

# Lowell National Historical Park

## 41<sup>th</sup> Annual Banjo & Fiddle Contest

### Contest Rules

1. Judging criteria includes:
  - a. Musicality – 40 points
  - b. Technical Competence (appropriate to the style) – 40 points
  - c. Tune Difficulty – 10 points
  - d. Start and Stop Strength – 10 points
2. Acoustic accompaniment provided (on request) for all categories except Twin Fiddle and Banjo & Fiddle.
3. No contact microphones, pickups or electrified instruments.
4. No medleys.
5. Adult contestants may enter one single instrument category and / or one double instrument category.
6. Youth contestants (14 and under) may enter the Youth category or the single instrument category. They may also enter one double instrument category (they will compete against adults in this category).
7. Contest limited to 65 total tune entries on a first registered basis.
8. Vocals are not required and are not included in judging criteria.
9. Tunes must be 3 minutes or less.
10. Cash prize values for each adult category: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$100, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$50, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$25. For the Youth category cash prizes are 1<sup>st</sup>-\$50, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$25, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$10.
11. The awarding of prizes will be at the discretion of the judges.
12. Decisions by the judges will be final and score sheets will not be shared with contestants or made public.