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MOAB MUSIC FESTIVAL WINTERLUDE JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 5, 2022

MMF Launches Inaugural Non-Professional Instrumentalist Adult Chamber Music Workshops

December 21, 2021 - Moab, Utah - As the 30th anniversary season of the Moab Music Festival begins, artists will again come to town for the acclaimed Festival's annual *Winterlude* education week, from January 31 - February 5, 2022. *Winterlude* is an exciting, event filled Educational & Engagement week, including public chamber music concerts for the Grand County community.

The groundbreaking Fry Street Quartet, in residence at Utah State University, comes back to Moab as the centerpiece of *Winterlude*, bringing what *The New York Times* hailed as its "triumph of ensemble playing" to Moab audiences in performances and eye and ear opening educational activities throughout the week. The Festival's reputation for these extensive year-round programs expands this season, with its inaugural non-professional instrumentalist adult chamber music workshops. All string players and pianists are welcome, and will be coached by the Quartet and MMF Artistic Director, violist Leslie Tomkins. Tomkins has vast experience in this area, as Artistic Director of the adult workshop Summertrios. Participants experience 5 daily 90 minute sessions on a piece of chamber music to which they've been assigned in advance, additionally, pianists will receive coaching from MMF Music Director

and Michael Barrett. The week concludes on February 4, with performances for friends and family as part of the public *Winterlude* Showcase in Star Hall. Some participants may choose to show-off their work for other members in an intimate play-through 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.

Educational and community outreach is an integral part of what the Moab Music Festival does, in addition to hosting the annual Festival with its signature *music in concert with the landscape®* and world class artists every fall. This educational work fosters profoundly enriching experiences between local music students and MMF's acclaimed touring artists. This year, the Fry Street Quartet will be in the schools leading daily workshops for local string students, most of whom come from the BEACON String Program. Students will perform at the *Winterlude* Showcase.

Complete Listing of Winterlude Public Performances –

Tickets at: moabmusicfest.org

- **Tuesday, February 1, 2pm: KZMU Tiny Station Concert.**
Tune in, listen online (90.1 and 106.7 FM, or stream kzmu.org).
- **Friday, February 4, 7pm FREE: *Winterlude Showcase, Star Hall**
(seating is limited, register in advance). All Ages Welcome!
- **Saturday February 5, 7pm: *Fry Street Quartet, Star Hall**
Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 ages 6-18
Seating is limited, purchase tickets early through the website.

REGISTER by January 4! Email Community Engagement & Development Director, Erin Groves erin@moabmusicfest.org

Adult Workshop: \$50 (partial/full scholarships available). Registration includes entry to the Fry Street Quartet concert on February 5.

Afterschool Student Chamber Music Workshops FREE 5 day after-school string workshops for local students

***COVID19 Concert Protocol:** For both MMF concerts at Star Hall, all audience members age 2+ must wear a mask at all times, regardless of vaccine status. **ALL** audience members must show proof of full vaccination status OR a negative COVID19 test dated within 48 hours of the event. See moabmusicfest.org/winterlude for details. (fyi, this webpage is not up yet, but will be by then).

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