



Dear Fiddler,

We would like to invite you to participate in the 2nd annual Henry Ford Fiddle Contest. This will take place at The Little Log House Show Grounds, six miles south of Hastings on June 25th starting at 11:00 AM. Please fill out the registration form and return postmarked by the 18th of June.

Thank you and hope to see you there!

The divisions, prizes, rules and judging criteria are as follows:

Division	Ages	1st	2nd	3rd
Junior Division	16 and Younger	\$50 plus Trophy	\$25 plus Ribbon	\$10 plus Ribbon
Adult Division	17 and Older	\$75 plus Trophy	\$50 plus Trophy	\$25 plus Ribbon
Tricky and Fancy	Open	\$50 plus Trophy		

Rules

1. Contestants must be at the site, ready to play, 30 minutes prior to the start of the fiddle contest.
2. Contestants will play two tunes: one hoe-down, reel, or other up-tempo dance tune and one waltz. No special effects are permitted, as in the tunes: The Mockingbird, the Orange Blossom Special, or Black Mountain Rag.
3. Musical back up: One or two acoustic (non-amplified) back up musicians may accompany the contestant. Normally, this would be a rhythm guitar player, but it could also include another instrument such as another guitar or a bass fiddle. If back up is required, the fiddler must supply their own musician.
4. We encourage you to pre-register by mailing the accompanying form, however, registrations will be accepted up to one half hour before the contest begins.

Judging

1. The judges will focus on the musical aspects of the performance.
2. Judges will look for good performances, including elements of sound, rhythm and timing, intonation, style and overall performance.
3. All decisions of the judges will be final.

Judging Criteria

Rhythm and Timing (40 points)

The judges will look for even, consistent rhythm and good tempo.

Execution (40 points)

The judges will look for tone quality, dynamics, pitch, and general command of the instrument..

Expression and style (20 points)

The judges will look for the feeling that the contestant puts into the performance and understanding of the tradition.

Contest Entry Form
Henry Ford Fiddle Fest
Minnesota Folk Festival Inc.
Contest –11:00 AM Saturday June 25, 2005
Little Log House Showgrounds, Hastings Minnesota
(6 Miles South of Hastings - Highway 61 & 220th Street)

Mail this form to:

Henry Ford Fiddle Contest
Minnesota Folk Festival Inc.
626 Armstrong Ave
St. Paul MN 55102

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Name:	Phone:
Age:	Address:
City:	State:
Zip:	Name for <i>one</i> guest pass:

Please check one Division

Adult Division (Age 17 and older) _____

Junior Division (Age 16 and younger) _____

Please check if you wish to enter the Trick and Fancy Division

Trick and Fancy Division _____

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