

Winners from Appalachian String Band Festival 2000 at Clifftop, West Virginia

The 11th Appalachian String Band Music Festival at Camp Washington-Carver in Clifftop, W.Va., wrapped up Sunday. During the event, some of the nation's finest string band musicians and old-time dancers won prizes in four old-time "traditional" contests—fiddle, banjo, string band and flat-foot dance—plus one "Neo-traditional" string band contest.

More than 4,000 people attended the festival, which began Wednesday, Aug. 2. The annual gathering features concerts, contests, crafts, dancing and workshops. Next year's festival will be held Aug. 1-5, 2001.

Fiddle

- 1st place (\$400) - Kirk Sutphin of Walkertown, N.C.
- 2nd place (\$200) - Gary Harrison of Bloomington, Ind.
- 3rd place (\$150) - Geoff Seitz of St. Louis, Mo.
- 4th place (\$100) - Mike Bryant of Harriman, Tenn.
- 5th place (\$50) - Stephanie Coleman of Glenview, Ill.

Youth Fiddle Honors - 15 years of age and under

- 1st place (\$100) - Stephanie Coleman of Glenview, Ill.
- 2nd place (\$50) - Zack Fanok of Morgantown, W.Va.
- 3rd place (\$25) - Matt Brown of West Chester, Pa.

Senior Fiddle Honors - 60 years of age and over

- 1st place (\$200) - Elmer Rich of Morgantown, W.Va.
- 2nd place (\$100) - Lefty Shafer of Charleston, W.Va.
- 3rd place (\$50) - J. P. Fraley of Denton, Ky.

Banjo

- 1st place (\$400) - Brien Fain of Stuart, Va.
- 2nd place (\$200) - Adam Hurt of St. Paul, Minn.
- 3rd place (\$150) - Lynn Smith of Chicago, Ill.
- 4th place (\$100) - Don Sarrell of Rising Fawn, Ga.
- 5th place (\$50) - Kirk Sutphin of Walkertown, N.C.

Youth Banjo Honors - 15 years of age and under

- 1st place (\$100) - Stephanie Coleman of Glenview, Ill.
- 2nd place (\$50) - Katherine Gura of Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 3rd place (\$25) - Joanna Hartness of Greensboro, N.C.

Senior Banjo Honors - 60 years of age and over

- 1st place (\$200) - Don Sarrell of Rising Fawn, Ga.
- 2nd place (\$100) - Eugene Parsons of Orma, W.Va.
- 3rd place (\$50) - Marvin Gaster of Sanford, N.C.

Traditional Band

- 1st place (\$700) - New Dixie Entertainers of Harriman, Tenn.
- 2nd place (\$400) - Flying Elephant of Greensboro, N.C.
- 3rd place (\$300) - Rhythm Rats of Fayetteville, N.C.
- 4th place (\$200) - New Ballad Branch Bog Trotters of Galax, Va.
- 5th place (\$100) - Mule Team of Bloomington, Ind.

Neo-traditional Band

- 1st place (\$500) - The Marzaks of Charlottesville, Va.
- 2nd place (\$300) - Synch-O-Therapy of Breaux Bridge, La.

- 3rd place (\$200) - The Hix of Trumansburg, N.Y.
- 4th place (\$150) - Almost Famous of Marshalburg, N.C.
- 5th place (\$75) - Greasy Coat Super Stars of Kingston, N.Y.

Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance - ages 15 and under

- 1st place (\$75) - Andrea Edwards of Copen, W.Va.
- 2nd place (\$50) - Emily Johnson Erday of Weaverville, N.C.
- 3rd place (\$25) - Audrey Sibley of Hammonds, La.

Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance - ages 16 through 49

- 1st place (\$75) - Ira Bernstein of Asheville, N.C.
- 2nd place (\$50) - Sarah Westhues of Marshall, N.C.
- 3rd place (\$25) - Andy Edmonstone of Tucker, Ga.

Old-Time Flat-Foot Dance - 50 years of age and over

- 1st place (\$75) - Marilyn Branch of Kalamazoo, Mich.
- 2nd place (\$50) - Charlie Burton of Harmony, Pa.
- 3rd place (\$25) - Karen Singleton of Charlotte, N.C.