



# A Scenic Journey Through Roots Music

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## Workshop Information

Scenic Roots is pleased to offer workshops and private lessons in addition to concerts. They always try to teach concepts and techniques along with tunes, and spend time preparing materials in advance so that they are clear, concise, and easy to read. Below is a list of possible workshops, but they are happy to create new workshops designed to fit the needs of your festival or event.

### **Fiddle**

- Bowing: Teaches different bowing styles, including hokum and shuffle
- Different Fiddle Styles: Teaches basic technique for Irish, old-time, and bluegrass fiddling
- Backup Playing: Teaches how to accompany other players and vocalists

### **Mountain Dulcimer**

- Arranging: Helps students create beautiful arrangements of the music they love
- Bum-Diddy: Gives an in-depth look at right hand technique for flatpicking & strumming
- Ear Training for the Tone Deaf: Helps any student begin to play by ear

### **Hammered Dulcimer**

- Tunes: This class focuses on learning new tunes
- Right & Left Hand Separation: How to make students' hands work independently

### **Clawhammer Banjo**

- Basic Technique: What you need to know about your right hand
- Fretless: How to play fretless banjo

### **Multi-Instrument**

- Jam Session Skills: Learn the basics of chords, improvisation, and how to play well with others
- Duets: Learn some of our duet arrangements—can be catered to various instruments

### **Performance**

- You Mean I Have to Talk Too?: Tips on emceeing; what to say when; and how to incorporate stories and humor into a concert
- Live Performance Techniques: How to structure your set list, plan an engaging show, and captivate your audiences

### **Children's Workshops**

- Sing-alongs: Playing and singing lots of songs that kids love like "Proper Cup of Coffee," "Sandy Boys," and "Watermelon"
- Dance: Basic American folk dances like "Heel Toe Polka" and "Virginia Reel"

### **Business**

- Basics for Band Promotion: How to put together a promotional package, web presence, and basic marketing for your band