



A Scenic Journey Through Roots Music

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Erin Rogers Sample Workshops

Erin provides mountain dulcimer instruction at all levels for any age. These are some of the workshops she has taught in the past, but she is happy to design a class to meet your group's needs.

Beginner

- Solid Foundation: Learn basic strumming, pick choice, fingerings, how to structure your practice, etc
- Fiddle Tunes: Increase your repertoire by learning several fun and simple traditional tunes
- Chording and Strumming: Learn basic chords and strum patterns to begin playing along in groups

Intermediate

- Jam Sessions 101: Competently play with other musicians on the fly: skills include chording, back-up rhythm, and improvisation
- Flat-picking Fiddle Tunes: Learn to play melody across all the strings with several fun fiddle tunes
- Taking it to the Next Level: Analyze your technique, accuracy, timing, arrangements, posture, and tone to make you a better player
- Arranging: Create your own arrangements by adding chords, playing in different octaves, adding embellishments, etc.

Advanced

- Pick, Pick, Pick: A right hand master class, covering pick choice, dynamics, accents, tone, flat-picking, and more.
- Improvisation: Learn what to play to sound good, even if you don't know the song
- Bluegrass Mountain Dulcimer: Study the ins and outs of the bluegrass genre and how to jump in with your dulcimer

Multi-Level

- Ear Training for the Tone Deaf: Helps any student learn to play by ear and pick out simple melodies without tab
- Developing Good Habits: Establish strong practice habits by developing a solid routine and proper body mechanics
- Stump Erin: Ask me any question you can think of and we'll find answers together.

Repertoire

- Irish: A jig, a reel, a hornpipe, or an aire
- Dill Pickle Rag: requires a 1+ fret
- Hymns: There is nothing like an old-fashioned hymn-sing.
- Bluegrass Standards: Songs and tunes you must know to say you play "bluegrass"

***All workshops are structured for diatonic mountain dulcimers tuned D-A-D. Classes are also offered for fully chromatic mountain dulcimer or for alternate tunings.*