

Playing JAZZ on the Mountain Dulcimer  
FAC Tuning (1-3-5) Steve Eulberg Colorado Dulcimer Festival

TUNING:

Begin with DAd tuning  
Tune high/melody string d **down** one step to C (natural)  
Result is DAC tuning.  
Play Melody string at 3<sup>rd</sup> Fret: result= F  
Tune the Bass string up a minor 3<sup>rd</sup> (3 ½ steps) to F

Major Chords:

Barre Chords all major all the way up the neck

Scales

Diatonic and Chromatic Scales are a possibility now

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Extended chords:

Typical chord has 1-3-5 steps of the scale

4-note chords add 6, ♭7 or 7 to the 1-3-5

Diminished: 1 - ♭3 - ♭5

Augmented +4

Extensions or “tensions” 9, 11, 13 added to 1-3-5 - ♭7

Knowledge of enharmonic spellings (flat-sharp names)

A - - B C - - D - - E F - - G - - A

Timing:

Swing  
Ballad  
Rhythmic displacement

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