

Rochester Country Fair
Fiddle Contest
Sunday, August 23, 2009

When: 1pm to 4:30pm

Where: On the grounds of the Rochester Country Fair under the big tent.
 Plumb Corner, Rt. 105, Rochester, MA 02770

Costs: \$10.00 Contestant Registration fee, Youth and Adults. Fair Admission is FREE.

Constants/Registration:

Pre-Registration is by mail (with \$10 entry fee). Contestants may enter in one category only.
 Registration at the contest opens at 11AM and closes at 12:30PM. **Pre-registration is recommended.**
 **Also, due to the fair's parade route ~ all roads in and out of the fair grounds will be blocked off beginning at 10:00AM and will re-open upon return of the parade at approximately 12:00PM.
 Please plan to arrive accordingly.**

Registered contestants must sign in **BEFORE** the contest begins to receive a Contestant Badge Number for playing order.

Divisions and Awards:

Division	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	4th Prize	5th Prize
Junior, Junior Age seven to age twelve	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon	Ribbon
Junior Age twelve to seventeen	\$100	\$50	\$25	Ribbon	Ribbon
Open Age eighteen to fifty-five	\$100	\$50	\$25	Ribbon	Ribbon
Masters/Champions Contestants of any age who have won prizes in this or any other contest in the the past.	\$100	\$50	\$25	Ribbon	Ribbon
Seniors Age over fifty-five... The Grand Masters!	\$100	\$50	\$25	Ribbon	Ribbon

Tentative Schedule:

Contest will be held rain or shine, there is no alternate date.
 Contestants will play in order of their Contestant Badge Number.
 Junior, Juniors will play first, be judged and given ribbons immediately after their performance.
 Since it is one long contest, there will be breaks at intervals for the judges during the contest.
 All contestants are invited to join in a final jam at the end of the day.

Contest Rules:

- 1.) Contest is open to players of acoustic violin family instruments.
- 2.) Contestant may enter only one category and play in order of their stated preference.
- 3.) All contestants have 5 minutes time on stage and will play:
 (one) warm-up tune and (one) judged contest tune of any rhythm or tempo.
- 4.) The Warm-Up Tune may be in any style. The Warm-Up Tune will not be judged.
- 5.) No music reading or music stands are allowed; playing will be from memory.
- 6.) One Accompanist is permitted in a backup and support role only (No Duets, etc.) We will not have a piano on site; but there will be electricity for a keyboard access.
- 7.) No medleys.

Judges and Judging Criteria:

Judging is based on contestant's performance and adherence to the rules. All judgments are final. Alternate judge will be on hand to judge contestants who are related to any of the regular judges. Contestants will be judged from 1 to 20 in each of the five criteria for the "contest" tune:

- 1. Rhythm & Timing;
- 2. Intonation & Pitch;
- 3. Technique;
- 4. Interpretation & Expression;
- 5. Difficulty of Selection

Directions:

Take Interstate 195 to the Rte. 105 exit # 20, Follow Rte. 105 signs to Rochester center, the fair is located at Plumb Corner on the right hand side.

Parking:

Pre-Registered Contestants will receive one parking pass via mail so long as applications are received prior to August 10th. Passes allow participants onto the fair grounds parking area. Contestants without a parking pass will be required to park in designated areas away from the fair grounds. There will be Handicapped parking and access.

Questions:

Please contact Phoebe Butler at 508-763-8499 or Wylbil@aol.com with any questions. Additional fair information and applications are available at www.rochesterma.com

Mail-in Registration:

Contestants need only register one time for any number of divisions.

Please send your non-refundable \$10 contestant fee and Stamped, Self-Addressed Return Envelope to:

**Phoebe Butler
363 Snipatuit Road
Rochester, MA 02770**

Make check payable to: ***"Town of Rochester Country Fair"***

-----cut and mail in below portion of application-----

2009 Rochester Country Fair Fiddle Contest Registration Form:

Contestant Name:	_____		
Mail Address:	_____		
City, State, Zip:	_____		
Phone / Email:	_____		
	1st Preference	2nd Preference	3rd Preference
Division(s) and Preference:	_____		

Good Luck!