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Recording credits include *Songs and Dreams* for solo harp, featuring Jacqueline’s own compositions and transcriptions; *Voyage*, a recording of avant-garde harp and saxophone duos with saxophonist Noah Getz, praised for its “nuanced style and impressive technique” (*Megan Ihnen, The Sybaritic Singer*); *Bouquet*, Jacqueline’s debut solo album; and *Music from Three Continents* with the Scottish Voices ensemble of Glasgow, Scotland.

A dedicated composer and arranger, Jacqueline’s transcription of songs by Gabriel Fauré “should bring great enjoyment to both performers and audience” (*The Harp Column*). Her compositions, arrangements, and transcriptions include a variety of solo and chamber works, and are available through Lyon and Healy Publications, Vanderbilt Music, Harp Column Music, and Oakway Studios. Her most recent pedagogical publication, *Glissando Exercises*, is third in a series of harp exercise books.

Along with flutist Marcia McHugh and violist Karin Brown, Jacqueline appears as part of Trio Sirènes. In addition, she has performed with a wide-array of ensembles, including the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the Post Classical Ensemble, (Washington D.C.), the Scottish Voices (Glasgow, Scotland), Maryland Lyric Opera (Washington D.C.), the Choir of Clare College (Cambridge, UK), the National Gallery of Art New Music Ensemble (Washington D.C.), and the National Philharmonic (Washington D. C.).

Jacqueline has been recognized with numerous honors including awards from the Maryland State Arts Council, a Chamber Music America Commissioning Grant, and an American Composer’s Forum Encore Grant. Jacqueline is on the faculties of the Baltimore School for the Arts and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She also maintains a private studio of harp students.

Additionally, Jacqueline is the founder and director of the Baltimore Harp Camp, serves as president of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Harp Society, and is on the editorial board of the American String Teacher. Her highly regarded YouTube channel includes performances and instructional videos. Jacqueline holds Master and Bachelor of Music degrees from the Peabody Conservatory.



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