

Winter Harp Retreat 2009

Karuna Sanctuary, Katoomba

Schedule of events



Friday 7TH August

6pm Registration opens

7.30pm Welcome Address & Introductions

8pm **COMBINING THE HARP WITH OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

From Latin to Irish, Traditional to Pop, using pennywhistle, harp, violin and vocals, SHANNON and JAN COUCHMAN will take you on a cooks tour, covering such Artists as The Corrs, Secret Garden, Abba and Loreena McKennitt.

Come along with us as we explore various ways to use the harp in combination with other musicians, or in other words... How to play harp with your friends!

Saturday 8th August

8am Breakfast

9.30am **FINGER FITNESS** with JAYNE HOCKLEY
An exploration of exercises and practice tips, with everyone playing together We will also explore some simple improvising and learn 2 pieces for Finale concert).

10.45am Morning tea

11am **FINGER FITNESS (CONT')** with JAYNE HOCKLEY

11.45am **PARA-CELTIC HARP** GEOFF WELHAM (HARP MAKER)

12.30pm Lunch

2pm **LATIN ON LEVER** with CLIONA MOLINS

While learning a Latin tune, Cliona will give you tips on learning off tunes to perform. Use your head to make your practice time more efficient.

3.15pm Afternoon tea

3.30pm **MORE TUNES** with CLIONA MOLINS

A second tune will be introduced. Both tunes will be played by the group at the finale on Sunday.

4.30pm **WEDDED TO THE HARP** with KAREN HICKMOTT

Some tips on playing harp at weddings

5pm Free time

6.30pm Harp Community Dinner

7.30pm **ENSEMBLE BLACKBOARD**

Please let Noni know if you or your group would like to play something in this very casual setting. The evening will start with a short performance from the Blue Mountains Harp Ensemble

9pm **FIREPLACE HARP STORIES**

An opportunity to share some of your more AMAZING harp stories around the fire.

Sunday 9th August

8am Breakfast

9.15am **RISE AND SHINE** with JAYNE HOCKLEY
Learn stretches and strengthening exercises especially for harpists before a twist on yesterdays fun finger exercises (and revising Finale pieces).

10.30am Morning Tea
The **AUSTRALIAN CONCERT HARP** with HUGH JONES
Harp maker Hugh will show us his latest concert harp designed for young students

11.00am **REVISE & IMPROVISE** with CLIONA MOLINS
An opportunity to revise the pieces learned the day before and add some improvisation ideas

12.15 Lunch

1pm **HARP SOCIETY of NSW -- AGM**

1.30 FINALE rehearsals

2pm **FINALE**

2.30pm Closing Address

3pm Departure

Please note that there is an extra room available for practicing which can be used throughout the weekend. `

We will also have an area available for the display of Australian made harps.