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SEPTEMBER 2026

IT'S TIME FOR THE BERKS FIDDLE FEST! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT THE FLEETWOOD PARK!

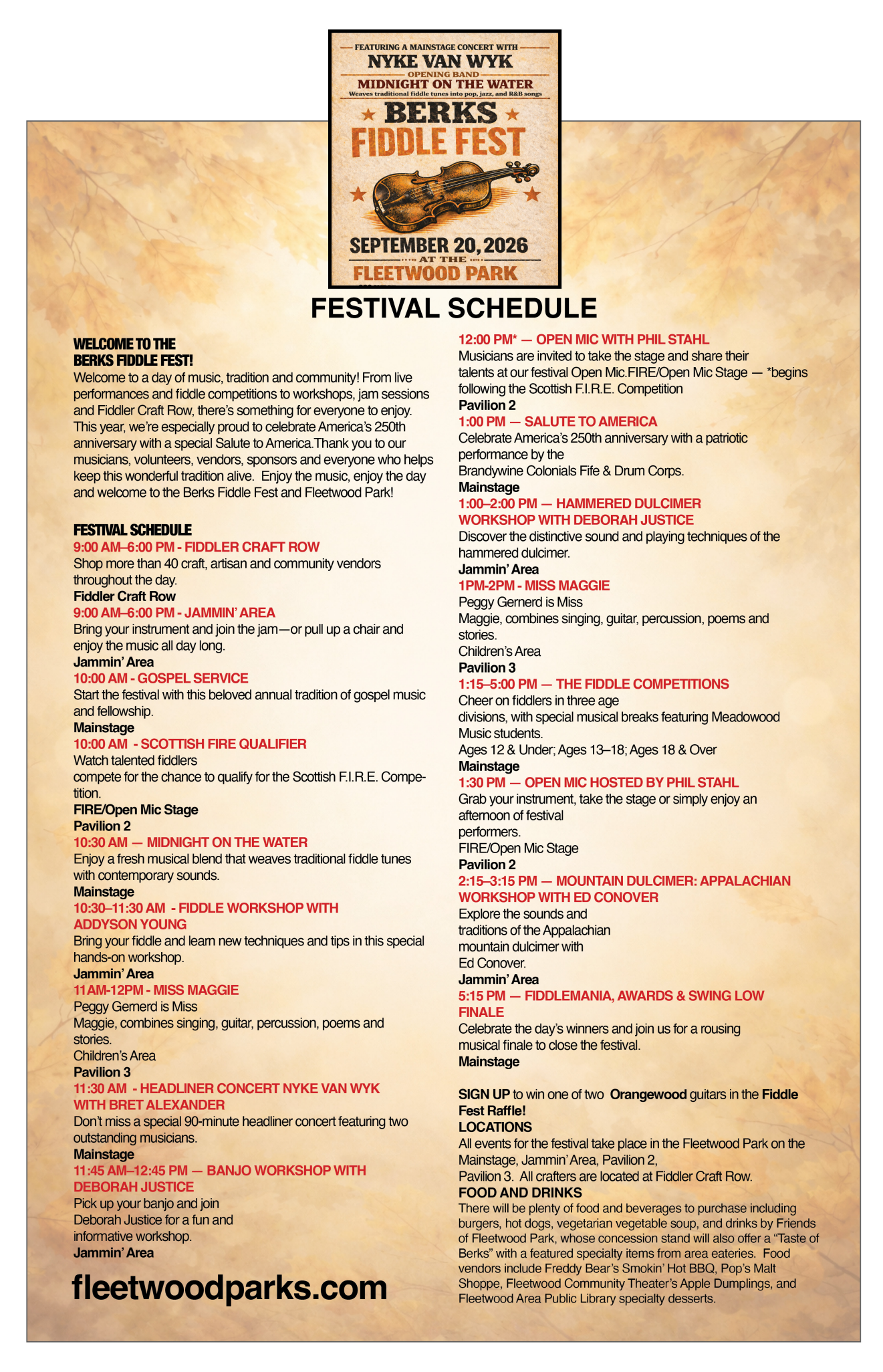
Get ready for a full day of fiddles, music, history and fun—**Berks Fiddle Fest is back!** Presented by Friends of Fleetwood Parks, this year's festival promises to be bigger and more exciting than ever, bringing incredible musicians, time-honored traditions and plenty of toe-tapping music to Fleetwood Community Park.

