Overview: For the first time, the MMF is holding a chamber music workshop for adult non-professional instrumentalists as part of Winterlude, the Festival’s annual winter education week. The workshop series is $50 (partial/full scholarships available), is open to string players and pianists, and includes entry to the Fry Street Quartet concert on 2/5. In a supportive atmosphere, participants will work with members of the Fry Street Quartet and MMF Artistic Director and violist Leslie Tomkins in 5 daily sessions on a pre-assigned string quartet or other piece of chamber music. Pianists will receive additional coaching from MMF Music Director and pianist Michael Barrett. At the end of the week, interested ensembles may play for friends and family as part of the public Winterlude Showcase in Star Hall on 2/4. Alternatively, they can share their progress with other Workshop members in a low pressure playthrough prior to the Showcase. This is a great opportunity to experience the joys of chamber music for the first time or advance your existing skills.

Register for the workshop through the Festival’s online form. Need the link? Email erin@moabmusicfest.org, or visit moabmusicfest.org’s Winterlude page. Registration closes January 4, 2022.

Once registration is complete, participants will be assigned a piece that matches their skill level and accommodates the instrumentation of enrollees. Selections will be made in consultation with participants and Winterlude Faculty. Depending on enrollment, ensembles will be made up of both participants and Faculty members.

After you receive your assignment, prepare your part. We will be working on up to 10 minutes of music. If you are currently taking lessons, we recommend you work on your part with your teacher. It is also useful to listen to the piece while watching your part. This will allow you to come to your first coaching session ready to play and listen. If you have questions about your music, please contact Leslie Tomkins at Leslie@moabmusicfest.org.

Ensembles will meet daily for 1.5 hours. As we are 1 on a part, you must attend each of the sessions for your ensemble. Select your workshop time on the registration form.

COVID19 Protocol: Please familiarize yourself with MMF COVID19 protocol in relation to workshops and concerts, as laid out in the online registration form. All adult workshop participants must be fully vaccinated and masked.