

# Dennis Doyle

## Celtic Harp, Song & Stories

### **What can Dennis Doyle do for your Event?**

Dennis plays the Celtic harp beautifully while he sings and tells stories about Irish culture. More than a harp concert, the presentation is an entertaining glimpse into Ireland's history and people. This type of program is best on an intimate stage, in a cultural tent, a "hedge school", or a harp or "folk" stage.

Dennis can also do small workshops in various areas of Irish culture. He is a tenured college professor of Humanities who teaches a course in Irish History and Literature. Sample programs among others might be:

- the Celtic Harp
- the bards and Irish history
- Irish Saints and Scholars
- Celtic Spirituality
- Intro to James Joyce
- Intro to the Irish Language

If a Catholic Liturgy is featured at the event, Dennis is an experienced liturgical musician who can plan, lead, cantor, or participate in the Liturgy in any way required. In addition to harp, Dennis is also a singer and a pianist.

If a cultural program is scheduled in prelude to the festival (as is done in Milwaukee and Goderich), Dennis can teach week-long programs in Celtic Harp, Irish History, Irish Literature, Celtic Spirituality, and Introductory Irish Language.

The Harp has been the symbol of Ireland since the time of Henry VIII, impressed onto coinage at the time, however representations of triangular harps have been noted on high crosses dating to the 8<sup>th</sup> century. If an Irish festival is to represent all aspects of Irish culture, the harping tradition should be present, as should the Irish-Gaelic language.

Dennis' fee is negotiable, but is generally quite reasonable and should include housing and shuttle to the fairgrounds and an opportunity to sell CD's. Unless you have sponsorship with an airlines, Dennis usually arranges his own transport from California.

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