

SFR '14 Novice/Intermediate Workshops

Patti Amelotte: “Chord Theory 101”

How to add simple harmony notes to a tune.

Rick Fogel: “Hammer Dulcimer Made Easy”

Rick will cover basic hammer dulcimer orientation, teach a tune, and give simple instruction for playing back-up in a jam using recorded music.

Jody Marshall: Play Nicely with Others! — Learn some basics of accompaniment, plus tips for accompanying jigs, waltzes, and more!

Ted Sittser: “Strategies for Ensemble Playing”

Few things are more fun than playing music with others. Learn some simple strategies to play effectively in a group and to produce interesting parts to play when you are not the lead instrument.

Andy Young: "Irish Ornamentation Beneath Your Hammers"

Playing traditional Irish music is much more than simply banging out the right notes. Traditional musicians are often immersed in the style early on, and work diligently for years to make it second nature. Achieving this authentic sound on the hammered dulcimer can feel like a challenge. This class will explore types of ornamentation, specific techniques for playing ornaments on hammered dulcimer, and skill-building exercises to help with ornamentation. You will also learn how to find and place ornaments within a tune.