

# 10TH ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN COWBOY GATHERING HOSTED BY BOOTH WESTERN ART MUSEUM

## *Mandolin, Banjo, Guitar and Fiddle Contest Rules*

*This event will be held Saturday, March 9, 2013, Booth Museum Ballroom, Cartersville.*



1. Competitors must register in advance by filling out the attached registration form and returning it with their registration fee to Booth Western Art Museum no later than March 1, 2013.
2. The competition is limited to the first 10 who register and pay their registration fee in the mandolin, banjo, guitar and junior fiddle divisions; and the first 15 in the open fiddle division.
3. Registration for participants is \$15 each for the mandolin, banjo, guitar and junior fiddle divisions; and \$25 for the open fiddle division. Contestants may enter multiple divisions, provided they pay the registration fee for each division entered.
4. The contest will begin at 1:00 pm with mandolins, followed by the banjos at 2:00 pm, then the (flat-picking) guitar at 3:00 pm and the junior fiddle division (under 18) at 4:00 pm. The event concludes with the open fiddle division at 5:00 pm. Competitors should arrive at the Booth Museum at least 30 minutes prior to the start of their division and check in with the Contest Coordinator, Tom Shinall.
5. Contestants in all divisions will play two selections: one slow tempo and one fast tempo in the first round of competition. Following the first round, judges will narrow the field down to the top three who will then play one additional selection to determine the final order.
6. Knowledgeable and experienced judges will be used for the event.
7. The winners in the mandolin, banjo, guitar and junior fiddle divisions will receive \$150 for first place, \$100 for second, and \$50 for third place. Prizes in the open fiddle division will be doubled to \$300 for first, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third.
8. Contestants are allowed but not required to have up to two other musicians accompany them for rhythm purposes only. Points may be deducted for mistakes made by accompanists.
9. Competitors and accompanists will be admitted free to the competition. Other guests with them are required to pay museum admission.
10. This is an acoustic instrumental contest only.
11. If a contestant is not ready to play at the time their name is called, they will be disqualified.
12. All contestants are asked to limit time on stage to six minutes.

For more information or to register, contact Tom Shinall at 770-387-2833 or [toms@boothmuseum.org](mailto:toms@boothmuseum.org).

# Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if 18 or under): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this form you are acknowledging that you have read the official rules and agree that all judge's decisions are final.*

Please circle each division you wish to enter:

Mandolin	Banjo	Guitar	Jr Fiddle	Open Fiddle
\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$25

Return this form along with your entry fee(s) to:

U.S. Postal Service  
Booth Western Art Museum  
Fiddle Contest  
P.O. Box 3070  
Cartersville, GA 30120

Fed Ex, UPS, etc.  
Booth Western Art Museum  
Fiddle Contest  
501 Museum Drive  
Cartersville, GA 30120

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