

ANGLO CONCERTINA WORKSHOP

Taught by

BERTRAM LEVY

Saturday, March 3

Amherst, Massachusetts

Bertram Levy will teach a daylong intensive workshop based on his new tutor, American Fiddle Styles for the Anglo Concertina. The workshop aims to cover techniques for learning tunes efficiently and developing a better understanding of fingering options. Participants will also learn the elements of style in playing American fiddle tunes on the concertina.

Required: 30-button C/G Anglo Concertina

Recommended: American Fiddle Styles for the Anglo Concertina *

* Available through The Button Box or at the workshop.

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Learning tunes in phrases. Starting with simple tunes, we will explore techniques for visualizing phrases in the form of hand shapes. Tunes: Shoes and Stockings, Old Molly Hare, Lady of the Lake. For all levels.

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Stylistic techniques of double stops, triplets and counterpoint as ornamentation for American fiddle tunes. Tunes: Shady Grove, Granny, Sally Ann Johnson, 28th of January. Intermediate level.

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Principles of harmonic arrangements of fiddle tunes through counterpoint and chords. Tunes: Rock the Cradle Joe, Rose Division. Intermediate level.

*** 8:00 p.m. * Concert featuring Bertram Levy with Mark Simos ***

Bertram Levy is one of the foremost performers, innovators, and teachers of the Anglo concertina. His tutor "The Anglo Concertina Demystified," published in 1984, continues to be sold worldwide and is considered "without peer, the definitive instruction manual for the instrument..." As a performer, he has appeared on film soundtracks, National Public Radio, and numerous recordings. His 1986 record, "First Generation," was selected for a Grammy nomination. Levy is also a major force in the revival of Southern fiddle music. His landmark 1967 recording with the Hollow Rock String Band is included in the Smithsonian collection "American Folk Music."

Location: Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 121 North Pleasant St., Amherst MA 01002

Cost: \$30 for 1 class / \$60 all 3 classes / evening concert \$10

Information: The Button Box, Inc. 413-665-7793 www.buttonbox.com

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