

59th Annual (2026)
Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention
WINNERS

HARMONICA

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Seth Shumate	Murfreesboro, TN
Second	Wailin Wood	Nashville, TN
Third	Tyler Andal	Nashville, TN
Fourth	Thomas Fant	Arab, AL
Fifth	Nick Norris	Nashville, TN
Sixth	Andrew Larson	Murfreesboro, TN
Seventh	Rob Percy	Smyrna, TN
Eighth	Blake Russell	Athens, AL

MANDOLIN

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Tyler Andal	Nashville, TN
Second	Anthony Howell	Kosciusko, MS
Third	Sarah Hathaway	Bowling Green, KY
Fourth	Nick Norris	Nashville, TN
Fifth	Stephen Elwood	Madison, AL
Sixth	Joel Whittinghill	Bowling Green, KY
Seventh	Ricky Rorex	Huntsville, AL
Eighth	Noah Johns	Decatur, AL

BLUEGRASS BANJO

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Alex Davis	Manchester, TN
Second	Jasper Hammond	Brentwood, TN
Third	Anthony Howell	Kosciusko, MS
Fourth	Nick Norris	Nashville, TN
Fifth	Conner McMeans	Athens, AL
Sixth	Kaleb Hall	Eva, AL
Seventh	Luke Patterson	Culleoka, TN
Eighth	Sarah Hathaway	Bowling Green, KY

DOBRO

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Damion Kidd	Bountsville, AL
Second	Steven Smiley	Moulton, AL
Third	Rob Pearcy	Smyrna, TN
Fourth	Mason Martin	Collinsville, AL
Fifth	Anthony Howell	Kosciusko, MS
Sixth	Nick Norris	Nashville, TN
Seventh	Jerret Hall	Odenridge, AL
Eighth	Tyler Andal	Nashville, TN

DULCIMER

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Nick Norris	Nashville, TN
Second	Tyler Andal	Nashville, TN
Third	Rob Pearcy	Smyrna, TN
Fourth	Paul Byrum	Kingsport, TN
Fifth	Jan Hammond	Athens, AL
Sixth	Bonnie Norris	Nashville, TN
Seventh	Sarah Hathaway	Bowling Green, KY
Eighth	Lou Todd	Athens, AL

OLD TIME SINGING

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Laura Boosinger	Asheville, NC
Second	Jane Seymour	Jasper, GA
Third	Lily Goebel	Elkton, KY
Fourth	Kneeland Bamber	Knoxville, TN
Fifth	Lance Pitts	Athens, AL
Sixth	Colette Rainwater	Murfreesboro, TN
Seventh	Carrie Cox	Houston, TX
Eighth	Gabriel Hicks	Moulton, AL

BEGINNING GUITAR

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	William Maust	Murfreesboro, TN
Second	Fisher Langston	Dora, AL
Third	John Barry Bailey	Fort Payne, AL
Fourth	Sophie Gruber	Meridianville, AL
Fifth	Sadie Hammond	Brentwood, TN
Sixth	Esther Elwood	Madison, AL
Seventh	Julia Carlton	Fox, AR
Eighth	Kade Stewart	Anderson, AL

BEGINNING MANDOLIN

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Nash Grier	Nashville, TN
Second	William Maust	Murfreesboro, TN
Third	Sophie Gruber	Meridianville, AL
Fourth	Esther Elwood	Madison, AL
Fifth	Kade Stewart	Anderson, AL
Sixth	John Barry Bailey	Fort Payne, AL
Seventh	Sadie Hammond	Brentwood, TN
Eighth	Fisher Langston	Dora, AL

BEGINNING BANJO

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Jesse Knight	Sulligent, AL
Second	Fisher Langston	Dora, AL
Third	Sadie Hammond	Brentwood, TN
Fourth	Kade Stewart	Anderson, AL
Fifth	Kate Coleman	Birmingham, AL
Sixth		
Seventh		
Eighth		

BEGINNING FIDDLER

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Nash Grier	Nashville, TN
Second	Ingrid Walker	Athens, AL
Third	Larkin deRussy	Birmingham, AL
Fourth	Charlotte Lundberg	Huntsville, AL
Fifth	Violet Edgington	Nashville, TN
Sixth	Jonathan Elwood	Madison, AL
Seventh	Carlee Watkins	Millport, AL
Eighth	Eileen Walker	Athens, AL

