

Wendy Leigh Barlow, Harp

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Wendy studied harp privately at the Cleveland Institute of Music with Miss Alice Chalifoux (who was the principal harpist for The Cleveland Orchestra for 46 years) and with her at the summer Salzedo Harp School in Camden, Maine.

Since 1987 Wendy continues to maintain a solo career, but joined Bob Bellamy, hammered dulcimer in 1995 to perform as a duo. Highlights include: Annual Christmas performances at the Biltmore Estate, guest artists for syndicated National Broadcasts of holiday music produced by WKSU and National Public Radio, guest artists for concerts and workshops, and Christmas performances at the Greenbrier Resort (1999 & 2000). Wendy has played for former First Lady, Barbara Bush in 2003, and for the 2008 Jane Goodall Institute Global Awards Celebration with Dr. Jane Goodall DGE, Anderson Cooper, Pierce Brosnan, Patch Adams and Abigail Breslin. In 2009 she performed for former US Senator, Presidential nominee and film actor, Fred Thompson, and in 2010 former Governor Mitt Romney, 2011 John Boehner, United States Speaker of the House of Representatives, 2012 for former Governor, Presidential nominee and current television and radio host, Mike Huckabee, and in 2014 Dr. Ben Carson renown neurosurgeon and presidential candidate, 2015 former Texas Gov. Rick Perry and 2016 Edward Rollins, CNN & Fox News Commentator and former Presidential Campaign Manager for decades of Presidential elections.

Together they have provided music for high profile events: George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens in Virginia; the US Chamber of Commerce, Pulitzer Prize author David McCullough, members of the European Union sponsored by Coca Cola, Mount Vernon's Garden Days and for the Founders on George Washington's 275th birthday (Feb. 22, 2007). They were invited to play at the Embassy of France for Bastille Day hosted by the Ambassador, and they played at Tudor House in Georgetown, D.C. for the celebration of the Marquis de Lafayette's 250th birthday and his 1824 Grand Tour of America with the new French Ambassador in attendance. They performed at historic Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg as part of the 2007 Candlelight Concert Series, the 2010 George Washington Book Prize Reception, Mount Vernon Sunset Celebration and 2011 Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new National Museum for the study of George Washington, in Dec. 2014 for Candlelight Tours inside the home of Martha & George Washington and in March 2015 a gallery concert at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

During this time they have created four recordings: *Measured Sound*, *Always Home*, *Softly and Tenderly* & *The Moon Shines Bright*. Selections from each of these recordings can be heard on NPR, WKSU, Last.fm radio based in London, England and other radio stations broadcasting around the world. Previously, Wendy created, arranged and produced, *Vision of Souls*, and composed music for a recording produced by the New Hampshire Public Radio (also syndicated) of *A Christmas Carol*.

Other harp activities include playing for Afternoon Tea and the Ritz Carlton in Tower City, Cleveland, is a "preferred" musician for Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, enjoys playing for weddings, corporate and academic events, and served as Honorary Chair for the Centennial Celebration for the Wooster Symphony Orchestra 2015 - 2016.

