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Branson's 18th Annual Olde Time Fiddle Festival

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Tradition continues at Olde Time Fiddle Festival

Fiddlers from all around the Midwest are expected to participate in the 18th Annual Olde Time Fiddle Festival on Saturday, August 27, at the old Branson Elementary School Gymnasium at 6th and Maddux Street.

"Generally we have 50 to 60 fiddlers participate in this event. Most of them have learned to play by observing a family member - a granddad, uncle, cousin, or grandmother," said Gayla Roten, Executive Director of the Downtown Branson Main Street Association. "They pass along the tradition and the tunes this way to the next generation. By sponsoring this event, we help generate interest in the tradition, and maybe encourage more young people to learn about this wonderful instrument and the old time fiddle melodies."

Divisions are available for all ages: Youth (age 3 to 11), Juniors (age 12 to 15), Seniors (age 65 plus), Texas Style and Old Time Traditional Style. Prize money and trophies valued in excess of \$4,000 will be awarded.

Registration for fiddlers begins at 9:30 a.m. for the Preliminary Rounds. The top five fiddlers in each division will be selected at that time. They will then compete for prizes and trophies in the final rounds beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Branson Best Western Landing View Inn & Suites, 403 W. Main Street, is the official host hotel for the Olde Time Fiddle Festival. A jam session for the participants will be at the hotel following the final rounds.

Bob Hubbard, formerly of the Foggy River Boys, will be the master of ceremonies for the preliminary rounds. Greg Pyron, of KOMC/KRZK Hometown Radio, will be master of ceremonies for the final rounds.

Festival registration is free for the contestants. Tickets are \$5 for adults; children age 12 and under are free. Paid admission provides a wristband ticket for the entire day and evening. This is a no-alcohol event. Coolers are not permitted at the event site. Soft drinks and food will be available.

Corporate sponsors of the event are: Dick's Old Time 5 & 10, Apple Market, The Branson Daily News and The Branson Best Western Landing View Inn & Suites. Details about tickets, location and contest rules are available from the Downtown Branson Main Street Association, (417) 334-1548.

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Annual fiddle festival Saturday

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On Saturday, Branson will be celebrating the Missouri state instrument - the fiddle.

The Downtown Branson Main Street Association will be holding its 18th Annual Olde Time Fiddle Festival, featuring talented players from several states.

"We have them coming from all over the Midwest," said Deborah Hartwig, with the association. "We have one guy coming here from the Texas championships."

She said a fiddler from St. Louis told her that the Branson event is "the Super Bowl of fiddle competitions."

The event takes place at a former Branson school building at South Sixth and West Maddux streets downtown. Preliminary rounds for the youth and senior divisions begin at 10 a.m.

The traditional and Texas-style divisions begin at 1 p.m. The finals for each division begins at 7 p.m. Registration for all categories begins at 9:30 a.m.

Hartwig said the youth division was split into two groups, one for 3-11 and one for 12-15.

"We really want to encourage the youngest fiddlers to come out and try," she said.


There will be \$5,000 in prizes and trophies given away.

This is the 18th year the Main Street Association has held the event.

It was always traditionally held next to Lake Taneycomo, but a retail construction project forced the festival to move into the school building last year.

"Everyone seems to like it at the school," she said. "The fiddlers have less trouble tuning their strings without the humidity from the lake."

The festival is \$5 for adults, and children 12 and under are free.



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Winners of Branson's 18th Annual Olde Time Fiddle Festival

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Branson's Olde Time Fiddle Festival on Saturday attracted fiddlers from seven states. The winners took home over \$4,000 in cash prizes and trophies.

The Old Time Traditional Style Division winners:

1st Monte Gaylord, Oolagah, OK; 2nd Bubba Hopkins, Spavinaw, OK; 3rd Justin Branum, Kirkwood, MO; 4th Kyle Link, Grove Springs, MO; 5th Vi Wickaw, Evansville, IN

Texas Style winners:

1st Wes Westmoreland, Temple, TX; 2nd Cody Marriott, Ava, MO; 3rd Alita Stoneking, Springfield, MO; 4th Deana Bistodeau, Princeton, MN; 5th Scott Cheek, Lynchburg, MO

Senior Division (age 60 and over) winners

1st Earl Garner, Elkhart, TX; 2nd Les Tucker, Woodburn, OR

Junior Division (age 12 to 15 years) winners:

1st Rachel Mayanovic, Springfield, MO; 2nd Cara Oliphant, Chanute, KS; 3rd, Hunter Wray, Wimberly, TX; 4th Jackson Herbst, Napoleon, MO; 5th Andrew Romano, Huggins, MO.

Youth Division (up to age 12) winners:


1st Taylor Sullivan, Clinton, MO; 2nd Sedra Bistodeau, Princeton, MN; 3rd Jake Duncan, Jenks, OK; 4th Michael Thompson, Rose, OK; 5th Matthew Oliphant, Chanute, KS.

In the playoff between the winner of the Texas Style and the winner of the Old Time Traditional Style, Monte Gaylord won the trophy.

The top players were selected for the evening final rounds. In each round, fiddlers were required to play three tunes from memory, a waltz, a hoedown and a tune of choice.

This was the 18th Annual Old Time Fiddle Contest in Branson, sponsored by the Downtown Branson Main Street Association. The event aims to maintain the traditions of American fiddling and to inspire young musicians who are interested in fiddle music.

Corporate sponsors for the event were: Dick's Old Time 5 & 10, Apple Market, Best Western Landing View Inn & Suites, First Community Bank, CenturyTel, Bailey House Bed & Breakfast of Appleton City, Naturegraphics, 2 Fluffy Women Musical Comedy Show, and Branson Daily News.



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