APPRENTICE FIDDLER

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Kadence Edgington	Nashville, TN
Second	Lily Coleman	Birmingham, AL
Third	Abigail Ward	Tullahoma, TN
Fourth	Caleb Nixon	Madison, AL
Fifth	Sadie Hammond	Brentwood, TN
Sixth	Kennedy Reeves	Marshfield, MO
Seventh	Esme Iyer	Birmingham, AL
Eighth	Liam Walker	Gulf Shores, AL

GUITAR FINGER PICKING

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Graylon Collins	Hillsborough, NC
Second	Robert Bowlin	Cobden, IL
Third	Nick Norris	Nashville, TN
Fourth	Anthony Howell	Kosciusko, MS
Fifth	Josh Taylor	Huntsville, AL
Sixth	Liam Pettis	Southside, AL
Seventh	Wil Maring	Cobden, IL
Eighth	Patrick Lowery	Brewton, AL

GUITAR FLAT PICKING

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Anthony Howell	Kosciusko, MS
Second	Robert Bowlin	Cobden, IL
Third	Tyler Andal	Nashville, TN
Fourth	Oscar Caudell	Asheville, NC
Fifth	Joel Whittinghill	Bowling Green, KY
Sixth	Nick Norris	Nashville, TN
Seventh	Kit Bulla	Columbia, TN
Eighth	Rob Percy	Smyrna, TN

OLD TIME BANJO

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Luke Richardson	Lawrenceburg, TN
Second	Tyler Andal	Nashville, TN
Third	Carter Laney	Birmingham, AL
Fourth	Laura Boosinger	Asheville, NC
Fifth	Josh Wills	Checotah, OK
Sixth	Rob Percy	Smyrna, TN
Seventh	Ellie Carlton	Fox, AR
Eighth	Daniel Rothwell	Smyrna, TN

APPALACHIAN BUCK DANCING

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Cameron Shaver	Salem, AR
Second	Max Fansler	Erin, TN
Third	Courtney Derryberry	Unionville, TN
Fourth	Angela Wood	Shelbyville, TN
Fifth	Tommy Jackson	Franklin, TN
Sixth	Clara Herman	Whites Creek, TN
Seventh	Ryman Harris	Rockvale, TN
Eighth	Sadie Hammond	Brentwood, TN

CLASSIC OLD TIME FIDDLER

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Austin Derryberry	Unionville, TN
Second	Aerin deRussy	Birmingham, AL
Third	Josh Wills	Checotah, OK
Fourth	Tyler Andal	Nashville, TN
Fifth	Luke Richardson	Lawrenceburg, TN
Sixth	Tater Caruthers	Cookville, TN
Seventh	Jordan Judkins	Smithville, TN
Eighth	Lisa Richardson	Lawrenceburg, TN

SENIOR FIDDLER

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Sharon Bounds	Tuscaloosa, AL
Second	Robert Bowlin	Cobden, IL
Third	Susumu Okano	New York, NY
Fourth	Rob Percy	Smyrna, TN
Fifth	Barry Bailey	Cedar Bluff, AL
Sixth	Tim Daniels	Lawrenceburg, TN
Seventh	Kathi Stafford	Birmingham, AL
Eighth	Karen Stiles	Apple Valley, MN

OLD TIME STRING BAND

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Steel House Reelers	Shelbyville, TN
Second	The Slim Chance Band	Smyrna, TN
Third	The Red Roof Ramblers	Manchester, TN
Fourth	The Old Time Ramblers	Nashville, TN
Fifth	The Dill Pickers	Knoxville, TN
Sixth	TV Stringband	Lawrenceburg, TN
Seventh		
Eighth		

BLUEGRASS BAND

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Bonnie and the Beards	Nashville, TN
Second	The Spring Chickens	Covington, LA
Third	The Notorious Pitch Flickers	Hartsville, TN
Fourth	Southside Collective	Elkton, KY
Fifth	Billmon Road	Prospect, AL
Sixth	Second Change Bluegrass	Culleoka, TN
Seventh	Lynnox Trio	Birmingham, AL
Eighth	Bloc Ridge Ramblers	Meridianville, AL

TENNESSEE VALLEY OLD TIME FIDDLE CHAMPION

	NAME	HOMETOWN
First	Zirl (Bubba) Hopkins	Spavinaw, OK
Second	Jesse Maw	Asheville, NC
Third	Tashina Clarridge	Mt Shasta, CA
Fourth	Bill Jones	Oak Ridge, TN
Fifth	Joel Whittinghill	Bowling Green, KY
Sixth	Bonnie Norris	Nashville, TN
Seventh	Libby Rogers	Boise, ID
Eighth	Sidney Cantrell	Seymour, MO