

# MUSICMAKERS OF THE MONTH

## Steve Gyuro and the Oriana Harp Quartet Franklin, Wisconsin

Members of the Oriana Harp Quartet  
from left to right:  
Evie, Nicole, Liz, and Michelle



Four sisters live across the street from Steve Gyuro (pronounced “guy-ro”), a musician and woodworker who seems to have fallen victim to the harp-making addiction, with 17 harps and counting! The neighbor girls have been so intrigued by the instruments they see emerging from the Gyuro workshop that they have asked for harp lessons.

The sisters have a tendency to cross Steve’s corner lot, taking a short cut through the woods on their way home from school. “Sometimes,” Steve says, “they’d show up for lessons with wet feet because of the ditch they crossed. I’d give ‘em my work socks to wear in place of their wet ones. They’d wear them home, and that would be the last I’d see of them. I built the Oriana Bridge (shown at right) to solve that problem.”



Sign on harp says, “This bridge is for the use of the Oriana Harp Quartet only. Unauthorized users subject to harp lessons and/or concerts.”

Steve told this story to his mother whose friend asked for a tracing of the girls’ feet. A few weeks later, hand-made knitted slippers arrived to keep their feet warm! “It’s a routine now,” says Steve. “The slipper basket is by the front door, girls arrive, slippers go on, and lessons begin.”

Last Christmas, Steve helped the girls prepare carols for a Christmas concert with the Community Chorus in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. The girls played all together using arrangements their teacher/harp-maker had prepared specifically to fit each girl’s playing level. You can watch a segment of their Christmas performance on our website at [www.harpkits.com](http://www.harpkits.com), by clicking on the “Testimonials” button near the bottom left of the page.

Congratulations to Steve and The Oriana Harp Quartet! We’ll be watching for that name in the future -- big things are likely to come of all this. You can contact Steve Gyuro by email at [uppabuzz@aol.com](mailto:uppabuzz@aol.com).



Steve poses with the Oriana Harp Quartet. They are playing 31-string Gothic harps that he built from blueprints

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