Headlining this year's festival is internationally acclaimed violinist **Nyke Van Wyk**, blending classical and Celtic traditions in a high-energy performance you won't want to miss. Opening the featured concert is **Midnight on the Water**, known for weaving traditional fiddle tunes with pop, jazz and R&B.

And in celebration of **America's 250th Anniversary**, the **Brandywine Colonials Fife & Drum Corps** will bring the sights and sounds of early America to the festival with historic pageantry and patriotic spirit.

See you Sunday, September 20, and join us for an unforgettable celebration of music, history and community at Berks Fiddle Fest!

Nyke Van Wyk and Brandywine Colonials Fife & Drum Corps



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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

WELCOME TO THE BERKS FIDDLE FEST!
Welcome to a day of music, tradition and community! From live performances and fiddle competitions to workshops, jam sessions and Fiddler Craft Row, there's something for everyone to enjoy. This year, we're especially proud to celebrate America's 250th anniversary with a special Salute to America. Thank you to our musicians, volunteers, vendors, sponsors and everyone who helps keep this wonderful tradition alive. Enjoy the music, enjoy the day and welcome to the Berks Fiddle Fest and Fleetwood Park!

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

9:00 AM–6:00 PM - FIDDLER CRAFT ROW
Shop more than 40 craft, artisan and community vendors throughout the day.
Fiddler Craft Row

9:00 AM–6:00 PM - JAMMIN' AREA
Bring your instrument and join the jam—or pull up a chair and enjoy the music all day long.
Jammin' Area

10:00 AM - GOSPEL SERVICE
Start the festival with this beloved annual tradition of gospel music and fellowship.
Mainstage

10:00 AM - SCOTTISH FIRE QUALIFIER
Watch talented fiddlers compete for the chance to qualify for the Scottish F.I.R.E. Competition.
FIRE/Open Mic Stage
Pavilion 2

10:30 AM — MIDNIGHT ON THE WATER
Enjoy a fresh musical blend that weaves traditional fiddle tunes with contemporary sounds.
Mainstage

10:30–11:30 AM - FIDDLE WORKSHOP WITH ADDYSON YOUNG
Bring your fiddle and learn new techniques and tips in this special hands-on workshop.
Jammin' Area

11AM-12PM - MISS MAGGIE
Peggy Gernerd is Miss Maggie, combines singing, guitar, percussion, poems and stories.
Children's Area
Pavilion 3

11:30 AM - HEADLINER CONCERT NYKE VAN WYK WITH BRET ALEXANDER
Don't miss a special 90-minute headliner concert featuring two outstanding musicians.
Mainstage

11:45 AM–12:45 PM — BANJO WORKSHOP WITH DEBORAH JUSTICE
Pick up your banjo and join Deborah Justice for a fun and informative workshop.
Jammin' Area

12:00 PM* — OPEN MIC WITH PHIL STAHL
Musicians are invited to take the stage and share their talents at our festival Open Mic.FIRE/Open Mic Stage — *begins following the Scottish F.I.R.E. Competition
Pavilion 2

1:00 PM — SALUTE TO AMERICA
Celebrate America's 250th anniversary with a patriotic performance by the Brandywine Colonials Fife & Drum Corps.
Mainstage

1:00–2:00 PM — HAMMERED DULCIMER WORKSHOP WITH DEBORAH JUSTICE
Discover the distinctive sound and playing techniques of the hammered dulcimer.
Jammin' Area

1PM-2PM - MISS MAGGIE
Peggy Gernerd is Miss Maggie, combines singing, guitar, percussion, poems and stories.
Children's Area
Pavilion 3

1:15–5:00 PM — THE FIDDLE COMPETITIONS
Cheer on fiddlers in three age divisions, with special musical breaks featuring Meadowood Music students.
Ages 12 & Under; Ages 13–18; Ages 18 & Over
Mainstage

