

## Exciting Message from Elizabeth Hainen

Dear Lyra Friends:



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Reflecting on 22 years of our journey, it's truly inspiring to witness the profound impact our organization has had in providing free harp instruction in our Philadelphia public schools. Your passion and support make this possible.

This year, we have some exciting news to share! Our partnership with the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Music Institute (PYOMI) has launched, and we look forward to providing even more opportunities for our students as our collaboration flourishes. Our enhanced partnership will offer additional opportunities for our young musicians, blending our combined efforts to nurture talent and inspire their lifelong opportunities through a love for music. Throughout the year, we will keep you informed of all the new happenings on our journey with PYOMI.

With your continued support, we are shaping a future where music education is accessible to all talented and interested students who share in Lyra's love for the harp. Here's to another fantastic year of music and growth!

Warmest regards,  
Elizabeth Hainen, Founder & Artistic Director

## Lyra By Numbers 2024-2025

Thanks to your support, Lyra has sustained:



**180 Students** served in Philadelphia & NYC School Districts



**690+ Lessons** and coachings



**\$35,000+** in scholarships and services to Lyra students



**6 Schools** served in Philadelphia & NYC



**100% of Graduates** attend college, university, or conservatory

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## GOLF 'N' GLISS 2026

LYRA SOCIETY'S 9-HOLE GOLF, DINNER, AND CONCERT BENEFIT  
NOT A GOLFER? - JOIN US POST-GOLF FOR THE DINNER AND CONCERT

**WEDNESDAY | JUNE 3, 2026**

THE UNION LEAGUE GOLF CLUB AT TORRESDALE  
3801 GRANT AVE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19114



## Thank you, Ms. Steiner!

Lyra extends our heartfelt thanks to Elizabeth (Lizzie) Steiner, who is stepping away from her role as Teaching Artist after over a decade of extraordinary service and leadership. Since joining Lyra in 2013, Elizabeth has been a guiding force in our mission, inspiring countless students through her artistry, dedication, and belief that the harp should be accessible to all. As both a past Executive Director and a Teaching Artist, she brought vision and heart to every part of Lyra's growth and success.

While we will deeply miss her daily presence, we are grateful that Elizabeth will remain part of the Lyra community as a substitute teacher and continued friend. We are also delighted that Medgina Maitre, Elizabeth's former Lyra student, will carry forward Elizabeth's legacy at Girls High with passion and care.



## Remembering Jill Pasternak

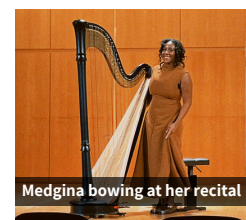


Lyra Society honors the memory of Jill Pasternak, a harpist, esteemed broadcaster, arts advocate, and longtime friend of Lyra. A cherished figure in the Philadelphia music community, Jill dedicated her life to sharing and championing the arts through her work in public radio and her deep commitment to arts education.

Jill's distinguished broadcasting career included serving as General Manager of WXPB and as a beloved host and producer at WRTI, where she led the acclaimed programs *Crossover* and *Creatively Speaking*. Her vision, grace, and generosity of spirit left an indelible mark on Lyra and the broader arts community. Jill's legacy will continue to resonate through the music she loved and the lives she touched.

## Alumna Medgina Maitre is a Harp Master!

Lyra proudly celebrates Medgina, Lyra alumna, Ann Hobson Pilot Award winner, and Lyra Teaching Artist, on a stunning Master's graduation recital! Medgina's journey—from student to award-winning performer to inspiring educator—beautifully reflects Lyra's mission of nurturing young people who go on to share their artistry with the next generation. We are thrilled to have welcomed her back to teach at Girls High and Central High School, continuing the circle of mentorship that began her own harp studies.



## Celebrating Our First Jude Mollenhauer Scholarship Recipient

Thanks to the outpouring of support from our Lyra Family and Ms. Mollenhauer's family and friends, Lyra is delighted to announce that Catalina at Northeast High School has been named the inaugural recipient of the Jude Mollenhauer Scholarship.

Established in memory of longtime Columbus Symphony harpist and beloved harp educator Jude Mollenhauer, this scholarship honors her artistry, generosity, and commitment to nurturing young harpists.

We are proud to celebrate Catalina as she continues her musical journey at Northeast High School with Lyra Teaching Artist, Maryanne Meyer, carrying forward Jude's legacy of excellence and kindness.



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