

Emily West

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Education

- May 2024 **M.M. HARP PERFORMANCE; ARTS ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATE**
University of Colorado Boulder; Boulder, CO
Major Professor: Janet Harriman
- May 2022 **B.M. HARP PERFORMANCE; SECONDARY INSTRUMENT STUDY IN PIANO**
Ball State University; Muncie, IN
Major Professors: Elizabeth Richter, Dr. Joanne King
Secondary Instrument Instructors: Ruth Oh, Alessandro Riccardi

Notable Performance History

- 2024 **Hendricks Symphony Orchestra** | guest principal harp (*upcoming*)
- 2024 **Chamber Orchestra of the Springs** | guest principal harp
- 2024 **Colorado Springs Philharmonic** | guest principal harp
- 2023 **National Repertory Orchestra** | substitute second harp
- 2023 **Colorado School of Mines** | guest principal harp
- 2022-24 **Eklund Opera Program** | principal harp; 'La Boheme'; 'Cendrillon'; 'Titanic'
- 2022 **Soo Theatre** | guest principal harp
- 2022 **Ball State Wind Ensemble** | principle harp; ABA Convention performance
- 2021 **Ball State Symphony Orchestra** | soloist; Ravel's 'Introduction & Allegro'
- 2018 **East Central Indiana Chamber Orchestra** | soloist; Debussy's "Danse Sacree"
- 2018 **Youth Symphony Orchestras of East Central Indiana** | soloist; Debussy's "Danse Sacree"
- 2018 **Indiana All-State Orchestra** | co-principal harp

Awards & Honors

- 2023: **First Prize Winner**, Harp Performance | Jan Pennington Gray Harp Competition
- 2023: **First Prize Winner**, Solo Harp | International Clara Schumann Competition
- 2023: **First Prize Winner**, Solo Harp | London Classical Music Competition
- 2023: **First Prize Winner**, 20th-21st Century Music | London Young Musicians Competition
- 2023: **Special Award** for Expressive Performance | London Young Musicians Competition
- 2023: **Second Prize Winner**, Solo Harp | International Classical Music Stars Competition
- 2023: **Nomination** for membership | National Society of Leadership and Success
- 2022: Nancy & Ted Anderson Music Scholarship | University of Colorado Boulder

- 2022: **Outstanding Senior Award** | Ball State University
- 2021: **Winner**, Undergraduate Concerto Competition | Ball State University
- 2019: **Nomination** for membership | National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- 2018: Presidential Scholarship | Ball State University
- 2018: Mary Jane Bergdoll Scholarship | Ball State University
- 2018: Alumni Legacy Scholarship | Ball State University
- 2018: **Honorable Mention**, Advanced I Division | Midwest Harp Festival
- 2018: **Winner**, Leonard Atherton Concerto Competition | Youth Symphony Orchestras of East Central Indiana

Teaching Positions

- 2022 - present **Graduate Teaching Assistant** | University of Colorado Boulder
 - Undergraduate harp lesson instruction & large ensemble coverage
 - Founding of the CU Boulder Harp Ensemble
 - Undergraduate coursework support in various music history classes
 - Teaching Assistant for the Latin American Music Ensemble
- 2021-22 **Student Instructor** | School of Music, Ball State University
 - Offered private tutoring and large group instruction to upper level music history classes; developed supplementary study materials & mock exams
- 2018 - present **Private Studio Teacher** | Harp & Piano

Ensemble Experience

- 2024 Chamber Orchestra of the Springs; guest principal harp
- 2024 Colorado Springs Philharmonic Orchestra; guest principal harp
- 2023 National Repertory Orchestra; substitute second harp
- 2023 Colorado School of Mines; guest principal harp
- 2022-24 CU Boulder Symphony Orchestra; principal harp
- 2022-24 CU Boulder Wind Symphony; principal harp
- 2022-24 CU Boulder Eklund Opera Program; principal harp
**La Boheme*; *Cendrillon*; *Titanic the Musical*
- 2022-24 CU Boulder Philharmonia Orchestra; principal harp
- 2022 Soo Theatre; guest principal harp
- 2021-22 Ball State Chamber Orchestra; principal harp
- 2021-22 Ball State Opera Orchestra; principal harp

2020-22 Ball State Wind Ensemble; principal harp
*ABA convention performance in Spring 2022
2018-22 Ball State Symphony Orchestra; principal and second harp
2018-22 Ball State Choral Programs; guest principal harp
2018-20 Ball State Wind Symphony; principal harp

Masterclass Experience

Alice Giles	Diane Evans	Dr. Jaclyn Wappel
Trina Bourne	Faye Seeman	Dr. Grace Bauson
Mary Bircher	Grace Browning	
Beth Robinson	Emily Levin	

Additional Masterclass & Webinar Experience

Alexander Boldachev	Dr. Jack Singer	Dr. Noa Kageyama
Cory Barger	Jennifer Johnson	Dana Fonteneau
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Festivals

2018 Midwest Harp Festival

Arts Administration

2019 - 22 **United Sound** | Ball State University

- **Mentor** (2019-20): provided instrumental instruction and support to members of the community with exceptionalities
- **Vice-President** (2020-21): multimedia communication, officiation of mentor meetings, assisted President in administrative duties as needed
- **President** (2021-22): multimedia communication, performance scheduling with large ensembles and ensemble conductors, coordination of mentor training programs, coordination of student schedules and pods, monthly meeting/report filing with national administrative board

Discography

- 2024 Samuel Adler's A Testament (live)
University of Colorado Boulder Wind Symphony; soft premiere with conductor Michael Haithcock
- 2024 Luka Vezmar's Falling: For Harp Duet (live)
University of Colorado Boulder SoundWorks
- 2024 Blake Clawson's God Is Red - Who will find peace with the lands? (live)
University of Colorado Boulder Philharmonia Orchestra
- 2024 Nicholas Felder's From All Those Before Me - Linda Hogan (live)
University of Colorado Boulder Philharmonia Orchestra
- 2024 Ryan Flat's Pioneering Love - In honor of Clela Rorex and her legacy (live)
University of Colorado Boulder Philharmonia Orchestra
- 2024 Alan Mackwell's Two Scenes from the Banks (live)
University of Colorado Boulder Philharmonia Orchestra
- 2023 Carter Pann's Symphony No. 3: On the Importance of Our Democracy (live)
University of Colorado Boulder Symphony Orchestra
- 2023 Saint Lavender's MORE TIME | New Hippie Entertainment
'More Time' track harp feature
- 2018 Kirke Mechem's Seven Joys of Christmas | PBS
Ball State University Chamber & Concert Choirs, guest solo harp