1:30 PM — OPEN MIC HOSTED BY PHIL STAHL
Grab your instrument, take the stage or simply enjoy an afternoon of festival performers.
FIRE/Open Mic Stage
Pavilion 2

2:15–3:15 PM — MOUNTAIN DULCIMER: APPALACHIAN WORKSHOP WITH ED CONOVER
Explore the sounds and traditions of the Appalachian mountain dulcimer with Ed Conover.
Jammin' Area

5:15 PM — FIDDLEMANIA, AWARDS & SWING LOW FINALE
Celebrate the day's winners and join us for a rousing musical finale to close the festival.
Mainstage

SIGN UP to win one of two **Orangewood** guitars in the **Fiddle Fest Raffle!**

LOCATIONS
All events for the festival take place in the Fleetwood Park on the Mainstage, Jammin' Area, Pavilion 2, Pavilion 3. All crafters are located at Fiddler Craft Row.

FOOD AND DRINKS
There will be plenty of food and beverages to purchase including burgers, hot dogs, vegetarian vegetable soup, and drinks by Friends of Fleetwood Park, whose concession stand will also offer a "Taste of Berks" with a featured specialty items from area eateries. Food vendors include Freddy Bear's Smokin' Hot BBQ, Pop's Malt Shoppe, Fleetwood Community Theater's Apple Dumplings, and Fleetwood Area Public Library specialty desserts.

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THE FIDDLE COMPETITIONS

The festival features three fiddle competitions in three categories for people to take part in. Listed below are the rules for competing along with the registration forms and requirements.

This is an amateur competition. Everyone competing should be considered of "amateur" status and does not make their primary living as a fiddle player and/or teacher.

1. Two Tunes recommended each one is 50% of your score. By only playing one tune, you will only receive 50% of highest possible total. Classical Violin pieces may be played but will not count in the overall score.
2. Six-minute time limit - Any fiddle style is permitted.
3. Playing "Orange Blossom Special" is NOT allowed.
4. Three age groups: Group 1- up to 12 years; Group 2 - 13 to 17 years; and Group 3 - 18 years and up.
5. If desired a single accompanist may be provided, if available, or you can use your own. No more than one accompanist, none on the fiddle, and only the fiddle contestant may play the melody. The accompanist may only play basic backup with no lead or solo playing.
6. No sheet music or electronic instruments allowed during the contest.
7. Contestant MAY NOT announce the name of the tune before playing. The Emcees will announce the tune.
8. Contestants are NOT allowed to say their name, any previous awards in any fiddle contest, or whom they took lessons from. They will be given a number for the judges to use in the contest. Names WILL NOT be announced on the stage at any time during the competition.
9. The contest will start at approximately 1:15pm with Group 1. Each group will be followed by approximately a 30-minute break, Cash awards can be mailed, other awards will not be mailed and must be picked up day of festival or by special arrangement with festival officials.
10. We do 'blind' judging. Our three judges are not facing the stage.
11. A third Tune should be planned in case of a "Fiddle-off".

The Grand Champion Award is provided by Meadowood Music ($200.00); All other cash awards are from the Fiddle Fest. Award plates are hand-made in Berks County by Lucky Leaf Pottery

