

Ordering a Chord Harp

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Frequently asked questions...

What is a Chord Harp?

The Chord Harp is a very unique instrument that looks like and sounds like a harp, but it is much easier to play than a regular harp. The strings are arranged by chords in groups of four notes, so all you have to do is strum the chords or pick them (see Chord Harp diagram on last page). We have three models to choose from.

What is the difference between the three different Chord Harps?



The “DAVID” Chord Harp (pictured left) was specially made for a local theater and is in the Key of G (or F) with 20 strings (five chords – see chart below). The G-Chord Harp (center) has six chords, and the Bass C-Chord Harp (right) also has six chords, but starts lower. (See order form for prices).

What comes with the purchase of a ‘DAVID’ Chord Harp?

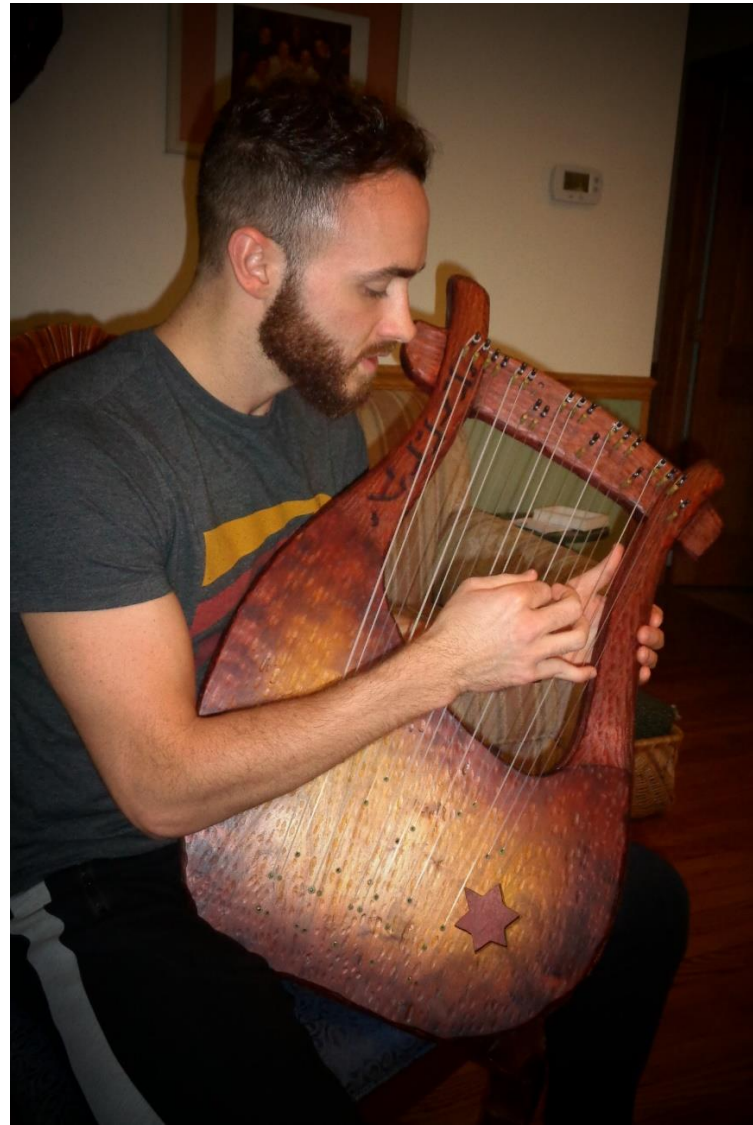
This harp is hand hewn, and made of Sassafras with a cherry neck, and has an oil finish. It has black tuning pins and tarnished bridge pins and eyelets for a rustic look. We include a full set of extra strings and a tuning wrench. For an additional cost, you can get an oval display stand, the Hebrew letters engraved, lighting under the neck area, a star of David sound hole on the front, and a mic pick-up installed. **See order form for prices.**

How do you play a Chord Harp?

The Chord Harp is played differently than a regular harp (which is usually leaned against your right shoulder with the high notes against you). The Chord Harp is held with your left hand on your left leg (or between your legs) with the lowest chord against your left shoulder, and strummed with your thumb like a guitar (see picture on right). For the best sound, you will want to use just the pads of your fingertips (not fingernails).



Hebrews letters represent: The Lord is My Shepherd



What comes with the purchase of a G-Chord or Bass C-Chord Harp?

