

Colleen Potter Thorburn
Short biography
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Harpist **Colleen Potter Thorburn's** playing has been acclaimed as “full of spirit and sensitivity,” “engrossing,” and “winning.” She currently holds the job of Principal Harp with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra in New London, Connecticut, performs regularly with the Richmond Symphony, and has performed with the Virginia Symphony and the Philadelphia Orchestra. As a chamber musician, Colleen collaborates regularly with horn player Emily Boyer as the duo Apple Orange Pair, and has premiered over eighteen new works for horn and harp. Festival credits include the Aspen Music Festival, the International Festival-Institute at Round Top, the Atlantic Music Festival, and Connecticut Summerfest.

Colleen teaches harp as a faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, where she also serves as an instructor of music theory and aural skills. A proponent of harp activities in Virginia and the mid-Atlantic, she presents master classes and workshops for harp students at regional harp events and teaches harp at Coda Mountain Academy in West Virginia in the summer as founding harp faculty. She recently served as president of the Southwest Virginia chapter of the American Harp Society and has concertized throughout Virginia as a Touring Artist with the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

A past winner of the American Harp Society's national Anne Adams competition, Colleen is the first harpist to have earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Yale School of Music, where she studied with June Han. She also holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign where she studied with Ann Yeung.

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