

# Proclamation



## Bob Lewis

- Whereas: Bob Lewis, an autoharpist since 1975 who enthusiastically embraced diatonic "open-note" playing in 1984, broadened his view of the autoharp beyond making music upon meeting luthier George Orthey in 1987. And,
- Whereas: Realizing that string-physics data for the autoharp was lacking, Bob Lewis measured the tolerances of the autoharp's established string gauges to determine optimum tone and volume, and subsequently developed a software program to instantly calculate string schedules for the many diatonic tunings being formulated by autoharpists since 1983. And,
- Whereas: As a result of his technical findings, Bob Lewis became a consultant to luthiers and autoharpists alike concerning chord choice, chord-bar layouts and chord voicing. And,
- Whereas: Bob Lewis generously disseminates do-it-yourself repairs, such as restringing and re-felting chord bars, to new players, enabling them to transform their autoharps into cherished, well-playing instruments that will serve them for years to come. And,
- Whereas: For decades, Bob Lewis has refurbished and reconfigured all makes of new and used autoharps with uncompromising precision and attention to detail. And,
- Whereas: Bob Lewis has been an enduring presence in the autoharp community as a workshop leader and performer, as well as 1992 Mountain Laurel Autoharp Champion (Newport, Pennsylvania), 1996 International Autoharp Champion (Winfield, Kansas) and one of many autoharpists featured on the 2003 "Autoharp Legacy" compact disc. And,
- Whereas: Bob Lewis created a web site, [AutoharpWorks.com](http://AutoharpWorks.com), to share his thoughts about special tunings, chord selection and many other topics to autoharpists worldwide.
- Therefore: Let it be resolved that Bob Lewis be inducted as the 2025 contemporary member of the Autoharp Hall of Fame.
- So proclaimed on this 5th day of June, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.