



## **Missouri Chamber Music Festival (MOCM) News Release**

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### **Missouri Chamber Music Festival (MOCM) hosts “Pro-Jam for the Pro-Am”**

#### **Join us for a Chamber Music Jam Session!**

(St. Louis, MO, 1/15/2015) **The Missouri Chamber Music Festival (MOCM) hosts a lively and exciting party supporting and celebrating the organization’s Pro-Am Workshop (an adult amateur musician intensive workshop), Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the Tavern of Fine Arts, 313 Belt Avenue, St. Louis, 6:30 to 10 pm.** Guests of all ages can hear groups from last year’s workshop, enjoy refreshments, and have an unique opportunity to informally play classical music with MOCM artists and Pro-Am faculty. Attendees who would like to participate in the jam session should bring their music and instruments. Event is free but donations are welcomed. All proceeds collected from the evening, including a portion of food and beverage sales, support the Pro-Am Workshop in June and the Young Person's Fellowship. For more information, visit [mochambermusic.org](http://mochambermusic.org) or call 314.882.0053.

MOCM artists and Pro-Am faculty performing at the event include: Scott Andrews (clarinet), Nina Ferrigno (piano), Felicia Foland (bassoon), Dana Hotle (clarinet), Thomas Jostlein (French horn), Angie Smart (violin), Chris Tantillo (viola), and Valentina Takova (cello).

#### **ABOUT THE PRO-AM WORKSHOP**

MOCM runs the Pro-Am Intensive for adult amateur musicians at the Community Music School of Webster University, June 4-7, 2015. Scott Andrews, MOCM Co-Director says, “We’re very excited about this year’s Pro-Am workshop. It continues to grow in popularity and size.” Ms. Ferrigno comments, “The Pro-Am Intensive helps foster and expand the sense of community among lovers of classical chamber music throughout the area, but it also builds the reputation of St. Louis as a musical destination. We have had participants from Ohio, Minnesota, Kansas City, Chicago, Iowa City, Virginia, and North Carolina.” Mr. Andrews says, “This program has offered many rewards to all involved: exposure to wonderful music, honing instrumental skills, and building a network of like-minded music lovers.”



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### **ABOUT MOCM**

The Missouri Chamber Music Festival has been generously sponsored by the Fox Performing Arts Charitable Foundation, the Arts and Education Council, the Regional Arts Commission, The Whitaker Foundation, Chamber Music America, ACMP, the Adult Chamber Music Network, and the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency, and individual donors.

The Missouri Chamber Music Festival (MOCM) was formed in June 2010 by Scott Andrews, principal clarinetist of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, and pianist Nina Ferrigno, to educate, cultivate, promote, foster, sponsor, develop, and encourage understanding of and public interest in classical chamber music. MOCM brings nationally recognized professional musicians to St. Louis, MO to perform a series of chamber music concerts in collaboration with local artists during an annual Festival each June. Diverse programming including new and commissioned works are a defining attribute of the Festival illuminating the fine art of the small ensemble genre.

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