

Minnesota State Fiddle Contest at the 2020 Minnesota State Fair

August 29-30-- Saturday & Sunday afternoons -- 11:30-2:15 p.m. -- West End Market Stage

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

Saturday, August 29

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

- **Adult (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 30

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

Heritage Division

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.

1st Place: \$60 2nd Place: \$50 3rd Place: \$40 4th Place: \$30 5th Place: \$20

Fee-Fi-Faux Division

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

1st Place: \$60 2nd Place: \$50 3rd Place: \$40 4th Place: \$30 5th Place: \$20

Best-Waltz Division in honor of Gilmore Lee

The musician will play one waltz

1st Place: \$60 2nd Place: \$50 3rd Place: \$40 4th Place: \$30 5th Place: \$20

Award Ceremony