

Hammered dulcimer to take the stage at next Bergren Forum

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"The Hammered Dulcimer" will be the feature when Dan Duggan presents the next Alfred University Bergren Forum on Thursday, March 29, at 12:10 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. The program is open to the public free of charge. Duggan, musician, composer, and adjunct professor in AU's Division of Performing Arts, will talk about the history and social background of the hammered dulcimer. A recipient of the National Hammered Dulcimer Championship, Duggan is the first winner to have performed all original compositions. Although pioneering innovative compositional work for the dulcimer, his renditions of traditional Irish and American tunes reflect his study and understanding of their original context. Whether re-creating 18th century harp pieces or 19th century dance tunes, Duggan has engaged audiences nationwide in an excursion of musical styles and moods. The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred Division of Human studies and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch: coffee and tea will be available.