

9 - 10 am Registration - Coffee, water, donuts provided

10 am – 12 pm – Wkshp 1: Driving Your Dulcimer Like You Mean It! – The difference between good dulcimer players and great ones is usually found in what they do with the picking/strumming hand. The goal of this workshop is for you to develop skill and proficiency with that hand. We will try out patterns that you can begin incorporating into your playing immediately, but we will also work on exercises that you can continue doing long after the workshop is over.

12 – 1 pm – Lunch Participants can preorder a box lunch when they register or bring their own.

1 – 2:30 pm – Wkshp 2: Be Thou My Vision (A Church-Worthy Ensemble) – Looking for an arrangement that will make a great addition to a church service? This ancient Irish tune may be what you are looking for. This is a beautiful arrangement for up to four dulcimers and/or other instruments. Also included in the workshop is a high res mp3 accompaniment track to back you up as a soloist, duet, trio, or quartet.

2:45 – 4 pm – Wkshp 3: Playing Pretty - Focuses on developing technique that will help you to become more expressive on the dulcimer. We will go beyond learning the notes to learning about how to use dynamics and phrasing to make your music more emotive (capable of pulling out feelings). Includes exercises you can use to continue to develop these skills.

4 – 5:45 pm – Dinner Break – Hotdogs or baloney sliders, chips and a drink provided or participant can travel offsite to a restaurant at their own expense.

6 - 7 pm – Concert featuring Joe Collins

7 - 8 pm - Open mic for participants, if they so choose or group circle jam

Lodging: Out-of-town participants are responsible for their own accommodations. Please note that BCHT has a discounted group rate of \$159.00 at The Holiday Inn Express located at: 2 Orr Court, Johnson City, TN 1-423-328-0500. To get the group rate, you must book before August 8th.