REGISTRATION FORM

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COMPETITION RULES

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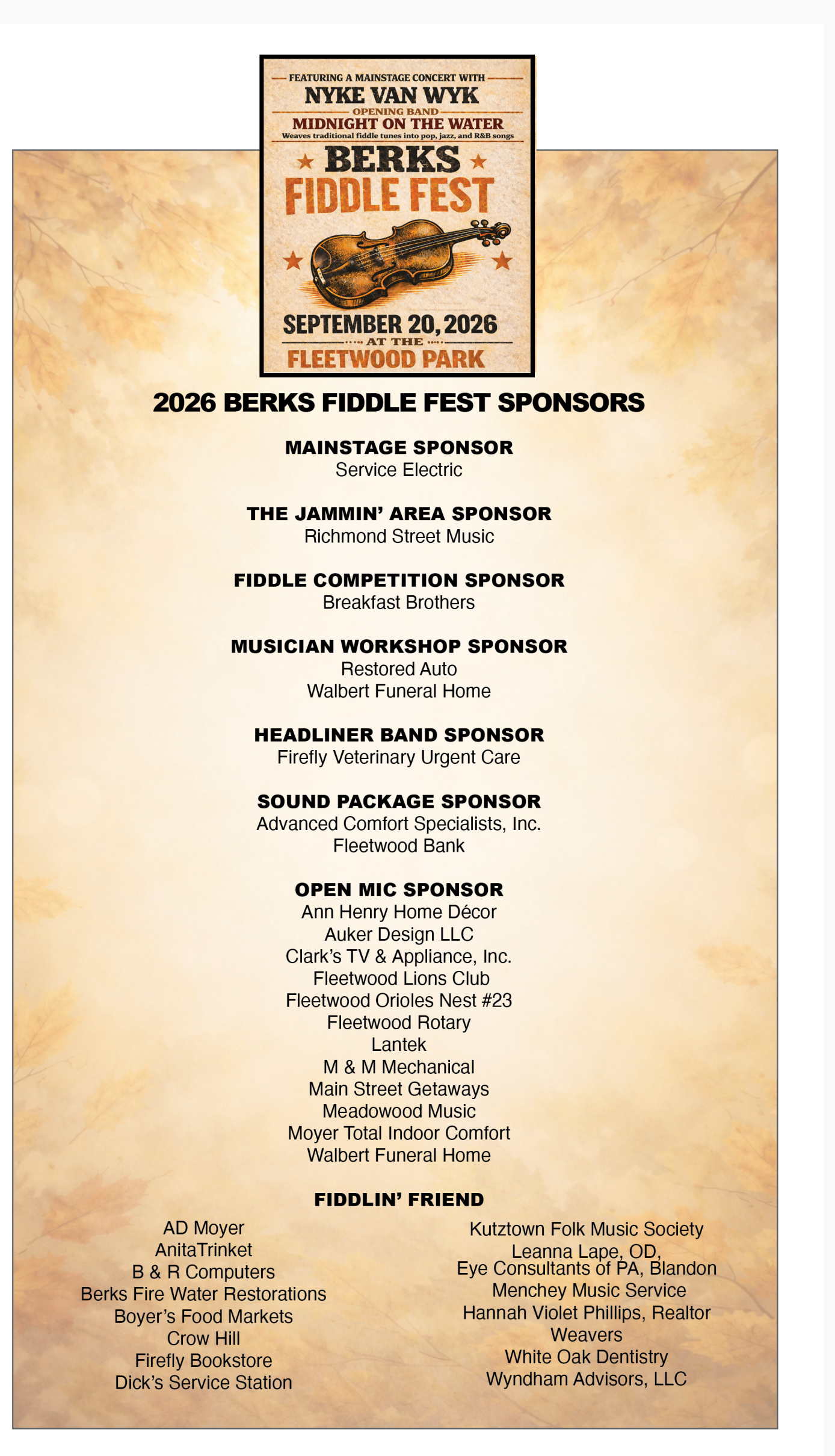

