



BIG IRISH FAIR & MUSICFEST

FIDDLE COMPETITION

& TRADITIONAL MUSIC INSTRUMENTS COMPETITION



RULES and APPLICATION

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Traditional Musicians with instruments in hand (fiddles, accordions, bodhráns, uilleann píipes (does not include tin whistles or spoons) get in **FREE at the BIG IRISH FAIR MUSICFEST**

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016

However...SESSIONS with fiddlers, harpers and other traditional musicians will be held both days at 4:00 pm.

NEW THIS YEAR: Competition is open to all traditional melody instruments (except harps ... They have their own competition). However, fiddlers are given preference. It is, after all, a "Fiddle Competition"

Competition Entrance Fee: There is no competition entry fee.

- All contestants need to perform one (1) each of the following:
Reel; Hornpipe; Jig; Tune of Choice.
- All tunes must be traditional Irish, no other genres, no original compositions. The guideline that will be used:
Is the tune commonly accepted as appropriate in an Irish trad session. Any question regarding the suitability of a tune for the competition should be cleared up with the judges before the contestant's performance.
- All tunes must be memorized. No sheet music!
- Contestants have five (5) minutes to present their selections. If, at the end of five minutes, the contestant has not finished his/her selections, he/she will be asked to leave the stage and will be marked down accordingly.
- Contestants will be judged on intonation, style, tempo, use of ornamentation, and variation.
- The judges decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

STANDARD CATEGORY & PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for

1st Place (\$250) 2nd Place (\$100) 3rd Place (\$75) and Audience Favorite (\$50).

UNDER 18 CATEFORY & PRIZES

If there are enough contestant's under the age of 18 yrs, a separate Under 18 category may be added.

Prizes in this category would be:

1st Place (\$150) 2nd Place (\$75) 3rd Place (\$50) and Audience Favorite (\$25). Should this category be added, a contestant may enter one or the other, not both.

Contestants must fill out the application form below and submit on-line by e-mail or and bring it with them.

***Note for online submissions: Once you have applied online, please print a copy of your application and bring it with you the day of the competition.

Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant's Age (check one): Under 18 yrs old () 18 yrs old or older ()

years playing the fiddle (optional): _____

Address: _____
Street *Unit Number*

_____ *City* *State* *Zip*

E-Mail: _____ @ _____

Name of Tunes to be Performed by Contestant:

(May be filled in the day of competition)

Reel: _____

Hornpipe: _____

Jig (Single, Double, Treble or Slip): _____

Tune of Choice: _____

Please sign signature

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