

# Curriculum Vitae

## Esther Sévérac Harpist



Date of birth: 30.04.1989 in Geneva  
Nationality: France and Germany

### MUSICAL STUDIES

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- From 2015      Basel Music Academy  
Now studying: Master in Specialised Performance Soloist, Prof. Sarah O'Brien
- 2013 - 2015      Basel Music Academy  
Master: Music pedagogy, Minor: Orchestra, Prof. Sarah O'Brien  
**Master of Arts in Pedagogy** in June 2015
- 2010 - 2013      Basel Music Academy  
Bachelor of Arts, Prof. Sarah O'Brien  
**Bachelor of Arts** in harp in June 2013, End recital with best grade
- 1996 - 2008      Geneva conservatory. Harp classes with Catherine Eisenhoffer und Geneviève Chevallier. **End certificate of the school with distinction.** Preprofessional studies with Geneviève Chevallier.

### EDUCATION

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- 1993 - 2007      Primary School, secondary education and high school in Geneva (Switzerland).  
June 2007: **Final secondary school examination (maturité) with distinction**

### ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE

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- 2013 - 2015      Supplementary harpist at the Basel Symphony Orchestra
- 2010 - 2015      First Solo harp in the Schweizer Jugendsinfonieorchester (SJSO), conductor Kai Bumann
- 2005 - 2009      College Orchestra in Geneva (two projects with the OSR – Orchestre de la Suisse Romande), conductor Philippe Béran
- From 2005      Supplementary harpist in different orchestras and ensembles in Geneva, Lausanne, Zurich, Aargau, Basel

## PROJECTS

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- From 2016 Duo HarpKisSsax: Duo harp and jazz saxophone with Niko Seibold
- From 2014 Les Baronnes Underground: Popfolk quartet with Anne-Lise Teruel (flute), Esther Sévérac (harp), Cécile Unternährer and Anna Tuena (percussion)
- From 2011 Duo Estival: Duo flute and harp with Anne-Lise Teruel

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- From 2015 Harp teacher at the Académie de Musique MCA in Neuchâtel (NE)
- 2011 - 2015 Harp substitute teacher at the Jugendmusikschule Winterthur und Umgebung, and music schools Dornach, Muttenz, Sissach, Stäfa, Reinach, Männedorf, Effretikon, Rodersdorf, Basel

## COMPETITIONS

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- 2015 Winner of the Concerto competition of the Basel Music Academy. Prize: Performance of the Ginastera Harp concerto as a soloist with the Basel Symphony Orchestra.
- 2012 International harp competition Reintl (Vienna): Finalist.
- 2008 Swiss Youth Music Competition: First prize with distinction in the Final, two special prizes in the highest category.

## MASTER CLASSES

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- Since 2011 Lessons in singing, improvising, jazz and marimba
- 2013 - 2015 Masterclasses in the Basel and Zurich Music Schools with Alice Giles, Isabelle Moretti, Xavier De Maistre, Jana Bouskova, Emmanuel Ceysson
- 2011 / 2013 Jazz Harp Camp with Park Stickney (Yverdon)
- 2008 / 2009 International Harp Academy «HarpMasters» in Aarau with Skaila Kanga (Great Britain) and Milda Agazarian (Russia)

## INTERESTS AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

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- 2012 - 2015 Co-President of the Swiss Harp Association «Swiss Harp»
- 2007 - 2010 Geneva University: Bachelor Studies in Translation  
June 2010: **Bachelor of Arts** in multilingual communication
- 2006 - 2010 Private teaching in German, English, French, Italian, Math.
- Languages French - Mother tongue. German - Mother tongue. Englisch - Fluent. Italian - Fluent.