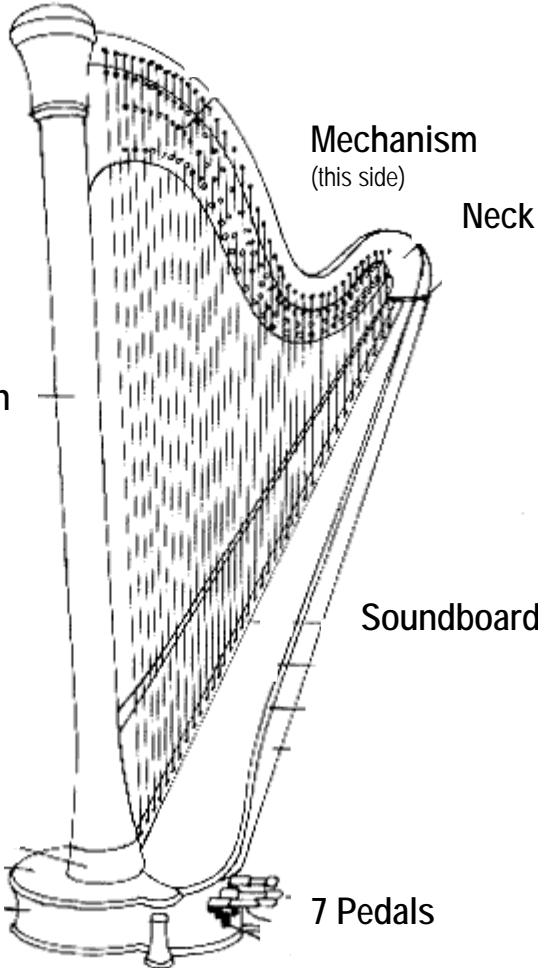


THE INSTRUMENT

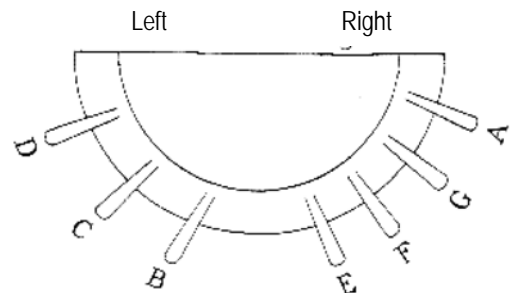
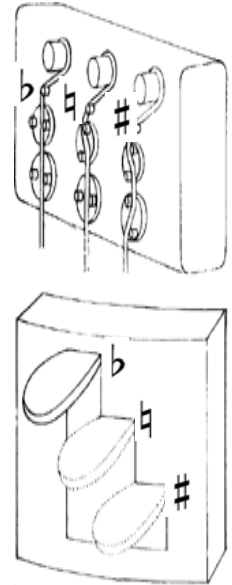
There are many different kinds of harps: lever, electric, single action pedal, and modern concert harp. Composingforharp.com focuses on the concert harp (acoustic double-action pedal harp).

Tuning pegs
(other side)



Pedals

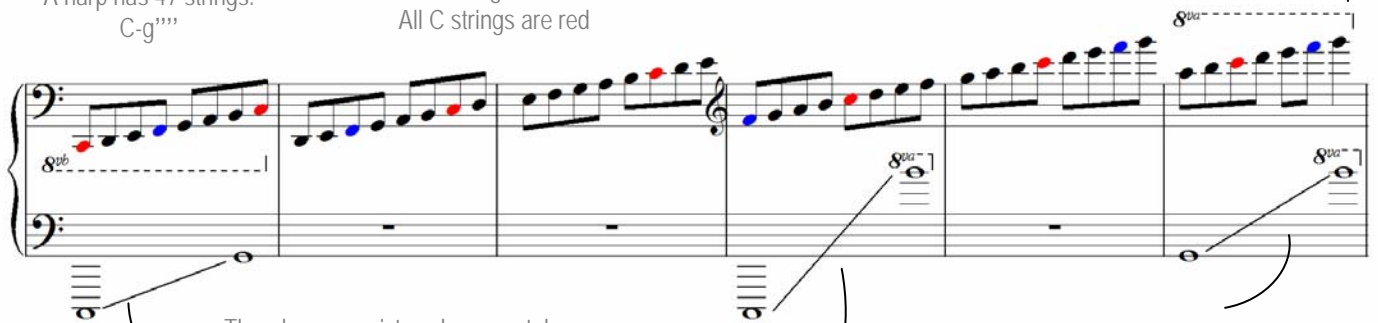
The pitch of each string is altered by the pedals. There is one pedal for each note in the octave. The C pedal regulates all the C strings, the D pedal all the D strings, and so on. More information about pedals: chapter 4.



There is no pedal mechanism on the highest string, nor on the 2 lowest strings. These strings are therefore pre-tuned in flat, natural or sharp, and cannot be changed until a suitable break in the music.

A harp has 47 strings:
C-g''''

All F strings are blue
All C strings are red



The bass register has metal strings. Some effects are most effective on the metal strings. More info: chapter 9

The left hand can play every string on the harp.

The reach of the right hand is limited. Depending the harp and the harpist, the right hand can play all gut strings comfortably.