

Jaclyn Marie Wappel, Harp
Short Biography

Dr. Jaclyn Wappel is an experienced performer, instructor, and published scholar. She is known throughout the United States, Europe, Hong Kong, Peru, and India for her presentation of recitals, masterclasses, workshops, and engaging in other collaborations with ensembles and composers in the international community. Dr. Wappel is passionate about music inspired by South, Southeast, and East Asian cultures and is currently a member of the American Harp Society Journal's editorial board.

In 2016 she earned her Doctor of Arts degree from Ball State University under the instruction of Elizabeth Richter and recently moved from North Dakota to Kansas where she maintains active online and in-person private harp studios. Before her move in June of 2022, Dr. Wappel was Instructor of Harp at Minot State University and previously Instructor of Harp at James Madison University and Washington and Lee University. An avid traveler, she still continues to perform in Virginia and North Dakota which has included the Bismarck-Mandan, Grand Forks, Minot, Richmond, Williamsburg, Charlottesville, Waynesboro Symphony Orchestras, and more. Dr. Wappel currently teaches virtually for Minot State University and Southern Virginia University and looks forward to preparing and presenting her first solo harp album focused on Southeast and East Asian Influenced Harp Chamber and Solo repertoire in 2024.

Outside of harp, Dr. Wappel recently earned her License in Massage Therapy issued by the Board of North Dakota Massage Therapy and plans to apply this skill holistically within her teaching, performing, professional, and personal life. Her favorite activities include spending time with her husband Chris, practicing Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Hot Yoga, and cuddling with her sweet (yet stubborn!) beagle Ruby.