

Sacred Harp Workshops

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Learn to sing this unique early American music with its wild and passionate four-part, *a capella* harmonies. And learn something of the history of this long tradition of hymn singing.

The Sacred Harp was first published in 1841 and has continuously been in use ever since. Its hymns go back even to colonial New England but also include tunes composed in every decade since.

The “harp” in Sacred Harp refers to the human voice. The emphasis in these workshops will be on learning to sing Sacred Harp tunes in four-part harmony. Workshops can be designed as one-time events, or as multiple-part series. The tradition includes singing strongly in one’s natural voice – there is no attempt to blend as in modern choral traditions. There are no auditions involved in singing Sacred Harp with others, but a singer must be able to stay on pitch.

These workshops are a great activity for any choir, congregation or group interested in expanding their musical knowledge and repertoire. To make it work, we need at least three voices per part, so a minimum of 12 people. Sacred Harp tune books will be available for sale or loan during the class period. We’re willing to come to your venue if you’re located along the Front Range (roughly Fort Collins to Colorado Springs); if you’re located elsewhere, let’s talk!

Workshop leaders:

Hill Grimmett: Hill has been singing Sacred Harp since 1980. He was a member of Norumbega Harmony in the Boston area, a well-known Sacred Harp group, and has lead and taught this music for more than 20 years.

Sharon Kermiet: Sharon came to Sacred Harp singing in 1993 and was immediately captivated by the beautiful harmonies and the place these tunes hold in the early history of the U.S. She loves teaching the songs and the practices of this living tradition of hymn singing.

If you are interested: Email or call – let us know something about your group and your interest.

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