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## **HARP PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

A harp cannot be in rain, mist, fog, drizzle, high winds, extreme temperatures (below 50 degrees or above 90 degrees) or direct sunlight. A tent, awning or umbrella or covered porch is required for outdoor events. Due to the risk of tree sap or pollen exposure, a shaded tree is not sufficient cover. In the event of inclement weather conditions, a harp can be amplified from an indoor or otherwise protected area.

A harp must be on a flat, smooth surface such as carpet, a platform or stage (no inclined surfaces, grass, wood chips, gravel, etc.) at least SEVEN feet away from foot traffic/food and beverages and needs at least a 5x5' space for the harp, music stand, bench and sound system.

For any harp amplification, Erica will need access to a two outlet power supply. A sound system is included by Erica at any and all performances for up to 100 people. For audiences larger than 100 persons, the client is responsible for providing professional audio amplification.

A clean, dry space for the harp transport cover and harp dolly must be provided near performance area or be arranged to be brought to performance area before unloading the harp at the end of any event. No harp can be unattended for more than a few minutes due to risk of theft or fall. Break areas/green rooms must be in close proximity or with a clear visual view of the instrument. In the event where more than one harp is needed, Erica, Erica's agent or an appointed person must attend each harp. No persons other than Erica or Erica's agents should handle, touch or attempt to move a harp at any time. The harp must be covered and moved to a secure area by Erica, if necessary during any long breaks.

Harp cannot be transported over a large number of stairs or uneven terrain without trained harp movers. If any event requires a harp to be moved over more than five consecutive stairs, or a spiral staircase, notice must be given at time of booking and a \$75 moving fee will be added to balance at time of booking.

Please advise on break room/green room location for events over one hour. A ten minute break is needed for every 60 minutes of performing. For events totaling three hours or more, a 30 minute meal break and vendor meal is requested before the end of event.

Due to the high value and sensitivity of instruments and equipment, If the above requirements are not provided, or alternate arrangements made at least 30 minutes before performance start time, no refunds shall be given and Erica will be unable to perform.

Signature of venue representative \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of client \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_