

Carolyn Cruso's Workshops, HDR 2017

Beginning: The Magic of the Hammered Dulcimer

Unlock the magic of this enchanting instrument. We'll acquaint ourselves with the geography of the dulcimer, learn how to hold the hammers with ease and effectiveness, and discover a few basic chords and scales to get us started. We will apply all this to learning simple tune or two. Lots of fun!

Novice: Evolving the Basics!

In this two-part class we will build on the rudiments that you have already acquired. Going deeper into how the instrument is laid out, learning more chord shapes, playing double octave scales, and exploring ornaments. We will increase our technique so that we can be more flexible and able to finesse the tunes we love to play. We will apply these new skills to the learning of at least two new melodies.

Advanced: Jiggety Jig

We will learn a four-part tune called Monahan's Jig. We will arrange it with chord notes, flams, triplets, rolls and multiple layering of those ornaments. As a warm up we will explore the key of Em, the arpeggios of the chords in the tune, and have fun with a bit of improv over the chords. If time remains we will learn Trippin' Up the Stairs to add to Monahan's as a medley.