These 24-string Chord Harps are usually made of cherry, pictured right, or walnut wood, pictured left, (or we can make it out of exotic woods for an extra fee), and they come with a tuning wrench and an extra set of just the nylon strings (the special low wound strings can be purchased separately). The standard is a semi-gloss finish, but for an extra fee we can use a high-gloss finish. Other options for an additional cost would be: an oval display stand, a strap, leather pick ,mic pick-up installed, and clip-on song cards with a song card holder. The G-Chord Harp (pictured right, on the left) is used for playing in the Key of G (see chart below), but can also be used to play songs in the Key of C. The Bass C-Chord Harp (pictured on the left) is used to play in the Key of C, and also the Key of G.



Can levers be added to the Chord Harp?

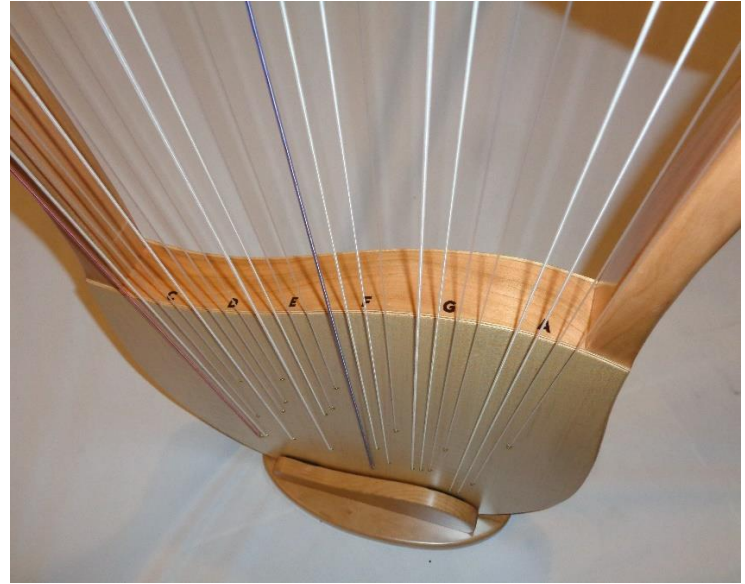
Yes, we can add levers for those advanced musicians who want to play in many different keys. We recommend the gold “Forte” (which are quality, light-weight attractive levers) to be added to the F-note in the D-Chord so you can play in the Key of G easily, and possibly the G-Note in the EM-Chord, and the C-Note in the Am-Chord.

Can a strap be added to the Chord Harp?

Yes, we can add a strap for an additional fee.

How do you know what the chords are in each group of strings?

We give you a paper chart with the chords and what notes are in each chord for easy tuning (see chart below) and we can also attach transparent letters for each set of chords at no charge (pictured on right). Note: When you’re in the Key of C, you will tune the D-Chord as Dm, and the E-Chord as Em.



See Order Form for Prices

How do I tune this harp?

This ENO tuner clips to the neck of the harp & makes tuning a lot easier.



ENO Electronic Tuner = \$25.00

To tune the harp, just hit the “on” button twice for “clip” setting. Use the L-wrench to turn the silver pegs at the top until the note comes up to pitch. Each of the Chord Harps comes with a special tuning chart (see below) and we can also add (for an additional fee) transparent chord letters on the top of the sound chamber for easy reference.

Do I need to have a good singing voice to use this harp?

No... you can play beautiful chord progressions for lovely background music, or this harp would work well playing for a vocalist or along with a group of other musicians.

Do you have padded cases for the Chord Harps?

We make padded cases for the Chord Harps in regular (with shoulder straps) or backpack style. Colors available: black, navy, teal, purple, maroon & royal blue.

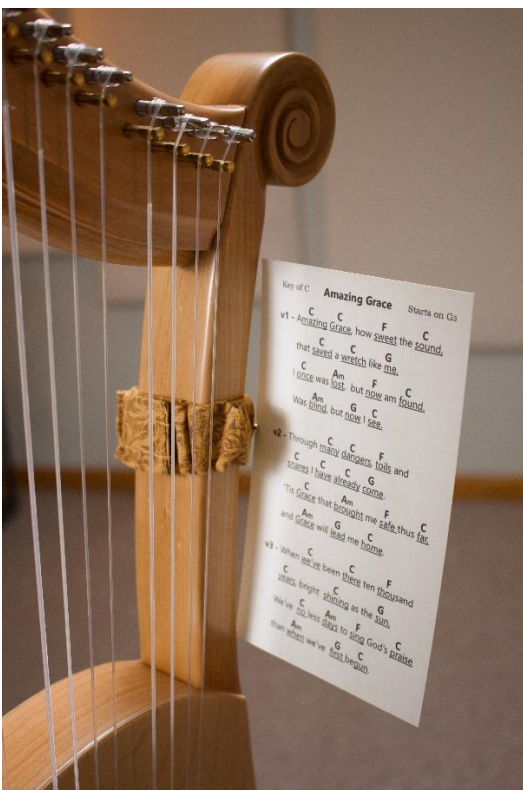


(Back View)

(Front View)

Do you have special music for the Chord Harps?

