

September 14-19 Fort Flagler State Park Near Port Townsend, Washington (USA)

The Over the Water Hurdy-Gurdy Festival brings together hurdy-gurdy players, builders, and teachers for intensive instruction, jamming, fellowship, and good food. Classes cover melodic techniques, rhythm, repertoire, and instrument setup and maintenance, with instruction tailored for beginning through advanced players.

Evening events include instructor concert, an open mike, and many jam sessions (including slow jams for those of us who don't learn tunes at warp speed). On Saturday evening we will gather for a dance party featuring live music by Festival participants, who collectively form the largest hurdy-gurdy band in the Western Hemisphere.

SPONSOR

The Over the Water Hurdy-Gurdy Association is a nonprofit group that promotes use and enjoyment of the hurdy-gurdy and disseminates information to players and the general public on all aspects of the instrument, including history, repertoire, and playing techniques.

COMMON REPERTOIRE

There are many great traditions of hurdy-gurdy playing and tuning. The two most common tunings are the G/C (Auvergnat) and D/G (Berrichon or Bourbonnais). Those using these tunings sometimes find it difficult to play together, so we will again provide tunes with parts in both tunings. These tunes will be the core of the music played at the dance on Saturday night and the basis for many of the jam sessions. Whichever tuning your instrument is in, and whatever your level of playing, you should feel comfortable at a jam and playing for the dance.

OVER THE WATER HURDY-GURDY FESTIVAL 2010

THIS YEAR'S CLASSES



Thierry Nouat

HURDY-GURDY IN THE FRENCH TRADITION

We owe much of the hurdy-gurdy's worldwide resurgence in the past three decades to France, whose musicians nurtured their existing tradition into something that not only could sustain itself, but also inspired flourishing traditions in other lands. French repertoire and technique will be taught this year by Thierry Nouat who began playing the hurdy-gurdy at the age of 9 in France. He has been teaching hurdy-gurdy since 1994.

EARLY MUSIC

Explore the rich traditions of hurdy-gurdy playing in Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque music with Canadian recorder and hurdy-gurdy player Tobie Miller, who divides her time between Basel and Montreal and performs with groups such as Castello Ensemble, Les Jongleurs de la Mandragore, and the award-winning Ensemble La Rota.



Tobie Miller

HURDY-GURDY FOR BEGINNERS

Start out on the right foot with instruction that covers all of the basics: body posture and ergonomics, tuning, applying rosin and cotton, melody playing with the left hand, and rhythm playing (buzzing) with the right hand. Learn some easy tunes and join in the fun of playing live music for dancing on Saturday night. Instructor Scott Gayman has attended many OTW Festivals and is dedicated to helping beginners get off to a great start with the instrument.

FOCUS & SPECIALTY CLASSES

The variety of interest and skills participants bring to the Festival is inspiring and just plain fun. To meet some of the requests from participants, there will be several short classes dedicated to Hurdy-Gurdy related topics.



Scott Gayman

INSTRUMENT SET-UP & MAINTENANCE

Like it or not, most of us do not live within shouting distance of a hurdy-gurdy luthier who can help us when our instruments misbehave. Every player can benefit from learning what to do when our keys and pegs stick; our strings screech, buzz, or whisper; our tangents freeze up or snap off; or someone puts a greasy finger on the surface of our wheel. Hurdy-gurdy builders Cali and Alden Hackmann offer a wealth of valuable information.

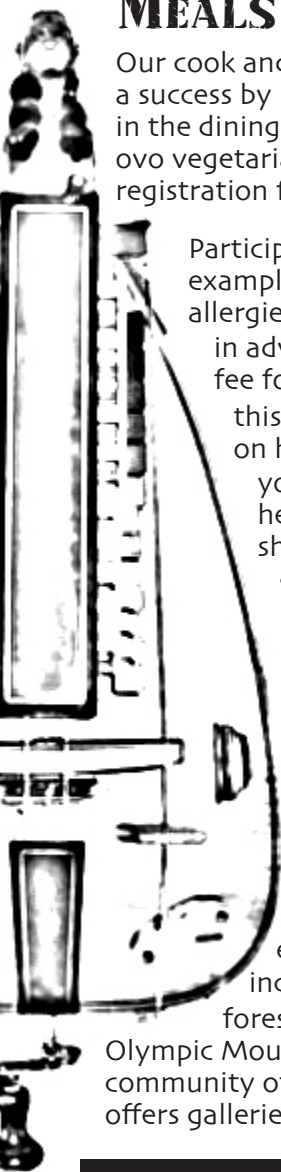
LOANER INSTRUMENTS

Some loaner instruments will be available at the Festival for use by players who don't have hurdy-gurdies of their own. If interested, please contact Joanne Andrus, 253-838-2045 or info@overthewater.org.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Fort Flagler State Park is on Marrowstone Island near Port Townsend, Washington. A former US Army fort, it features spartan dormitories with cot-style beds in cubicles that can be screened off with a sheet or blanket for privacy. There are men's and women's bathrooms with hot showers.





