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**Deborah Henson-Conant**  
**Mother's Day Weekend Shows**

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Strap it on.  
Plug it in.

Play the music you love.  
Sing like you really mean it.  
Tell stories about your life.

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**Sat May 8**  
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**Grammy-Nominated Electric Harpist  
Celebrates Mother's Day with  
Two Solo Boston-Area  
Performances**

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Londonderry, NH - 603-437-5100**

**Sat. May 8 at TCAN - Center for Arts in  
Natick, MA - 508-647-0097**

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Music...Theater...Humor...Passion. Deborah Henson-Conant is difficult to describe. She's a cross-genre, Blues-Flamenco-Celtic-Funk-Folk-Jazz dynamo. She plays an instrument that was built specifically for her so she could perform her original one-woman shows and concerts. She tells tall tales with the ease of a stand-up comic. She solos and wails like a rock guitarist. She turns music into theater and theater into something lyrical. See her once and you'll never look at the harp the same way again.

She performs in symphony halls as a soloist with major orchestras, and she plays intimate shows in clubs, festivals and theaters. She's toured internationally, debuted with the Boston Pops, opened for Ray Charles at Tanglewood, jammed onstage with Bobby McFerrin and offstage with Aerosmith's Steven Tyler, and starred in her own music special on PBS, "Invention & Alchemy." She's been featured on shows from CBS' "Sunday Morning" and NBC's "Today Show" to NPR's "Weekend Edition" and the Food Network's "Warped," and interviewed by hosts and journalists from Scott Simon, Susan Stamberg and Studs Terkel to Charlie Rose and Joan Rivers. She's a Grammy-nominated composer/performer, the world's foremost electric harpist -- and she's made a tradition of bringing her Mother's Day Show to the Boston Area.

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**What's a Deborah Henson-Conant Mother's Day Show like?** Well, it's a quirky, energetic, intimate performance by a musician / storyteller / humorist who's both bigger-than-life and down-to-earth. She's playing an instrument few are likely to ever have seen before, a custom-built portable electric harp that gives her the dynamic range to wail on the Blues or toss off a Flamenco lick, and to use a passel of diverse styles you've likely never heard coming out of a harp.

**"I love playing Mother's Day shows because there's a heightened sense of shared experience,"** says Henson-Conant. "It's easy to fall into stereotypes of what we think Mother's Day should be: flowers and cards, or fancy meals. But I like to think it's about revisiting the crazy, wonderful, sublime and even sometimes ridiculous experience of being someone's kid - and the equally wonderful and bizarre life-experience of being someone's mother."

#### **SHOW DETAILS:**

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- Londonderry, NH - 603-437-5100
- Tix \$30 (<http://tinyurl.com/TupeloDHC>)

**SAT. MAY 8 - TCAN Center for Arts in Natick – 8:00 PM**

- Natick, MA - 508-647-0097
- Tix \$26 / \$24 (<http://tinyurl.com/TCAN-DHC>)

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