

The Harp in Ireland

Sound, Symbol & Story

Saturday 22 August 2026 | Bandon Methodist Church

A celebration of Ireland's national instrument through music, history, storytelling and traditional craftsmanship.

PROGRAMME

12:00 PM

ECHOES OF IRELAND AND THE RENAISSANCE

Brenda Malloy

Music for Irish and Renaissance harps featuring works by:

- Turlough O'Carolan
- John Bowie
- William Connellan
- Thomas Campion
- Cornelius Lyons
- John Dowland
- Edward Jones
- Playford Collections

1:30 – 3:00 PM

WORKSHOP FOR MUSICIANS

A practical workshop exploring listening, harmony, ornamentation, rhythm, musical approach and practice techniques.

Open to all instruments.

Please bring your own instrument.

3:00 PM

THE HISTORICAL HARP IN IRELAND

Natalie Surina

Discover Ireland's early *cláirseach* tradition, its history, sound and continuing craft tradition.

4:15 PM

LEARN TO SING A TUNE IN IRISH AND ACCOMPANY IT

Eibhlís Ní Riordáin

Introduction to sean-nós song and accompanying Irish-language songs on the harp.

7:30 PM

HISTORICAL HARP CONCERT

Javier Sáinz

A rare opportunity to hear music performed on a 16th-century Renaissance harp by one of Europe's leading specialists in historical harp traditions.