Winners from Appalachian String Band Festival 2016 at Clifftop, West Virginia

The 27th annual Appalachian String Band Music Festival at Camp Washington-Carver in Clifftop, Fayette County, wrapped up on Sunday, August 7, 2016. Twenty musicians, 11 bands and nine dancers from California to Maine took home a total of $6,975 in prize money. Five of the winners are from West Virginia.

More than 3,500 musicians, dancers, fans and friends representing all 50 states and 11 countries attended the West Virginia Division of Culture and History's five-day event that features some of the world's finest string band musicians and flat-foot dancers. Contests were held in four traditional categories – fiddle, banjo, string band and flat-foot dance - plus one neo-traditional string band category.

Youth Banjo

> 1st Place ($100) – Joey Webb, Frankfort, Ky.

Banjo

> 1st Place ($400) – Bob Smakula, Elkins, W.Va.
> 2nd Place ($200) – Ludwig Ordourke, Sweden
> 3rd Place ($150) – Seth Swingle, Earlysville, Va.
> 4th Place ($100) – Brad Kolodner, Baltimore, Md.
> 5th Place ($50) – Trevor Hammons, Marlinton, W.Va.

Senior Banjo

> 1st Place ($200) – Pete Peterson, Oxford, Pa.
> 2nd Place ($100) – Cathy Fink, Silver Spring, Md.
> 3rd Place ($50) – Hilarie Burhans, Athens, Ohio

Youth Fiddle

> 1st Place ($100) – Andrew Vogts, Chadds Ford, Pa.
> 2nd Place ($50) – Stephanie Flowers, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
> 3rd Place ($25) – Ruth Shumway, Charlotte, N.C.

Fiddle

> 1st Place ($400) – Jason Cade, Athens, Ga.
> 2nd Place ($200) – Clelia Stefanini, Nashville, Tenn.
> 3rd Place ($150) – Scott Prouty, Elkins, W.Va.
> 4th Place ($100) – Nikos Pappas, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
> 5th Place ($50) – Andrew Vogts, Chadds Ford, Pa.

Senior Fiddle

> 1st Place ($200) – Pete Vigour, Crozet, Va.
> 2nd Place ($100) – Karen Celia Heil, San Francisco, Calif.
> 3rd Place ($50) – Henry the Fiddler, Arvada, Colo.

Youth Neo-Traditional Band

> No entrants

Neo-Traditional Band

> 1st Place ($700) – The Early Mays, Pittsburgh, Pa.
> 2nd Place ($400) – The Ladles, New York, N.Y.
> 3rd Place ($300) – Cameron DeWhitt & the Confirmation Bias, Philadelphia, Pa.
> 4th Place ($200) – The Cloud Surfers, Lancaster, Pa.
> 5th Place ($100) – Rumput, Richmond, Va.

Best Original Song

No monetary award – The Cloud Surfers, Lancaster, Pa.

Best Original Tune

No monetary award – The Hilltop Mountaineers, New York, N.Y.

Youth Traditional Band

1st Place ($300) – The Onlies, Seattle, Wash.

Traditional Band

1st Place ($700) – The Moose Whisperers, Oslo, Norway

2nd Place ($400) – The Wild Cats, Lexington, Va.

3rd Place ($300) – The Bucking Mules, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

4th Place ($200) – Jenny and the Hog Drovers, Swannanoa, N.C.

5th Place ($100) – Cotton Woods, Lafayette, Calif.

Old-Time Flat-foot Dance – 15 years of age and under

1st place ($75) – Luke Snuffer, Beckley, W.Va.

Old-Time Flat-foot Dance – 16 years of age through 40

1st Place ($75) – Becky Hill, Elkins, W.Va.

2nd Place ($50) – Matthew Kupstas, Crofton, Md.

3rd Place ($25) – Josephine Stewart, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Old-Time Flat-foot Dance – 41 years of age through 59

1st Place ($75) – Maureen Reed Burke, Tullahoma, Tenn.

2nd Place ($50) – Rebecca Adams, Point of Rocks, Md.

Old-Time Flat-foot Dance – 60 years of age and older

1st Place ($75) – Phil Jamison, Asheville, N.C.

2nd Place ($50) – Kim Forry, Arnold, Md.

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