

**Colleen Potter Thorburn, harp**  
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Colleen Potter Thorburn, harpist, has performed with musical ensembles across the United States, including Opera Illinois in Peoria, the Aspen Chamber Orchestra in Colorado, Symphony Nova in Boston, and the Yale Philharmonia in New Haven and Carnegie Hall. She continues to perform as Principal Harpist with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra in New London CT, and performs regularly with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra in Roanoke VA. An avid performer of chamber music as well as new music, Colleen is dedicated to commissioning and premiering several new pieces for harp and French horn with her New-England-based duo, Apple Orange Pair; their first recording is pending release in November 2013. In Virginia, Colleen teaches elective harp lessons at Bluefield College, in addition to offering private harp and piano lessons through her independent studio and through Bluefield College's Fine Arts Community School. She holds Master of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees from the Yale School of Music, as well as a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Illinois. Her primary teachers include June Han, Ann Yeung, and Laura Hearne.

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