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### **Electric Harpist Burns Up the Stage at Firehouse**

“Henson-Conant exercises her musical virtuosity, playing everything from dreamy glissandos to gutbucket blues on her electric harp and singing up a storm.” The Boston Globe

**MA** – When Deborah Henson-Conant straps on her custom-built carbon-fiber harp, sparks fly. The Grammy-Nominated harpist/singer is throwing her own Birthday Bash concerts Nov. 21 & 22 at the intimate, historic Firehouse Center for the Arts on the waterfront in downtown Newburyport. Tickets available by phone (978-462-7336) or at Firehouse.org.

**Why a Birthday Bash?** Years ago, when she turned 19, Henson-Conant decided to publicly celebrate her dread of getting older by performing a Birthday concert. It became an annual event, and last year Firehouse crowds were so big, they added an extra show. Her shows include genre-busting concerts with songs, stories and instrumentals.

**What’s to celebrate?** Deborah’s celebrating a year of milestones, from the premiere of a One-Woman Musical to a successful Guinness World Record attempt in Amsterdam! This year is also a personal milestone: as of this birthday, she will be older than her mother ever was. Deborah says, “While that’s a bittersweet achievement, it’s a real celebration -- also, frankly, a relief -- this is a birthday I’ve always dreamed of achieving.”

**WHO:** Grammy-Nominee Deborah Henson-Conant, electric harp & voice

**WHAT:** Annual Birthday Bash Concerts (2 Nights)

**WHEN:** Fri.-Sat., Nov. 21 & 22 @ 8:00pm

**WHERE:** Newburyport Firehouse- 1 Market Sq. - Newburyport, MA 01950

**TIX:** \$28 / \$26 (members) -- 978.462.7336 / <http://www.firehouse.org>

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