

# *Deep South Dulcimer Competition—2016*

DEAR DULCIMER COMPETITOR,

We are delighted that you are interested in competing in the Deep South Dulcimer Competition, to be held on the beautiful campus of William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

The competition — which will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 — is part of the Southern Strings Dulcimer Festival, which begins with a social and jam on Thursday night, February 18, and classes on Friday, February 19. The fee to join the competition is only ten 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 one of the numbers below. Thank you, and GOOD LUCK!

**HAMMERED DULCIMER COMPETITION FIRST PRIZE:**

**NEW 16/15 MASTER WORKS**

**Ultra Light—Chromatic**

**HAMMERED DULCIMER**

**with custom endrails**

**MOUNTAIN DULCIMER COMPETITION FIRST PRIZE:**

**NEW McSPADDEN MOUNTAIN DULCIMER**

**JESS H. DICKINSON, Competition Director**

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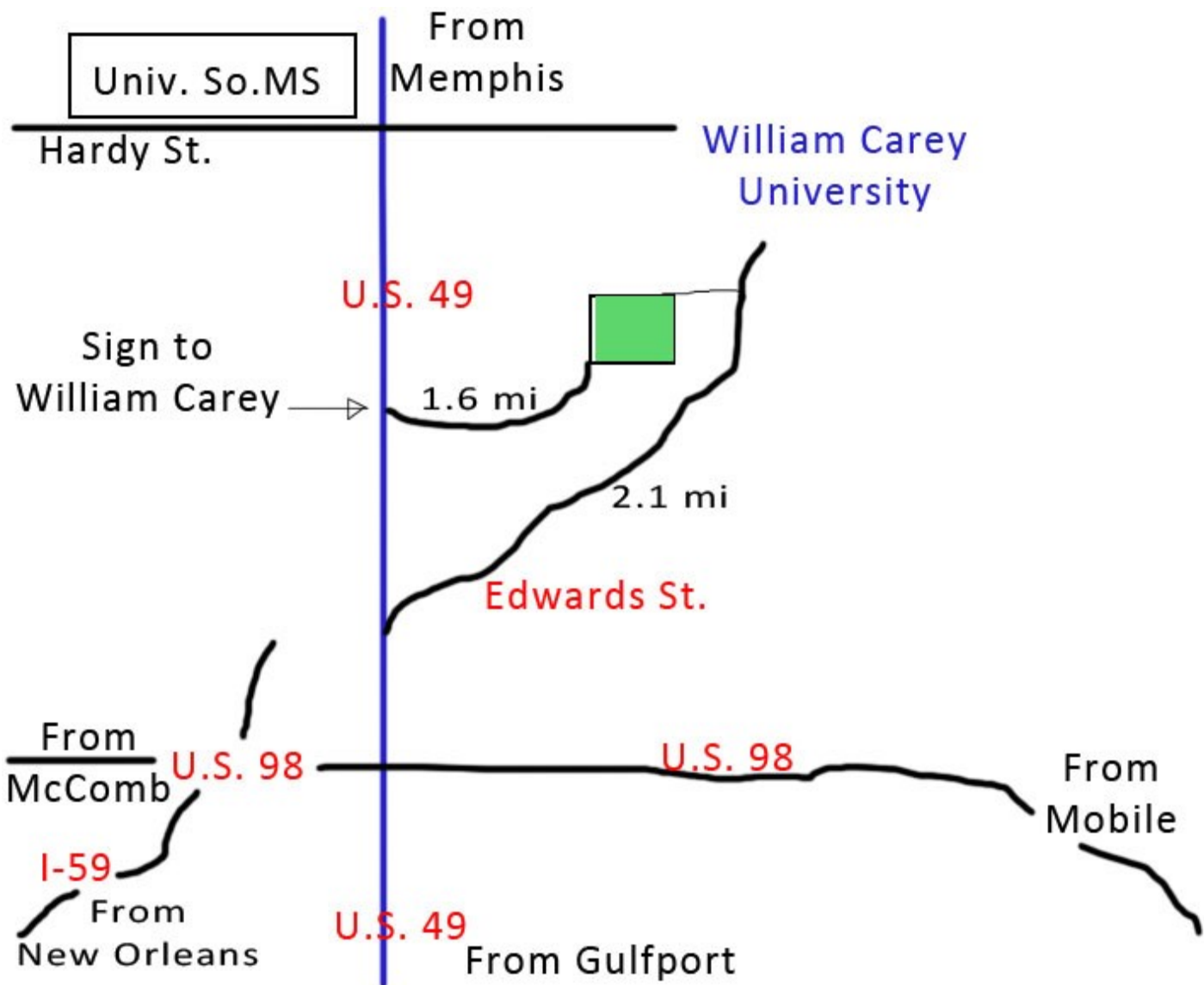
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## DIRECTIONS TO THE DEEP SOUTH DULCIMER COMPETITION

For GPS, enter the following address:

**498 Tuscan Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS**



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## ENTRY FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: Cell: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_- Home: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

CONTEST ENTERED: Hammered Dulcimer: \_\_\_\_ Mountain Dulcimer \_\_\_\_

BEFORE COMPETITION BEGINS, WE WOULD LIKE TO TELL THE AUDIENCE AND JUDGES ABOUT THE COMPETITORS. PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF (**NOT REQUIRED**):

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ENTRY FEE: \$10.00. Includes competition ONLY. You 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](http://mississippidulcimer.com).

Mail this entry form and \$10.00 entry fee to:

Deep South Dulcimer Competition  
c/o Jess Dickinson  
126 Wildwood Drive  
Madison, MS 39110

ENTRY IN COMPETITION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL WE RECEIVE YOUR APPLICATION AND ENTRY FEE. MAIL IT TODAY! WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND HEARING YOU PLAY.

# DEEP SOUTH DULCIMER COMPETITION RULES

## 1. ELIGIBILITY

- *Anyone except members of the Deep South Dulcimer Competition Association and 2015 first-place winners may compete.*
- *Contestants may compete in both hammered dulcimer and mountain dulcimer competition.*
- *Submitted applications must include entry fee.*

## 2. CONTESTS -- NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS

- *Contests will be limited to 8 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.**
  - **Selections may be original compositions.**
  - **Selections from the following genres are encouraged, but not required:**
    - ◆ *Old Time Traditional*
    - ◆ *Old Time Gospel*
    - ◆ *Hymns*

- ♦ *Irish or Scottish*
- ♦ *Bluegrass*
- **Medleys are not allowed.**
- ***Contestants may be accompanied by one acoustic-instrument.***
  - **Cannot be hammered dulcimer or mountain dulcimer.**
  - **Accompaniment will be heard by the audience, but not by the judges.**
- ***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**

- ***Contests will have two rounds of competition.***
  - **Mountain dulcimer preliminary round will begin at 2:30 p.m.**
  - **Hammered Dulcimer round will begin at 3:30 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 competition will begin at 4:30 p.m.**
  - **For the final round, the competitors will have 5 minutes to play two new selections.**
  - **After completion of the final round, the judges 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.*