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Walnut Valley Occasional

LAST MAILING BEFORE FESTIVAL!



Mile Twelve

Escape to a magical musical place... "Pickers Paradise" the International Convention for Acoustic String Musicians 3rd Weekend in September

Sept. 15 - 19, 2021



2 What's New for our 49th Walnut Valley Festival

With 2020 in our rear-view mirror, we continue to prepare for a festival that we hope will happen live and in Winfield this September. Here are a few updates on what you can expect this year.

The online camping preregistration process for Land Rush will be repeated, although it will be open for a shorter period—July 1-9. There will be a pre-lineup with staggered arrival by groups, in advance of the traditional Land Rush on Sept. 9. You can find more info elsewhere in this mailer, and keep an eye on the official website & Facebook page for updates.



Appalachian Road Show

WVA policy on alcohol on grounds is being updated as well. No longer will you see "No drugs or alcohol allowed on grounds" when you arrive. Instead, you will see language that no illegal substances will be allowed on grounds. We WILL still be enforcing a strict policy of not allowing any

kind of alcohol to be brought into the interior, where our official stages are located. BUT we will now have a beer and wine tent in the interior, offering locally-produced brews and wines.

We know this is a big change, but please know that we are committed to maintaining a familyfriendly atmosphere. As a demonstration of this, there will be no fees to attend the Feisty Music Camp for Kids this year. If you support these changes, you can help us by doing your part to maintain the warm and welcoming vibe during festival for ALL ages.

Another thing we are doing to keep our grounds safe and family friendly is to assess a \$5 charge for all golf carts brought on to festival grounds. We understand that many campers depend on the golf carts for mobility, but we also need to address the increasingly crowded roads and camping areas. The ban on unauthorized ATVs/UTVs instituted in 2019 will stay in place.

We are pleased to welcome back 3 TRAILS WEST, Appalachian Road Show, Roz Brown & Jim Ratts, Byron Berline Band, Tom Chapin & Michael Mark, The Cowboy Way, Crary, Evans & Barnick, Juni Fisher, Bing Futch, Beppe Gambetta, GASS, JigJam, Chris Jones & the Night Drivers, John McCutcheon, Marley's Ghost, Andy May, Adam Miller, Barry Patton, Missy Raines, Mark Sganga, Socks in the Frying Pan, The Steel Wheels, Linda Tilton, and Mark Alan Wade & Kyle Baker.

And the newcomers to Winfield? Helen Avakian was the first woman to win our International Finger Style Championship back in 2014. She will be joined by the talented and versatile guitarist Dave Irwin. Damn Tall Buildings is a young and energetic band originally from Boston but now based



in Brooklyn. They trace their band's origin to busking, and you

can hear it in their energetic delivery of songs that will have you up and dancing. The five young and talented members of Mile Twelve also trace their band's origins to Boston, and their savvy songwriting reflects the efforts of all five band members. Frank Solivan & his band, Dirty Kitchen, were named IBMA's 2016 Instrumental Group of the Year, but you can be sure that their vocal and songwriting skills are just as impressive. Steelwind, well known in the campgrounds, will be playing on the main stages, as will Pretend Friend, winners of our Battle of the Bands at WVF 48.5. Oh, and the legendary bluegrass band The Dillards will be making their first-ever appearance at Winfield.

Aside from the 4 stages with over 200 hours of music, we'll have 8 instrument championships, a Songwriters Showcase, Andy May's Acoustic Kids, Wednesday Workshops, a juried Arts and

Crafts fair, and some great food vendors. We look forward to welcoming you back to Winfield!

WEDNESDAY HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

Learn from your favorite performer and Instructor!

Information for Instructors and Class Descriptions will be available in June on our website wvfest.com/2021-Fall-Workshops

Early Registration Ends at Midnight, Thursday, Sept 9th

Bart Redford **Executive Director**





(MUST BE POSTMARKED JUNE 28 - JULY 9)	registration Mail Forms postmarked before June 28 will be returned Phone: Phone: State: Zip:
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Preregistration begins 8am, July 1, runs thru July 9. You may preregister by prepaying WVA camping fees only. If you complete two preregistrations in one order, you will receive two notices that are consecutively numbered. Preregister online or by mail-in forms. Mail-in preregistration forms will be accepted BUT must be postmarked no earlier than June 28. Mail-in preregistrations will be entered into the online system after 1pm on July 1. At time of preregistration a timestamp will be used to place you in the queue, and then assign you to Row A-F. Online preregistrations are automatically placed in the queue with a timestamp. After July 31, you will be sent a form notifying you of the time you should arrive for Pre-Lineup and your row assignment. Do Not preregister <u>unless you intend to take part in BOTH Pre-Lineup [August 28] and Land Rush [September 9]!</u>

All campers will pay City of Winfield camping fees in yellow City of Winfield envelopes upon arrival.

Pre-Lineup begins 7am, Saturday, Aug. 28. If you have preregistered, you will line up in the row assigned to you, A-F, and you should have both your row assignment form and yellow City of Winfield envelope receipt copy displayed prominently on vehicle or tarp until Land Rush numbers are received. WVA personnel will be present from 7am to 7pm to assist campers in lining up. Placement in Preregistered rows will be held until August 30. After August 30, all units arriving for participation in Land Rush will be parked at the end of either the Pecan Grove or West Campground line.

Campers who did not preregister will be placed in Row G. Row G will proceed to the camping staging areas after Rows A-F have moved. After being parked, Row G campers can then either proceed to the pre-pay station in Barn 4 to pay WVA fees **OR** return on September 4 to pay WVA camping & electric fees.

