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## **Hip Harpist Headlines with Florida West Coast Symphony**

### **PBS Star Live On-Stage**

**She strides on stage with the energy of a rock star and pulls a soulful, electrifying power-chord from her harp.**

If you think the harp isn't "that" kind of instrument, it WASN'T until Deborah Henson-Conant got her hands on it – literally – and convinced European builders to invent a harp she could strap on like an electric guitar.

The result: one-woman shows that blur the line between musical performance and theatrical event.

Henson-Conant joins the Florida West Coast Symphony and conductor Andrew Lane for their Pops Series on Saturday, October 20, 2007.

Described as a "combination of Leonard Bernstein, Steven Tyler and Xena the Warrior Princess" by the Boston Globe, Henson-Conant has performed worldwide in venues from jazz clubs to symphony halls and has appeared on shows from "Charlie Rose" to "The View." She is now the star of her own TV special, "Invention & Alchemy," airing on PBS stations nationwide.

Henson-Conant writes all her own songs, stories and orchestrations, collaborating with the orchestra to reinvent the interplay of soloist and symphony into a more interactive and theatrical format she dubs "symphonic music theatre."

FOR MORE on Deborah Henson-Conant: [www.HipHarp.com](http://www.HipHarp.com)

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**Sat. Oct. 20, 2007 (8pm) – Hip Harp Pops!**  
**Deborah Henson-Conant with the Florida West Coast Symphony**  
Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236

**Take a wild musical ride with Grammy-Nominated Electric Harpist Deborah Henson-Conant, as she performs live with Maestro Lane and the orchestra for their 2007 Pops Series.**

TIX: 941.953.3434 • Box Office: Beatrice Friedman Symphony Cntr, 709 N. Tamiami Trail • [www.FWCS.org](http://www.FWCS.org)  
PRICES: \$33-50 – Students 1/2 price - \$5 student rush tix • This show is appropriate for all ages.

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