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As a newcomer to the area, Marina Roznitovsky is making beautiful sounds throughout the Truckee Meadows and teaching others to do the same.

The 24-year-old native of Ukraine, who grew up in Israel, arrived here from Indiana in August and is teaching harp at the University of Nevada, Reno.

She's also the principal harpist for the Reno Chamber Orchestra and Nevada Opera. She teaches private lessons and does solo performances upon request.

Her U.S. work permit expires in June, but she said she's talking to attorneys and trying to get paperwork through that would allow her to stay in the area for several years.

Roznitovsky recently earned her bachelor's of music, master's of music and performer diploma in harp and pedagogy at Indiana



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Roznitovsky said she decided to come to Reno when an Indiana University professor told her about an opportunity: UNR harp instructor and Sparks resident Beverly Colgan recently retired

Roznitovsky said UNR has two harps at in a room in its Church Fine Arts Complex designated for students' practice.

Learning the harp can be challenging, she said.

"(Students) look at a harp and it seems so complicated, but everyone has their own level," Roznitovsky said.

Roznitovsky said she hopes to get people interested in learning harp but noted it might be challenging to recruit teens because there isn't a local

pre-college program.

Roznitovsky began playing the harp at age 12 and was a four-time recipient of the American Israel Cultural Foundation scholarship. She has performed with several professional orchestras in Israel and in the United States and done solos.



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Marina Roznitovsky is a new professor at University of Nevada, Reno, where she teaches harp.

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Marina Roznitovsky is scheduled to perform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Nevada Museum of Art, 160 W. Liberty St.
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