

# Greg Buchanan

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## Gospel Harpist

Greg is a world-class harpist whose aggressive style of playing usually redefines the listener's concept of performance on the harp. His superb musicianship combined with an enthusiastic attitude toward the Christian life has made him one of the most sought-after Christian performers in America for the past 27 years.

In his early years, there seemed to be nothing Greg Buchanan could not do when it came to music. He was just three when his mother- a singer, dancer and Shakespearean actress- sat him on her lap and began teaching him piano. But the first harp player in the family was Greg's older sister Lucy. Greg watched her play, and at the age of nine, he decided the harp was for him. It wasn't long before Greg's tremendous music ability put him in the spotlight. As he entered and won harp competitions, his future seemed very bright – at least musically.

Naturally gifted to play the harp, he excelled and progressed quickly. As a young man, he spent four years in the United States Navy Band stationed in Washington, D.C. Following his military service, Greg entered the southern California music scene where he experienced the glamour of professional success. His personal life, however, was a dark paradox. At the age of 13, Greg had been introduced to alcohol. This addiction was now in full control and thrust Greg's life into the downward spiral of alcoholism, drug abuse. He dabbled in the occult and found himself in and out of mental hospitals and jails. In the fall of 1981, Greg left the music scene and entered college, determined to reconstruct the fibers of his life that had so quickly unraveled. During this time, a friend invited Greg off the streets of Hollywood to a Christian concert. Jesus Christ entered Greg's heart that night and the Holy Spirit began the process of repairing and healing the broken man who was so desperately searching for a new beginning. Greg readily gives God credit for everything he has today, and for bringing him from the depths of worldly living to the triumphant life he now lives.

Part of God's provision in Greg's life was blessing him with a wonderful wife, Becky. Married 25 years, and blessed with three precious children: Matthew 23, Erik, 21 and Bree, 18. Occasionally, Becky and the family "brave the road" to travel with Greg. Both Becky and Greg are natives of California. They enjoy living in southern California close to family.

Greg enjoys the privilege of being one of the first harpists in the world to own and play the Electronic Acoustic Grand Harp developed and handcrafted by the Lyon and Healy harp manufacturers of Chicago. The technological enhancements of this newly introduced instrument take Greg's music into realms of expression unattainable with traditional acoustic harps. The instrument is a modified Salzedo Art Deco design, which was personalized to accommodate Greg's specific needs. During many concert performances, Greg also performs on a Celtic (Irish folk) harp and a *Kin nor* (lyre). The uniqueness of Greg's stylized playing has made him a popular guest at national and international workshops. Greg finds great fulfillment in being able to share not only his musical knowledge but also his personal walk of faith, thus offering great creative inspiration to those with whom he works.

God's calling continues to lead Greg to minister in churches, school assemblies, pastors' and worship conferences, crusades, on television and many other venues. For the past 26 years, God has called Greg to a life of traveling to spread the Good News, to encourage pastors and to lead people into the presence of God through exciting worship and personal testimony. Churches in the largest cities and smallest of towns have invited Greg to minister. Each time, God's Spirit moves! Greg is energized and encouraged by the people he encounters while touring. His prayer is that he will be used to encourage others through his witness and testimony. And, that as a result, the circle of Christian friendship and faith will continue to strengthen God's people.

## Recommendations

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*“...I really didn’t know what to expect, but spending time with Greg and hearing and seeing his heart was very encouraging. He is deep spiritually/theologically and sensitive to the Holy Spirit and a very humble, gracious man...and he loves his wife and children. I was and am very encouraged...”*

Matt Rose  
Mission Representative, Voice of the Martyrs

*“Greg is a master musician, playing the harp with such skill that we all listen with focused attention. He is also wildly in love with Jesus, which gives his music that extra touch of feeling that reaches our hearts.”*

Erwin W. Lutzer  
Pastor, Moody Church

*“Greg Buchanan is one of the most inspirational worship leaders I have ever heard. Saddleback absolutely loves Greg’s unique blend of artistry and heartfelt worship ministry.”*

