

# Virtual Bones Fest XXV

## The Silver Anniversary Bones Fest

Saturday, July 24, 2021  
9:00 AM EDT/13:00 UTC/GMT



Hosted again by the Rhythm Bones Society's  
Board of Directors, Steve Brown, Program Chair  
Skeffington Flynn, Technical Chair  
Steve Wixson, Program Booklet

## VIRTUAL BONES FEST XXV PROGRAM - July 24, 2021

Bones Fest XXV, the Silver Anniversary Fest, is a Virtual Bones Fest using ZOOM teleconferencing technology. The exciting aspect, like last year, is that people who cannot attend an in-person Bones Fest can attend, and that means we will again have rhythm bones players from around the world in virtual attendance.

The Virtual Fest is scheduled for July 24, 2021, and will begin at 1 PM, GMT which is 9 AM Eastern Daylight Time, the time used in the program details

**Bones Market Place** - During break periods, attendees can show the rhythm bones they make or sell.

9:00 AM- **Opening Session** - Meet and Greet with Steve Brown

The session begins with opening remarks from Rhythm Bones Society's Executive Director, Steve Brown. During this session in a somewhat controlled way, attendees can say hello or chat with old friends, and we can find out what parts of the world are represented.

9:30 AM - **Individual Introductions** - Moderator: Steve Brown

Each participant gets an allotted time to introduce themselves, talk about how they came to the bones, and demonstrate how they play. This is the hallmark of the Rhythm Bones Society, including everyone, no matter level of play.

12 noon - **Workshop - Making Bones** with Steve Brown. Watch the process from beginning to end.

1 PM - **Workshop - Concepts in Independence** with Kenny Wolin. For two-handed rhythm bones players.

1:30 PM - **Workshop - How to improve your playing** with Bill Vits and Junior Davies

2 PM - **Workshop - Essence of Irish bone playing.** A panel discussion with Tommy Hayes, Junior Davies, Mel Mercier, and Nickolas Dupin (winner of 2021 All-Ireland).

2:30 PM - **Workshop - Essence of two handed bone playing** with Bill Vits, Kenny Wolin, Brad Dutz, and Graham Hargrove.

3 PM - **Workshop - Bone Tone** with Mardeen Gordon and Brad Dutz. Exploring tone quality and various materials.

3:30 PM - **Workshop - Classical Bones Performance** with Annika Mikolajko, coloratura soprano, musician, multi-instrumentalist, pedagogue, sailor, Master of Music Arts and rhythm bones player

4 PM - **Workshop - The Quadruplet** with Graham Hargrove. Learn how to do the "true Quadruplet" based on Aaron Plunkett's one handed momentum technique.

4:30 PM - **The Goat Bone Story** with Tom Connolly. Tom's journey of trying to make goat shin bones over the last 10 years involving a butcher named Billy, an Island off the coast of Cork, and an interesting find in an antique store.

4:45 PM - **General Business Meeting** - Executive Director: Steve Brown

The Rhythm Bones Society Bylaws require an annual meeting to elect the Board of Directors and other matters raised by the members present. This is normally a short meeting.

5:00 PM - **Mel Mercier - Special Presentation** - Jerry Mescher and his impact on rhythm bone playing.

5:30 PM - **Individual Introductions** continue to the end of Fest.

## Technical Information

### Join the Zoom Meeting Room

If you have not already downloaded the zoom app, you will be asked to do so. During the meeting, when you enter our room your video will be on and your audio muted. The Technical Host will unmute you for discussions or when you ask a question. If you need help at any time, tell the host or send a 'chat' message to him and you will go to a Breakout Room with our Help Master: Dennis Riedesel.

#### There are two ways to join a meeting.

1. Click the link below (or copy and paste into your browser)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8825168518?pwd=amZpcE5kWU1JSHljWm8weVZpVytBUT09>

2. Go to <http://zoom.us> and click 'Join a Meeting.' You will be asked to enter a 'Meeting ID' and a 'Passcode' that are listed below.

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When asked enter the Meeting ID and Passcode from above.

#### 'Original Sound' ON

Zoom by default wants to remove background noise and it turns out that rhythm bones clicks get eliminated. To fix this, find the "Original Sound On" button for your machine and turn it on.

#### Backup Music

Most of you will play to music and due to the limitations of Zoom, you would be out-of-synchronization if music is played by the Host. Since we depend on the creative talents of song writers, we respect their rights and want