

"Not Just" Simply Strings A Chamber Music Workshop

October 27-30,2022

Manchester, Vermont

An "invitation" to enthusiastic amateur string players *of all levels of play* to join us in a non-competitive, musical workshop experience. As you can see by our workshop name, we also welcome some wind players and pianists. This workshop will be held in the beautiful and historic, Inn at Manchester, in Manchester, Vermont. Everyone will enjoy delicious dinners, created with great care by our new caterers, and served in the Inn at Manchester. Our outstanding coaching staff will support and guide us in the exploration of playing and interpreting chamber music literature. Our Workshop starts Thursday afternoon and ends at noon on Sunday. A full schedule, guaranteed to be musically rewarding, will be sent out by mid -September.

Small chamber ensembles and appropriate repertoire will be assigned to each participant several weeks prior to the workshop. Groups and repertoire are assigned according to self -evaluation feedback on our application, and from our Artistic Director's knowledge of a participant's playing ability from previous workshop attendance. Each participant will be assigned two pieces to prepare. This year, to encourage full participant final performance, we will also be assigning a third piece to everyone. This will be performed in a very casual GROUP setting, with all participants encouraged to participate. Our fervent wish is to show everyone that performing in front of each other ...and WITH each other....is both rewarding and non-threatening.

The program's focus will be on playing and interpreting the musical literature in a chamber group setting. Sight reading in evening ensembles will be encouraged to help enhance each participant's confidence level to play in groups. There will be ample opportunities to put together "pick up" groups during the day. Come and join us! Make new friends, meet up with old ones, and enjoy the grandeur of Manchester, Vermont. There's lots to do: hiking, biking, shopping, sightseeing or just "chilling out" in the beautiful surroundings of Manchester.

What this workshop offers:

- 3 nights lodging in a room with private bath (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- 3 delicious Vermont breakfasts and dinners (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- 18 hours of hands-on coaching sessions, rehearsal time, evening playing sessions, and a
- master class

Fees: The entire cost for this unique musical experience is:

- \$875 per person/single occupancy; \$675 per person/double occupancy for participants
- The fee for a "non-playing" guest is \$500

Room availability at the Inn at Manchester is limited. Overflow registrants will be housed in the very scenic Manchester View Motel, a five minute drive from The Inn. All dinners will be eaten together at the Inn at Manchester.

Registration and Payment: The registration deadline is August 31, 2022. Please send a non-refundable deposit of \$175, per participant (please make sure to include deposit for your non-playing guest). Make the check payable to: Janet Hoffman

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Our web site: musicallymotivatingworkshops.com

Addendum: We are still living in a world that is not covid free. We remain mindful of the need to “follow the science”, while still allowing us to continue living and enjoying our musical experiences. Therefore, we will continue to update everyone as to the appropriate protocols we will follow as we get closer to meeting all together in Manchester. One thing is for certain: we will expect everyone (participants/non-playing guests/ coaching staff) to take a rapid home covid test the morning of the workshop, prior to our meeting the afternoon of October 27. Stay tuned, as the saying goes, for any updates from us. We insist on providing a safe and welcoming environment for all!