

Minnesota State Fiddle Contest at the 2018 Minnesota State Fair

August 25-26-- Saturday & Sunday afternoons -- 11:30-2:15 p.m. -- West End Market Stage

•Emcee: Emery Kleven •Accompanists: Adam Granger & maybe Gilmore Lee •Judges: Mike Hildebrandt, Jim Price, Loy Larson

Saturday, August 25

Age Divisions -- Each fiddler plays a waltz and a fast tune.

- **Adult/Senior (ages 26+)** 1st & 2nd places continue to finals on Sunday 3rd Place: \$50 4th Place: \$25
- **Junior (13 and under)** 1st Place: \$75 2nd Place: \$50 3rd Place: \$30 4th Place: \$20 5th Place: \$10
- **Young Adult (ages 14-25)** 1st & 2nd places continue to finals on Sunday; 3rd Place: \$50 4th Place: \$25

Open Division -- Each fiddler plays a waltz, a hoedown, and a tune of choice.

All competitors in the Open Division advance to finals on Sunday.

Award Ceremony

Sunday, August 26

Age-Division Championship

Each fiddler plays a waltz and a fast tune (maximum of 5 minutes).

(Saturday and Sunday scores are cumulative.)

- **Adult (ages 26 and over)** 1st Place: \$150 2nd Place: \$100
- **Young Adult (ages 14-25)** 1st Place: \$150 2nd Place: \$100

Open-Division Championship

Each fiddler plays a waltz, a hoedown, and a tune of choice (maximum of 7 minutes).

(Saturday and Sunday scores are cumulative.)

1st Place: \$300 2nd Place: \$200 3rd Place: \$175 4th Place: \$150 5th Place: \$125 6th Place: \$100 7th Place: \$75

Fee-Fi-Faux Division

1st Place: \$60 2nd Place: \$40

The musician will play one fiddle tune on any acoustic instrument other than a fiddle.

Heritage Division

1st Place: \$60 2nd Place: \$40

Tell a compelling story about the fiddle tune and then play the fiddle tune on any acoustic instrument.

Story can be about the origin of the tune or how it was learned or unusual aspects of the tune, etc.

Trick Fiddling

1st Place: \$60 2nd Place: \$40

Twin Fiddling

1st Place: \$60 2nd Place: \$40

Gambler's Division

(if time permits)

Winner receives \$75

Contestants will draw titles of tunes from a hat, beginning with the "easy," then "more difficult" and finally "challenging."

Contestant is eliminated if he or she cannot play the title picked. Last contestant on stage wins the division. All fiddlers may enter this division.

The winner is not determined by skill but by whether the tune is recognized by the judges.

Award Ceremony