



*DEEP SOUTH
dulcimer Competition*

February 22, 2020

THE DEEP SOUTH DULCIMER COMPETITION IS A CERTIFIED
WALNUT VALLEY FESTIVAL ACCREDITED CONTEST

Winners of the Deep South Hammered Dulcimer Competition and Deep South Mountain Dulcimer Competition receive free admission to the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, KS, and an automatic entry into the national competition.



**HAMMERED DULCIMER
MOUNTAIN DULCIMER
BOWED PSALTERY**

OFFICIAL COMPETITION PACKET

DEAR DULCIMER COMPETITOR,

We are delighted that you are interested in competing in the Deep South Dulcimer Competition, to be held at the Southern Strings Dulcimer Festival in Petal, Mississippi.

The competition — which will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 — is part of the Southern Strings Dulcimer Festival, which begins with a social and jam on Thursday night, February 20, and classes on Friday and Saturday, February 21-22. The fee to join the competition is fifteen dollars, and you must be a paid attendee for at least one day of the festival to compete.

If you have questions, please contact me at Jess@DickinsonDulcimer.com. Thank you, and GOOD LUCK!

HAMMERED DULCIMER COMPETITION FIRST PRIZE:

NEW 16/15 MASTER WORKS

Ultra Light—Chromatic

HAMMERED DULCIMER

MOUNTAIN DULCIMER COMPETITION FIRST PRIZE:

NEW McSPADDEN MOUNTAIN DULCIMER

BOWED PSALTERY COMPETITION FIRST PRIZE:

NEW MASTER WORKS BOWED PSALTERY

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEEP SOUTH DULCIMER COMPETITION

The festival will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Petal, MS

For GPS, enter the following address:

1123 Highway 42, Petal, MS 30465

JESS H. DICKINSON, Competition Director

228-596-6633 — cell

601-898-3488 — home

Jess@DickinsonDulcimer.com

Deep South Dulcimer Competition—2020

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: Cell: (_____)_____-_____ Home: (_____)_____-_____

CONTEST ENTERED:

Hammered Dulcimer Mountain Dulcimer Bowed Psaltery

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 if pre-registration received by February 15—\$20 if pre-registration received after February 15 or during the festival. NOTE: Contest registration fee Includes competition ONLY. Contestants must attend at least one day of the Southern Strings Festival to compete. (One-day, non-player fee = \$20), includes all festival events except classes. Register at: mississippidulcimer.com.

Mail this entry form and entry fee to:

Deep South Dulcimer Association

c/o Jess Dickinson
126 Wildwood Drive
Madison, MS 39110

**SUBMITTING THIS FORM IN ADVANCE IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT IT
GUARANTEES YOUR ENTRY INTO THE COMPETITION.**

DEEP SOUTH DULCIMER COMPETITION RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY

- *Anyone except members of the Deep South Dulcimer Competition Association and first-place winners from the **past 5 competitions** may compete. However, the winner of one competition may compete in the other competition the following year.*
- *Contestants may compete in hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, and psaltery competition.*
- *Submitted applications must include entry fee.*

2. CONTESTS -- NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS

- *Contests will be limited to 10 participants.*
- *Applications will be numbered as they are received.*
- *After the limit of fully-completed applications are received and verified, all new applicants will have the option of a refund or next in line on a stand-by list.*

3. PERFORMANCE RULES

Each contestant will have a total of 5 minutes in the preliminary round to play 2 selections.

Competitors who make it to the final round will have 5 minutes to play 2 new selections (selections from preliminary round may not be repeated).

If a performance is not completed when time expires, the contestant may finish playing, but points may be deducted.

Contestants may play any selections they choose. Medleys are not allowed.

Contestants may use picks, bows, hammers, and fingers to play.

Music must be played from memory. Contestants may not use music scores.

Contestants may be accompanied by one acoustic-instrument, but cannot be hammered dulcimer or mountain dulcimer. Judges will not hear accompaniment instruments.

Instruments will be amplified by microphones ONLY.

4. BLIND SCORING

- *Contestants will draw numbers from a hat, just prior to the beginning of the competition.*
- *Contestant drawing #1 will perform first, etc.*
- *Competitors will be introduced to the judges and audience by contestant number only. Judges will not be allowed to see competitors or hear them speak.*
- *Competitors and accompanists are forbidden from identifying themselves in any way to the judges during the competition. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification. No speaking or singing.*

5. PERFORMANCE PROCEDURE

- *Mountain dulcimer and hammered dulcimer will have two rounds of competition. Psaltery will have only a final round for all competitors.*
 - Mountain dulcimer preliminary round will begin at 2:00 p.m.;
 - Hammered Dulcimer preliminary round will begin at 2:50 p.m.;
 - In each round of competition, competitors will have five minutes to play two selections.
 - After the first round of competition, the judges will select and announce the names - - but not the rank or order -- of the top three competitors.
 - The final round of all competition will begin at 3:45 p.m.
 - For the final round, the competitors will have 5 minutes to play two new selections.
 - After completion of the final round, the competition director will announce the 3rd place, 2nd place, and 1st place winners, and award their prizes.

6. SCORING

- *The judges will score each contestant as follows:*
 - Playing Skill: From 1 point to 50 points.
 - Embellishments: From 1 point to 25 points.
 - Arrangement: From 1 point to 25 points
- *In case of a tie, the tying contestants will each play one of their previously-played songs to break the tie.*