

Christina Kant, harpist

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"I am proud of myself for completing a whole year of online school — including presenting my third-year recital from my home, three provinces away from campus," reflects Christina Kant. The University of Toronto student not only completed her year, she also won the school's concerto competition and will play Debussy's *Dances* with the U of T Symphony Orchestra as a result.

A fun fact about Kant: she completed Grade 10 in piano through the Royal Conservatory of Music and has set a summer project for herself to transcribe some of her favourite piano pieces by Reinhold Glière for harp. She's making time for that while taking part in the online National Youth Orchestra of Canada training program for the second consecutive year. In June, she performed in a fundraiser to bring a family of refugees to Canada.

Kant's role models include harpist Valérie Milot ("she's innovative and insightful") and her own teacher at U of T, Judy Loman ("I'm grateful for every moment of her guidance.") And while she prides herself on being disciplined and organized, she also knows how to relax: "When I have a day off, I like to stay in my pyjamas and have no schedule for the day."