Using Backpack Straps

The backpack straps and case are designed for the harp to be worn upside down (see figure 1). To attach the straps, lean the harp against a wall with the base end pointing up and clip the backpack straps to the correct D-rings (see figure 2). Make sure you do not clip them to the shoulder strap D-ring, as this could cause the case fabric to tear. The straps should curve inward towards each other and the longer padded end should be at the top to cushion your shoulder.

When lifting the harp up onto your shoulders or lowering it down, be sure not to pull sideways on the backpack straps (see figure 3). Instead, pull the straps straight upwards (see figure 4). This will ensure that the weight of the harp is supported by the reinforced webbing patches and not by the case fabric, which can rip.

**Warning:** Each D-ring is meant to be pulled in a singly direction only, and is reinforced accordingly. Make sure when you pull on any strap that the curved side of the D-ring is pointing up and the reinforced webbing patch is pointing down (see figure 5). Pulling in any other direction will likely cause the case fabric to rip (see figure 6).