Rick Muchow  
Pastor of Magnification  
Saddleback Community Church

*“...Greg raises the level of our worship experience and musicianship. He is a phenomenal player. He performs music that a seasoned musician would find mesmerizing. When he plays you can see and hear God’s anointing and power...”*

Travis Laws  
Grove City Church of the Nazarene, Ohio

*“Thank you for sharing your incredible talents and beautiful testimony to us... we absolutely delighted in every minute of your performance. I can't get the images and sounds out of my head...you play with such incredible enthusiasm. Psalms 33:2 was definitely written for you. What an awesome thing it is to see someone so tightly grounded in the spirit and using your talents for the edification and glory of the Lord. We feel truly blessed...”*

Matt Hayes  
First Redeemer Church, Cumming, GA

*“I give the highest recommendation possible for having Greg Buchanan doing a concert. Though he is an awesome Harp player, I recommend him because his testimony is so anointed and powerful. He gives one of the best presentations of the gospel I have ever heard. The first time I heard him he reminded me of Chuck Smith. Clear, simple, real.*

*I know the phrase of "An awesome harp" player may not be easy to understand. Words cannot describe what it is like when he plays the first string on that harp. It sounds like there are 5 instruments on stage and the power of the Holy Spirit fills the room.*

*As a person Greg is easily approachable and there was instant fellowship. He will be a blessing to any church...”*

Mike Bucher  
Pastor Calvary Chapel Cleveland, OH

# Requests and Requirements

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**Road Manager: Greg's cell- 714-293-3743**

Greg is traveling solo at this time due to the economy. He will make telephone contact with each concert host one to two weeks prior to the concert. Greg will be able to answer any questions regarding sound, arrival times, set-up, meals, etc. You are welcome to contact Greg directly with any inquiries regarding these matters by calling him on the cell phone number listed above.

**Product Sales:** Please arrange to have (1) 8' tables set up in the foyer area for Greg's recordings to be displayed and offered for purchase following the concert. We also ask that you have 2 helpers at the table to assist with the product sales.

**Recording:** Concerts may not be recorded, reproduced, or transmitted from the place of performance in any manner, audio, video, or by any other means, without prior consent from all parties involved. The artist will be the sole supplier of any and all products for this concert date.

**Sound Requirements:** Greg will need to use the sound system provided in the church or auditorium. Please arrange to provide the following: 1 monitor, 1 microphone on a boom stand, 1 mixing board with 5 open channels, 5 standard XLR mic cords, 2 Direct Boxes, 1 CD Player (for performance tracks) and a sound technician.

*The sponsor's signature on the concert agreement acknowledges he/she is in agreement with all information on the concert agreement and artist addendum, and fully understands the particulars regarding the concert. This agreement is not confirmed until it is returned to the office, signed and accompanied by any deposit money that is due. The date will be held until the initial deposit due date, after which the sponsor assumes the risk of cancellation, however, we will make every effort to contact the sponsor prior to canceling a concert. Any changes made on this agreement without the approval of the office will automatically void the agreement. All deposits are non-refundable, but can possibly be transferred. In the event of cancellation by artist, any deposit money paid will be refunded directly by the artist to the sponsor.*

# The Harps of Greg Buchanan

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## □ Salzedo Art Deco Electronic Harp / Lyon & Healy / Chicago, IL

The harp has been known throughout history as an instrument of beauty, both of form and sound, one that rarely experiences or needs change. When major changes in the harp's construction do occur, however, they have revolutionized the instrument. Lyon & Healy, the harp world's leader and innovator since 1889, now leads the harp from its classic past into this age of electronic instruments with the harp world's newest advancement – the Lyon & Healy electronic harp. While retaining the intrinsic beauty of the acoustic harp, the electronic harp allows today's harpists to achieve higher performance levels and changes people's perception about the capabilities of the harp. The sophisticated pickup system used on the electronic harp provides an amplified sound that is a true reproduction of the string vibration, which makes it “musically expressive” to both the player and the listener.