We have made song cards that can clip onto a special holder (pictured below, left), but you can also use music written for harps in “lead sheet” format (where the chords are listed), or any music written for guitar.



Special card holder with clip attaches to the harp with Velcro.

Can I get a strap for this Chord Harp?

Yes, we can supply you with a strap, or we can just put the knobs on if you already have a strap.



Where can I get extra strings for this harp?

We will give you an extra set of regular nylon strings along with a tuning wrench. If you would like an extra set of the special low wound strings, they can be purchased from us or you can get them directly from our supplier...

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How do you receive payment?

Since we are a small family business, we take credit cards only through PayPal for small harps (the PayPal service fee is added to your total). For this type of harp, our U.S. customers send us either a personal check or a bank money order made payable to Marini Made Harps. For international customers, after your order is confirmed we would email you our special bank information for payment directly to our special account that we have set up for this (a small bank fee is added to your total). So, first you would e-mail us your request with the order form filled out, and then we will e-mail you back an invoice with everything listed, and a final total. Once this is done, then we would proceed with your harp order. If the harp you want is available, then we would ship the harp to you once we receive payment. If we still need to make the harp, then we will notify you about 1 to 2 weeks before construction begins so that you can mail (or wire) us your payment.

Thank you for your interest in our Chord Harp... we hope that we can serve you!

The Marini Family

Charts of all three Chord Harps:

DAVID Chord Harp—Key of G

<u>Chord 1 (G)</u>	<u>Chord 2 (Bm)</u>	<u>Chord 3 (C)</u>	<u>Chord 4 (D)</u>	<u>Chord 5 (Em)</u>
G ³ D ⁴ G ⁴ B ⁴	B ³ D ⁴ F ^{#4} B ⁴	C ⁴ G ⁴ C ⁵ D ⁵	D ⁴ G ⁴ A ⁴ D ⁵	E ⁴ G ⁴ B ⁴ E ⁵

DAVID Chord Harp—Key of F

<u>Chord 1 (F)</u>	<u>Chord 2 (G)</u>	<u>Chord 3 (Bb)</u>	<u>Chord 4 (C)</u>	<u>Chord 5 (Dm)</u>
F ³ C ⁴ F ⁴ A ⁴	G ³ D ⁴ B ⁴ C ⁵	Bb ³ C ⁴ F ⁴ Bb ⁴	C ⁴ F ⁴ G ⁴ C ⁵	D ⁴ F ⁴ A ⁴ D ⁵

MMH Chord Harp — Key of G

<u>Chord 1 (G)</u>	<u>Chord 2 (Am)</u>	<u>Chord 3 (C)</u>	<u>Chord 4 (D)</u>	<u>Chord 5 (Em)</u>	<u>Chord 6 (F)</u>
G ³ D ⁴ G ⁴ B ⁴	A ³ E ⁴ A ⁴ C ⁵	C ⁴ E ⁴ G ⁴ C ⁵	D ⁴ F ^{#4} A ⁴ D ⁵	E ⁴ G ⁴ B ⁴ E ⁵	F ⁴ A ⁴ C ⁵ F ⁵

MMH Bass Chord Harp — Key of C

<u>Chord 1 (C)</u>	<u>Chord 2 (Dm)</u>	<u>Chord 3 (Em)</u>	<u>Chord 4 (F)</u>	<u>Chord 5 (G)</u>	<u>Chord 6 (Am)</u>
C ³ G ³ C ⁴ E ⁴	D ³ A ³ D ⁴ F ⁴	E ³ B ³ E ⁴ G ⁴	F ³ A ³ C ⁴ F ⁴	G ³ B ³ D ⁴ G ⁴	A ³ C ⁴ E ⁴ A ⁴

Note: You can also play this harp in the Key of G if you tune the one “F” string to “F#” in the D-Chord (or you can omit playing the 4th string of the Dm chord).

See Chord Harp diagram on next page.

Bass C-Chord Harp

