



Original Dulcimer Players Club Newsletter March / April 2025 Spring Edition

EVART PRE-FUNFEST ACADEMY

Val Cortoni (Hammered Dulcimer)

SESSION 1 (9:30-10:45) – BEG/NOV (LEVEL 2)

AN ENCHANTING PIECE FROM MEDIEVAL SPAIN

The “Cantigas de Santa Maria” (Songs to the Virgin Mary), written in the 13th century by King of Castile Alfonso X the Wise, are one of the most extensive surviving music collections from the European Middle Ages. Their mesmerizing character makes them perfectly suited to the hammered dulcimer. In this workshop, we’ll learn the gorgeous melody of Cantiga n°189 along with a simple accompaniment using hand independence techniques.

SESSION 2 (11:00-12:15) – INT/ADV (LEVEL 3-4)

“THE THIRD MAN” – MASTER THE CHROMATICS WITH THIS CLASSIC CRIME DRAMA MASTERPIECE

“The Harry Lime Theme” from the 1949 classic British film noir “The Third Man” is one of cinema’s most iconic soundtracks. It was recorded on Austrian zither by virtuoso player Anton Karas. With its lightly swung rhythm and heavily chromatic melody, it masterfully creates a suspenseful yet playful atmosphere. Let’s explore the chromatic scale on the hammered dulcimer with this timeless piece!

SESSION 3 (1:15-2:30)

No class this session. Come join me in Mark’s class.

SESSION 4 (3:00-4:30) – NOV TO ADV (LEVEL 3+)

A BEAUTIFUL FRENCH WALTZ FOR HAND SEPARATION AND LEFT HAND TRAINING

The famous “La Valse à Ollu” by Alain Ollu is originally a diatonic accordion exercise for hand independence, and it can serve the exact same purpose on the hammered dulcimer! After mastering the melody, this workshop will focus on step-by-step exploration of hands independence, from the most essential to the most intricate techniques. This way, players of all levels can immediately play their own accompaniment, while having exercises to reach the next step in hand independence.

Registration:

- **ALL 4 Sessions:** \$117 (save \$40+)
- **Any 3 Sessions:** \$99 (save \$20+)
- **Any 2 Sessions:** \$70 (save \$10)
- **Any 1 Session:** \$40

Register through Mark Alan Wade’s website. A form will be provided to select your classes. You can mix classes with **Mark or Val** all on the **same** form and registration page.

Register:

www.MarkAlanWade.com