## □ Celtic Folk Harp / Hidden Valley Harps / Escondido, CA

The ancient name for this style harp was the *Nevel*. Old Testament prophets played instruments similar to this in temple worship and at times of meditation seeking the Lord. The beauty of tone and quality is distinct. The popularity of the harp grew when the melodies of Celtic origins became widely known and loved. Many harp students begin their learning journey on a folk harp. Some move on to the larger pedal harp, however, many prefer to stay with the folk instrument. The delicate simplicity of the Celtic Folk Harp creates not only a unique sound, but invokes an entire atmosphere of worship from years past.

## □ Davidic Harp (*kin nor*) / Jubilee Harps / Evansville, IN

A design that was lost for generations, King David's harp has returned! The melodic sounds of this ten-stringed instrument come alive as though time has turned back to the days of David playing unto Saul. Prophecies surround this instrument and the rediscovery of the Davidic design is a sign of Christ's imminent return. Intimate, personal times of worship are possible for anyone to attain with this instrument. Growing interest in Christian/Jewish heritage has opened many hearts to the joy of playing this harp unto the Lord.

# Greg Buchanan's Outstanding Engagements

## Appearances

- International Spokesman for Lyon & Healy and Salvi Harps
- Amsterdam, The Netherlands- concerts and television
- International Jazz & Pop Harpfest (bi-annually)
- Aldersgate 250
- Phil Waldrep Minisries
- Calvary Chapel's-Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, CA, Calvary Chapel East Anaheim, CA, Maranatha Chapel, CC Sun City, AZ, CC Cleveland, OH, Mission Valley Christian Fellowship, San Diego, CA
- Korean Missions Tour
- Women Aglow International Conventions
- Religious Heritage of America-Awards Banquet
- Gospel Music Association- Dove awards and Spectaculars
- National Religious Broadcaster's Conventions
- Billy Graham Crusades (various)
- Southern Baptist Conventions- Pastor/Evangelism and Music Conferences
- Nazarene International Layman's Conference
- Praise Gatherings (Indianapolis and Michigan)
- Choral Music Festival
- Saddleback Community Church Music Conference
- Turning Point Ministries
- MusiCalifornia
- The Cove- Ashville, NC
- Jerry Falwell's Super Conference
- Premier Design National Rally
- Hosanna Festival
- Fishnet Festival
- Creation Festival
- Life Care Center of America
- Moody Pastor's Conference
- Moody Founders Week
- Falls Creek Youth Camp
- Ghost Ranch-Loretta, NM
- Hour of Power- Dr. Schuler
- In Touch- Dr. Stanley
- CBN- 700 Club
- Family Life Radio Concerts
- Moody Broadcasting Concerts
- Church Music Workshop Northwest
- The Gathering-Hilton Head, SC
- Music Evangelism Foundation-summer concerts, Colorado Springs, CO / Branson, MO concerts
- Prisons and correctional institutions
- Integrity Hymnal Premiere- El Cajon, CA
- Recordings for Integrity, In Sight For Living, and Turning Point
- Turning Point Ministry cruises
- In Sight For Living Ministry cruise

## Awards

- Instrumental Album of the Year-finalist *In Concert*- GMA
- Instrumental Album of the Year-finalist *The Lighter Side*-GMA
- Recorded Music Packaging of the Year-winner *Peaceful Meditation*-GMA
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- Horizon Award-finalist GMA

## Short Biography

### **Greg Buchanan**

Greg is a world-class harpist whose aggressive style of playing redefines the listener's concept of harp performance. His ministry has been a mainstay in America's churches for twenty-seven years. Greg's innovative style draws the listener into the very presence of our Lord, from tender worship to foot tapping, hand clapping, jazz-styled praise. His love for the Lord and his appreciation of his deliverance from many years of addiction to drugs, alcohol, and the occult give him a genuine love for others that is expressed powerfully through his ministry. Greg presents a heartfelt testimony to which today's hurting people can truly relate. He has multiple recordings to his credit and has appeared at many major conferences, conventions, churches, and Christian colleges. He has been married to his wife, Becky, for twenty-five years, and they have three children, Matthew, Erik, and Bree.

Watch Greg LIVE at **[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)**- 2 part concert from Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, CA-Awesome!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBddcgRvqLw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KI4Ws6zN2kk>