

# Harp Weeks with Janet Harbison

February 9 – 16 (Saturday – Saturday)    Week 1    6 days of training  
February 16 – 22 (Saturday – Friday)    Week 2    5 days of training

for adults of all standards and abilities,  
from total beginner to professionals and teachers.

at the [BOGHILL CENTRE, Kilfenora, County Clare, in Ireland's mid west.](#)



These **Harp Weeks** are for all harp players of all ages and abilities wishing to make significant progress in their playing skills in an easy, relaxed and friendly environment. Course participants will significantly contribute to the shaping of the week's activities and the content of the lectures which address their interests. Almost all afternoons have outings options – including trips to the Cliffs of Moher, Fenore Strand, the Flaggy Shore and the Burren and in the evenings there are traditional music sessions in local pubs, set dancing (ceili) nights in Kilfenora, a banquet evening and show in Dunguaire Castle (Summer months only), and 'party' nights in at the Boghill Centre with invited musician guests. Be prepared to be inspired!

Each week has a maximum of 8 participants and the courses can be taken singularly or consecutively.

## **A typical daily schedule is:**

9.30 – 12.30am Warm-ups, classes and workshop with a coffee break

1pm Lunch

Afternoon for trips out, or practise, relax, explore, have a cuppa and socialise!

3 – 5pm Individual half hour lessons if you wish them (organised during the week as you may not need them with what you learn in the classes!).

5.30 – 7pm Classes

8.30 – 9.30 3 nights: Concerts / lectures / quiz night / sessions in-house or Sessions in local pubs in the villages of Kilfenora, Doolin or Lisdoonvarna.

**Arrive on Saturday from 5pm onwards** – and dinner is at **7pm**. Supper will be available for late arrivals. You will depart on the departure day after breakfast. Fly into Dublin or Shannon and see the travel advice below.

**The Boghill Centre is renowned for many things!** It's location is magical and in the grounds there are 2 labyrinths and cob houses to explore as well as great walks along roads in a remote part of Ireland!

The cuisine is vegetarian and organic (mostly from their own market garden) – and accommodation is in 'private rooms' (with 'Jack and Jill' bathrooms that are shared between 2 adjacent rooms allocated either to ladies or gents!). There are also spacious 'hostel' rooms (for ladies or gents!) with adjacent bathrooms. Training is in one of two exceptional halls looking out on to the stunning local scenery and wildlife.....

**Your course presenter is:**

**Janet Harbison** D.Litt., MA, TTCT, LTCL



**Janet Harbison**, now in her 6<sup>th</sup> decade but still with the energy and delight of her 3<sup>rd</sup>(!), is celebrated as a classical and jazz pianist, a traditional Irish harper, orchestra director and composer. A large number of today's internationally acclaimed Irish performers (including Laoise Kelly, Michael Rooney, Grainne Hambly) are graduates of her college and (Grammy Award winning) harp orchestra. She has taught over 40 All-Ireland Champions and achieved a staggering 97% rate of A grades for her harp students (of which there are over 300 in number) in the state examinations of 'Leaving Certificate' (Republic of Ireland) and 'A Level' (UK).

As a **course presenter**, Janet is renowned for her passion for teaching and introducing players to the values of oral training, folk and traditional music. She 'makes learning easy' and 'inclusive' for all standards, from the total beginner in their first days of experience to the consummate professional – in all the professions (stage performance / teaching / corporate entertainment / weddings / palliative therapy). Janet particularly enjoys to teach players how to 'play in a session' – the 'Irish' way of passing great evenings of music, fun and friendship.

**The location** for these courses is the **Boghill Centre** in the heart of the Burren, Ireland's most extraordinary glaciated limestone landscape (a designated UNESCO Geopark) on mid-west coast in County Clare (close to the spectacular Cliffs of Moher). This is 'a place apart' that normally operates as a Yoga Centre – with a legendary vegetarian cuisine that will convert the most ardent carnivores!

**The Boghill Centre** becomes a hub for the harp and traditional music for Janet's harp weeks! In week 2, in a new departure, Janet combines forces with the **wonderful fiddler Sonja O'Brien** of the Boghill Centre for a traditional music course featuring a variety of instruments. This is a very exciting new element ....



The Boghill Centre in stunning landscape with a stone circle, horses and forestry



One of our happy harp week groups



Hank joins the musicians at the Ceili!



Explore the extraordinary limestone landscape of the Burren

# February Harp Weeks in the Boghill Centre 2019

## FEES & APPLICATION

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Phone contact + country code:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Age:</b> (Please highlight or circle) 10-18; 18-25; 25-40; 40-55; 55-70; 70+
<b>Postal address:</b>	<b>Any allergies, food hates or disabilities?</b>

<b>WEEK 2</b>	February 16 (Saturday) – 22 (Friday) 2019		Enter your €€ costs
5 days of training, lunches (x5) and dinners (x6) Arrive Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> after 4pm (Contact us if you need assistance), Depart Friday morning 22 <sup>nd</sup>		€ 816	
Harp rental?		€ 40	
Extra one-on-one lesson time is available from Janet @ €70 per hour (These will be scheduled between 3 and 5pm daily)		How many?	
Lessons on another traditional Irish instrument @ €60 per hour Underline instrument: Fiddle / Whistle / Flute / Concertina / Bodhran / Pipes		How many?	
Single room (Shared <i>en suite</i> with one other of same gender) or		€ 266	
Twin Room (Shared room with fully private <i>en suite</i> ) or		€ 266	
Twin room (with single occupation for more space and fully private <i>en suite</i> ) or		€ 309	
Multy-bed hostel room		€ 249	
Lunches for co-travellers not doing the course		€ 50	

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR APPLICATION to [janet@irishharpcentre.com](mailto:janet@irishharpcentre.com)**

and we will email you back a confirmation of availability. Please do not send money until you are invited to!  
A deposit of €500 secures your place. The balance will be due one month in advance of the course.

## TRAVEL ADVICE

### FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT

And take the [www.citylink.ie](http://www.citylink.ie) bus outside the airport arrivals for GALWAY BUS STATION  
Fare €14/ €15, Duration: 2 ½ / 3 hours. Then you will travel from **Galway To Lisdoonvarna**  
Option 1: Bus no. 350 From Galway Bus Station, €14.25. Duration: 1 ¾ hours. In Lisdoonvarna, tell us when you are arriving and we will pick you up.  
Option 2: We can arrange a taxi at € 80. Duration: 1 hour

### FROM SHANNON AIRPORT

Take a taxi directly to Boghill Centre. Arrive in 1 hour and cost is approximately €80.

Be sure to let us know your arrival time so we can co-ordinate you with other travellers (so to share taxis if possible!).