

Megan van Uffelen (2005) was born in Zwolle (The Netherlands) and started to play the lever harp at age 7. In 2018 she switched to the pedal harp at age 13 and has been studying with Manja Smits since then. In September 2019 she was accepted in the Young Talent Class at the ArtEZ Conservatoire in Zwolle where she continues to study with Manja Smits.

In 2019 she participated in several competitions: the Dutch national youth competition for all instruments 'Prinses Christina Concours', the national Young Talent Competition in Maassluis for all instruments, the international competition in France 'Rencontres Internationales de la Harpe en Ile-de-France' where she won a first prize in the category C2N4. Her performance was rewarded with the rating 'Mention Très Bien avec Felicitations'. In October 2019 she participated in the International Harp Competition Velenje in Slovenia. In category C she was rewarded with a bronze medal and the Jury award for the best performance of a classical piece. In January 2020 she participated in the national Rosa Spier Harp Competition in Tilburg where she received the encouragement prize. In September 2020 she was a finalist of the Royal Concertgebouw Competition. In May 2021 she participated in the Archipel Muziekconcours where she reached the semi-finals.

Due to COVID-19 Megan participated in several International online competitions. In the London Young Musician competition 2020-2021 she received the third prize in the category 'Young artist'. In the Medici International Music Competition and in the IMKA Internet Music Competition she received the first prize. In the Kings Peak International Music Competition and in the Music and Stars Awards her performance was rewarded with the second place. In the international competition Vienna Classical Music Academy she was invited to the finals based on her online application. The finals took place in Vienna in September 2021. Her performance was awarded with the first prize in the category under 18 years old. After participating in the International Youth Music Competition she was invited to participate in the Artist of the Year – competition. Here she received the first prize and was an absolute winner in the category Harp – senior (14-18 years).

Megan loves to play chamber music and is a member of Youth Orchestra 'De Vuurvogel'. This Youth Orchestra performs multiple times a year.

She attended masterclasses with Lavinia Meijer, Remy van Kesteren, Chantal Mathieu and Pierre-Michel Vigneau and participated in four summer masterclasses of Manja Smits and Masumi Nagasawa in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (Harp Summer Masterclass La Roche sur Foron). Megan is invited to attend a celebrity masterclass at the World Harp Congress in Cardiff, which will take place in July 2022.