

# Performing Arts

## COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

## SPECIAL ONE-DAY CONTESTS



## FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

MARIN COUNTY FAIR   FAIR OFFICE	10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903
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FAIR OFFICE HOURS	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 8:00am to 8:00pm
MARIN COUNTY FAIR HOURS	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 11:00am to 11:00pm

## COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS STAFF

### PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS MANAGER	Jennifer Olvera
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## COMPETITION CALENDAR

ONLINE ENTRY FORMS DUE	JUNE 22, 2025 – 11:59 PM
COMPETITION CHECK-IN	Competition check-in at the Marin County Fair Showcase Theatre. <b>SUNDAY, JULY 6 AT 2:15 PM</b>
FIDDLE CONTEST	Competition will take place at the Marin County Fair Showcase Theatre. <b>SUNDAY, JULY 6 AT 3:00 PM</b>

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on [www.marinfair.org](http://www.marinfair.org).

## REGISTRATION

To register for the 2025 Competitive Exhibits, please visit <https://marin.fairwire.com/>

## PERFORMING ARTS DIVISIONS



# Fiddle Contest

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### FIDDLE CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

*Local and State Rules govern this competition.*

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY -

- a. **OPEN DIVISION** - Open to all United States residents ages 19 and older of all levels of Fiddle accomplishments.
- b. **JUNIOR DIVISION** - Open to all United States residents, ages 5-18, at all levels of Fiddle accomplishments.

#### ENTRY INFORMATION

2. **ENTRY FEES** - \$15.00 per Contestant.
  - a. Fees are NON-refundable.
3. **ENTRY LIMIT** - First 20 Fiddlers to register per class.
4. **CREDENTIALING** - One (1) Admission ticket is included if applying online before the registration deadline.
  - a. Contestants who enter after the registration deadline will not receive a Fair Admission Credential.

## COMPETITION RULES

5. Each Contestant will be required to perform three pieces of music within the following parameters:
  - a. One fast tune
  - b. One slow tune
  - c. One tune-of-choice such as a hoe-down, reel, jig, polka, waltz, blues, or any other music type not selected for the fast and slow tunes.
6. Fiddlers MUST play from memory - Sheet music is NOT permitted on stage.
7. Contestants may play with or without accompanists; however, no more than two accompanists may be used.
  - a. Accompanists may not play the melody.

## JUDGING RULES

8. The top five contestants in the Open Division will perform in a second round.
  - a. Junior Contestants will only play in one round.
9. Please note that the Fiddle Competition utilizes two judging systems: *American System of Judging* and the *Danish System of Judging*.
  - a. **OPEN DIVISION** - Contestants will be scored based on the Open Division scorecard and in comparison, to other contestants. This is the *American System*.
  - b. **JUNIOR DIVISION** - Contestants will be scored based on established standards of quality for each performance - NOT how they compare to other Contestants. This is the *Danish System*.

## PUBLICITY

10. The Marin County Fair reserves the right to photograph any work in the exhibition for educational, catalog, website, or publicity purposes.

## LIABILITY

11. The County of Marin, Marin County Fair, and/or its contractors will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause.

### SCORECARD - OPEN DIVISION

OLD-TIME FIDDLING ABILITY	40%
RHYTHM & TIME	30%
CLARITY & TONE	30%
TOTAL:	100%

## POINTS - JUNIOR DIVISION

<u>QUALITY</u>		<u>SCORE</u>	<u>RIBBON</u>
1st GROUP	SUPERIOR	92% - 100%	BLUE
2nd GROUP	GOOD	84% - 91%	RED
3rd GROUP	AVERAGE	70% - 83%	WHITE

### DIVISION 420 | FIDDLE CONTEST

*Entry Fee - \$15.00 per contestant*

#### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. Open Fiddlers | Open to all ages
2. Junior Fiddlers | Ages 5 - 18

#### AWARDS | AMERICAN SYSTEM | OPEN FIDDLERS

*Offered per Class at the Discretion of the Judges*

FIRST PLACE	\$200 & ROSETTE
SECOND PLACE	\$100 & RIBBON
THIRD PLACE	\$75 & RIBBON

#### AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | JUNIOR FIDDLERS

*Offered per Class at the Discretion of the Judges*

FIRST PLACE	\$25 & RIBBON
SECOND PLACE	\$15 & RIBBON
THIRD PLACE	\$10 & RIBBON
HONORABLE MENTION	RIBBON