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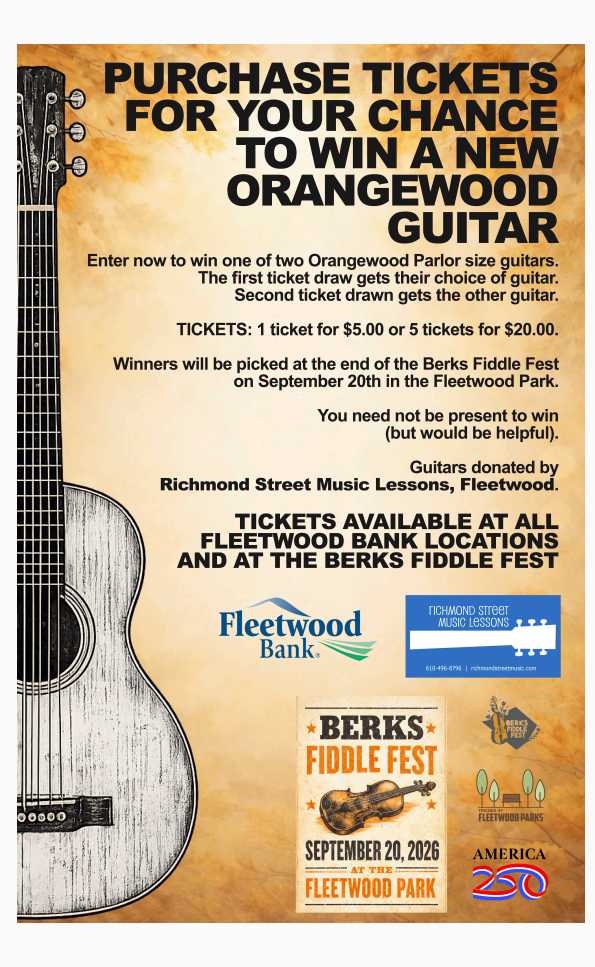

PURCHASE TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A NEW ORANGEWOOD GUITAR

Enter now to win one of two Orangewood Parlor size guitars. The first ticket draw gets their choice of guitar. Second ticket drawn gets the other guitar.

TICKETS: 1 ticket for $5.00 or 5 tickets for $20.00.

Winners will be picked at the end of the Berks Fiddle Fest on September 20th in the Fleetwood Park.

You need not be present to win (but would be helpful).

Guitars donated by Richmond Street Music Lessons, Fleetwood.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL FLEETWOOD BANK LOCATIONS AND AT THE BERKS FIDDLE FEST

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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL FLEETWOOD BANK LOCATIONS starting August 1, AT THE BERKS FIDDLE FEST OR YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS ON-LINE AT THE ACTION BUTTON BELOW.

On-Line tickets must be purchased by September 13, 2026.

PURCHASE GUITAR RAFFLE

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FIDDLE FEST, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT **fleetwoodparks.com** WITH ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FESTIVAL, PARKING AND MORE.

ALL INFORMATION ON THE BERKS FIDDLE FEST IS LOCATED ON THE FLEETWOOD PARKS WEBSITE INCLUDING PARKING INFORMATION, HOURS, AND FIIDDLE COMPETITION FORMS.