MEALS AND SPECIAL DIETS

Our cook and her staff have helped make this Festival a success by providing memorable and delicious meals in the dining hall. Standard omnivore and lacto-ovo vegetarian menus are included in the Festival registration fee.

Participants with special dietary needs (for example, gluten free, vegan, extra protein, or allergies to wheat, dairy, or nuts) must sign up in advance to receive special diet meals. The fee for this service is \$85. If you sign up for this service, you will receive information on how to contact our cook. It will be your responsibility to communicate with her before the Festival to make sure she understands your needs and how to accommodate them.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Family members, friends, and musicians who play other instruments are welcome at the Festival. Our "family/friends" rate includes meals, lodging, and participation in concerts, jam sessions, and the Saturday night dance. While the hurdy-gurdy players are in class, family and friends can explore Fort Flagler's many attractions, including beach walks, bird watching, and forest hikes. Popular hiking trails into the Olympic Mountains are close at hand, and the arts community of Port Townsend, a short drive away, offers galleries, shops, and historic buildings.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We hope nothing will happen to change your mind about coming to the Festival, but if it should become necessary for you to withdraw after registering, our refund policy is as follows: If you notify us of your cancellation by Aug. 14, we'll refund your full registration amount minus an administration fee of \$25 per person. If you notify us between Aug. 15 and Sept. 7, we'll refund \$150. After Sept. 7, we cannot promise a refund due to the expenses we will already have incurred.

REGISTRATION FEE

Includes lodging Tuesday through Saturday nights, standard or lacto-ovo vegetarian meals from Tuesday dinner through Sunday lunch, and admission to all events (except classes for those who register as family/friends).

	Participants	Family & Friends
Early Bird price (posted/call by Aug. 14, 2010)	\$755	\$555
Standard price (posted/call after Aug. 15, 2010)	\$785	\$585



2010 REGISTRATION FORM

Register for the festival online at www.overthewater.org, or fill out this form and mail with your payment to OTW Registrar, P.O. Box 24332, Federal Way, WA 98093-1332, USA.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip, Country: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

___ Participants @ \$ _____ = _____

___ Family/friends @ \$ _____ = _____

___ Special needs diet @ \$85 ea _____ = _____
(see Meals and Special Diets)

___ Other (please explain) \$ _____ = _____

Total amount due: \$ _____

Payment Method

___ Check enclosed (Please make checks payable to Over the Water, U.S. funds only.)

___ PayPal (online <http://www.overthewater.org>)

___ Please send PayPal invoice**

Help Cut Expenses & Get Materials faster

___ Send me my registration packet electronically**

**must include email address on form

Food Preference (so we can estimate quantities)

___ Omnivore ___ Ovo-lacto vegetarian

Optional Information

We're excited that you will be joining us for this year's festival, please let us know the classes that interest you. This is not a commitment to attend a particular class, you may take any class or classes at the festival.

	Beginner	Early Music	French Music
Interested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning to Attend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Luthiers or Merchants

I am a ___ luthier or ___ merchant and plan to sell and/or advertise at the festival, please send me additional information.

Please note
that your registration will not be complete until your PayPal payment has been made.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TRANSPORTATION

Remoteness is part of Fort Flagler's charm, but this can complicate travel plans, especially for those flying in to Seattle. If you rent a car at Sea-Tac airport, a scenic ferry ride followed by an hour's drive will get you to the site. A map and directions will be included in the registration packet.

If you have transportation concerns or questions, please contact us at info@overthewater.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Registrar: Joanne Andrus, 253-838-2045/info@overthewater.org

Travel Advice: info@overthewater.org

Website: www.overthewater.org

E-mail: info@overthewater.org. Please use a descriptive subject line (for example, use "Question About Festival Site" instead of "Question"). If you don't get a response, we may not have gotten your e-mail, so please send it again or call one of the people listed on the website.

U.S. Mail: You can write to us at Over the Water, P.O. Box 24332, Federal Way, WA 98093-1332, USA.



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