

Julie Ann Smith, Harpist

Principal Harpist of the San Diego Symphony, Julie Ann Smith has established herself as one of the most prominent young harpists today, performing as both an orchestral musician and concert artist. Gaining international recognition for her charismatic performing style and diverse repertoire, Ms. Smith was the Silver medalist winner in the 2004 USA International Harp Competition and Bronze medalist in 2001. She made her National Symphony Orchestra debut in 2003 and has been honored in numerous competitions throughout the country.

Ms. Smith is an active recitalist and soloist with orchestras across the country. Her appearances include performances with the New World Symphony Orchestra, the South Dakota Symphony, the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra, the National Repertory Orchestra, and the Cleveland Institute of Music Orchestra. She has been the opening recitalist for the American Harp Society National Conference as well as the 2007 USA International Harp Competition.

Ms. Smith is equally experienced as a chamber and orchestral musician. A founding member of the San Diego-based Myriad Trio, she regularly appears in chamber concerts and festivals across the country, and has performed abroad in Italy and Japan. During the 2006-07 season she was the Acting Principal Harpist of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and prior to that held the position of Principal Harpist for the New World Symphony Orchestra.

As a teacher, Ms. Smith maintains a private harp studio and works with students of all ages. She has served on faculty at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and regularly gives master-classes across the county. She has also released her first album, *The Rhapsodic Harp*, which is available from her website, www.harpjas.com. Attending the Cleveland Institute of Music, she received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in harp performance where she studied with Yolanda Kondonassis. Her other primary teachers have included Alice Chalifoux and Patrice Lockhart. Ms. Smith is a native of Hastings, NE.