Lets learn how to play a slightly more demanding melody, "Dust in the wind" by Kansas. We are going to play with two hands, while using quavers / eighth notesand harmonics! Plus: Music sheet for a lyre. We will keep increasing the complexity in our lyre playing while learning how to play "What a wonderful world" by Louis Armstrong. We are going to play with two hands, while applying dotted notes, harmonics and quavers / eighth notes. Plus: Music sheet for a lyre. In this course, we are going to have a first encounter with the "sharpen / semitone raising" technique in order to be able to play "The Godfather" theme song! Once again, we are going to play with two hands, and also apply harmonics. Plus: Music sheet for a lyre. Lets boost our lyre playing confidence in this lesson by learning an easy but well-known tune. No matter if you prefer the original by Ben E. King or the latter performance by John Lennon, this is a step by step lesson on how to play "Stand by me" on a lyre. Plus: Music sheet for a lyre. It is time to further practice your skills with harmonic notes, while playing several rhythmic values (like eighth and sixteenth notes)! This is a step by step guide on how to play "My heart will go on". Don't hesitate to take my advice and try to sign it along too! Plus: Music sheet for a lyre. Are you ready for a challenge? In order to play "Game of Thrones" theme song, we are going to combine quavers / eighth notes, harmonics, sharpen / semitone raising and chords playing. This is a step by step lesson for a quite demanding but highly rewarding famous tune. Plus: Music sheet for a lyre. The meaning is not stop evolving, and "Star Wars" theme song is what we need to do exactly that! Triple notes, sharpen / raising semitone, quavers / eighth notes, sixteenth notes, and harmonics. Master this melody, and you are one step closer to consider yourself an advanced lyre player. Plus: Music sheet for a lyre. So, you have just finished course 302, and now, you feel the need to advance further with your lyre playing. Here is a quick video on what we will cover next in our Lyre Course 303! Start your lyre study today! Full access for 3 months for just \$99. Crystal clear sound. Fast loading HD videos for each lesson. Lesson notes with extras. Music scores for lyres. Only 29.00/month after the first 3 months auto-renews to never lose access. Your free to stop anytime, no questions asked! Lina Palera is a world-renowned lyre player and a charismatic teacher with more than a decade of experience in music schools and educational institutions in the United Kingdom, Greece and abroad, working with adults and children too. She travels a lot for live performances at museums, festivals, conferences and other venues.

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