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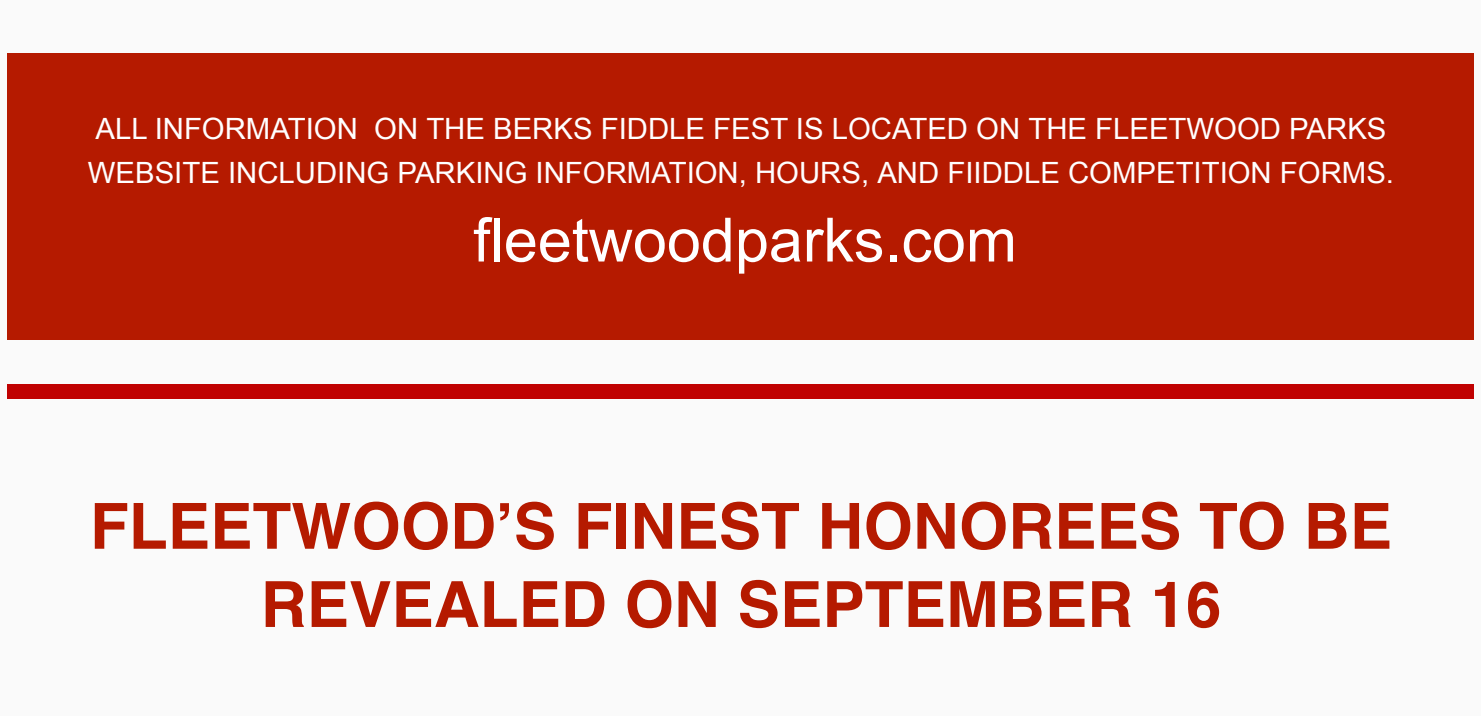
FLEETWOOD'S FINEST HONOREES TO BE REVEALED ON SEPTEMBER 16



APRIL 3, 2027
FLEETWOOD'S FINEST
SPRING GALA
THE FLEETWOOD CADILLAC AWARD
THE FLEETWOOD HOMETOWN HERO AWARD
HONORING COMMUNITY LEADERS

The wait is over! On September 16th, we'll announce this year's honorees for FLEETWOOD'S FINEST! A special edition of the Fleetwood Flash will announce all the news on September 16th!

FLEETWOOD BLUES FESTIVAL PENNSYLVANIA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania, held last month at the Evergreen Club, was a tremendous success! It was a fantastic day of great music, great food, and a community coming together to celebrate the blues.

A special thank you goes to Chris Mountain, Chair and Event Manager, whose vision, leadership, and hard work continue to make the Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania such a successful event.

We also extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the day possible:

Our Bands: Whiskey Kreek Acoustic, Eddie Bluestone Trio, The Blue Cadillacs, and Dave Mell Blues Band

Special Guests: Terrence Lee, Charlie Brown, Jeff Zerby, and Eric Bailey

Sound Support: Mark Leeson and Adam Coffinberger

Stage Management: Rodney Folk, Eric Bailey, and Mark Leeson

Graphic Design: Rodney Folk

Volunteers: Donna Mountain, Donna Raatzs, Kim Trusty, Arlene Slingerland, and Clair & Leslie Long

Raffle Prize Donors: Firehouse Coffee and Paisley & Company

And a very special thank you to The Evergreen Club and its staff for providing a wonderful facility, terrific hospitality, and great food throughout the day.

Events like the Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania are only possible because of the musicians, volunteers, supporters, businesses, and community members who come together to make them happen. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this year's festival one to remember!

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for the Fleetwood Blues Festival Pennsylvania 2027 — Sunday, August 29, 2027. We look forward to another great day of music, community, and celebrating the blues!

Fall into Fleetwood
And See What We Have!
MAIN STREET FAIR
Where our small town comes alive

Join us for the Fall into Fleetwood for our **Main Street Fair** on **October 3** from **9am to 2pm**. Meet local businesses, get to know local vendors, listen to music, kid's crafts, storytelling and much more. Email fleetwoodmainstreetfair@gmail.com for additional details. For more information visit: www.fleetwoodmainstreetfair.com

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