

SOPHIA MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

SOPHIA is a non-profit organization consisting of harpists and harpers who work to promote the harp in Southern Arizona. Activities include circles, harp concerts and workshops, performances, social events and fundraising.

Membership requirements: Members must be harpists or harpers (either previously trained or with equivalent experience or taking harp lessons with a harp instructor). Members should have their own harp. A prospective harpist/harper must submit an application for membership (found on our website) and once approved, must pay dues in order to become an official member of SOPHIA.

Member dues: Dues must be turned in no later than September 30th. Current prices for dues are listed on our website: www.sophiatucson.org. Members must be current with their dues in order to attend meetings or participate in performances. Dues will not be prorated.

Details about upcoming events: Details will be sent to members with up-to-date dues. SOPHIA meets September/October through April/May.

Text: Tunes to Go by Cynthia Shelhart is our official text. Any members who wish to participate in circles/events where this text is being utilized must purchase it. If other music will be used, the same rule applies. No xerox copies of this text or any ensemble music will be permitted at SOPHIA events/meetings/rehearsals other than what the owner of the music wishes to xerox for his/her own personal use.

Attendance at meetings/events/rehearsals, etc.: These are open to members only and to parents of underage members. Prospective members are welcome to attend one meeting. Exception: underage students of SOPHIA harp teachers may participate in our annual spring recital; however joining SOPHIA is encouraged.

Sales of harp merchandise at meetings/events: No excess sales of personal harp merchandise at meetings/events. Please contact one of the officers if you wish to sell harp merchandise through SOPHIA's website.

Conduct of members: No disruptive behavior (members or guests) is permitted at any SOPHIA gathering or in SOPHIA's online Yahoo Group.

Officers of SOPHIA: Officers must pay AHS dues in order to serve and should attend a majority of the leadership meetings. They will be given a list of duties specific to their offices. Active members of the Leadership Team meet three times per year.

Participation in SOPHIA performances:

- Non-paying gigs- These gigs are typically open to all members.
- Paying gig for SOPHIA- These gigs are open to harpists/harpers who attend the required number of rehearsals and who are already trained in harp and also to students with experience in public performance and who have a recommendation from their teachers.
- Special events are open to attendance by families/friends of members, space permitting.

Listserv etiquette:

- Posts should be polite, respectful and related to SOPHIA (i.e. no flaming, spamming or rudeness). Also, please do not post messages using all caps, which is the equivalent of screaming in the world of the internet.
- All ideas for SOPHIA's event calendar must be cleared with the officers before posting.

Please note: The officers reserve the right to extend/decline/withdraw membership of prospective or current members at any time, with a refund of dues where applicable.