Number Day begins 7am, Saturday, September 4, 2021. WVA personnel will use placement in staging areas to issue Land Rush Numbers to all campers. Anyone who is lined up in the staging area and has prepaid is not required to be present on Number Day.

Land Rush begins 7am, Thursday, September 9, 2021. All vehicles taking part in Land Rush must have Land Rush Numbers; vehicles arriving during or after we start will proceed to campgrounds after completion of the Rush. You must pick up your Land Rush Pre-Pay Hold Envelopes before 5pm Wednesday, September 8. Land Rush participants must BE in the Land Rush line Before 5pm September 9.

NOTE:

- Everyone choosing to pre-pay camping fees must understand and agree to take part in <u>both</u> Pre-Line up <u>and</u> Land Rush.
- Everyone participating in the Pre-Line-Up will have to pay the City Fees from Aug. 28- Sept. 3 in City of Winfield yellow camping envelopes. City of Winfield camping fees, Aug. 28-Sept. 3 is \$35; City of Winfield fees w/electric, Aug. 28-Sept. 3 is \$119.
- All vehicles must be removed from Pecan Grove and West Campground by 8am, Tuesday, Sept. 7.
- A more detailed description of the preregistration, lineup, and Land Rush process, as well as an FAQ can be found at <u>www.wvfest.com</u> under CAMPING.



Festival Rules are in effect when the campgrounds open 7am on Land Rush day.

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No animals are allowed anywhere on the festival grounds including camping areas. Please check our website for boarding your pets. Be sure to call ahead for times, prices etc.

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** Children ages 5 and under admitted free with paid adul Advance Tickets available at the WVA Office and Tic		Card #		
5pm Friday, Sept 10 *** No phone or mail-in orders received after Aug 2	4 ***	3 or 4 Digit Security Code Exp. Date / For Details and additional camping information go to		

2021 Camping Info

wvfest.com/onsite-camping

Saving & Sharing Spaces Camping spaces can be saved by paying camping fees and marking the space with a WVA camping stake; one stake per camping space. Stakes will be available after 11am on Thurs., Sept. 9. Please keep your campsite as small and compact as possible. Consider inviting newcomers to join your site. Campground pickin' and jammin' have long been valued features of the Walnut Valley Festival, but space is limited. Please consider your neighbors, who have been at their established camps for years and do not want to be displaced or crowded out.

<u>Campground Stages</u> Anyone wishing to establish themselves as a "recognized" campground stage with a stage and/or amplified sound system needs written authorization from WVA.

Only Full-Festival ticket holder will be allowed on grounds prior to Thursday, Sept. 16. Festival Gates and Campgrounds will open Thursday, Sept. 9 at 7am.

2021 FACILITIES INFORMATION

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- Security Personnel on grounds 24 hours from Land Rush
- All camping/parking in campgrounds \$15 per day per vehicle (includes one camping permit if camping) Extra camping permits \$15 per day per unit. Extra Vehicle permits \$12 per extra vehicle from Sept. 9 thru Sept. 18
- Electric hookups \$12 per day; over 1,000 available, first-come, first-serve basis
- Vehicle stickers must be permanently attached to windshield to be in campgrounds or vehicle may be towed – at owners expense
- · Over twenty food concessions on grounds
- All weather facilities; woodchips are available.
- List of nearby motels, campgrounds & boarding kennels can be found on WVA website: <u>www.wvfest.com</u>

Fairgrounds Access & Tickets Festival grounds will open on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 7am. Wristbands must be worn or passes must be on your person at all times while you are on grounds as of 5pm Sept. 9. Persons without wristbands or approved ID cannot visit or camp. **Fees and Permit Stickers** Campsites and electric hookups available on first-come, first-serve basis. Large shelters, tarps, tents, etc. require additional permits. Full camping fees must be paid for all nights on grounds, sold from day entering through Sat., Sept. 18. Electric fee pays for ONE electric cord.

Camping, Electrical, Golf Cart fees may be paid with check, cash or credit cards.

\$5 fee will be charged for all Golf Carts brought onto grounds

Authorized Vehicles No unauthorized vehicle (including bicycles) allowed in the interior. Bicycles must have headlights on the front and red reflectors on the rear if used at night. Drivers of golf carts must be 18 years old with valid driver's license; owners shall provide proof of liability. Please drive on the right side of the streets/roads on the fairgrounds, and drive slowly and safely. Golf carts are allowed on the fairgrounds but not on Winfield city streets. If used at night carts **MUST** have a headlight with a beam projecting out 25 feet AND a rear facing red marker light for safety. Flashlights, low output LED's and closet lights are **Not** acceptable as lights. Riders are limited to the seats on the carts.

No unauthorized gas-powered ATVs/UTVs will be allowed on grounds during festival. Authorized ATVs/UTVs include those operated by WVA, Security, Vendors, and local Emergency Personnel.

<u>Parking</u> Only Full Festival and Two-Day ticket holders can purchase parking or park vehicles in the campgrounds. Free Long-term parking is available in designated areas. Single-Day ticket holders may park in Day Parking.









Roz Brown & Jim Ratts









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Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen





John McCutcheon



Barry Patton









Linda Tilton













Adam Miller

Socks in the Frying Pan



GASS

2021 Luthiers

<u>d'Aigle Autoharps</u> - SeaTac WA - 800-630-HARP www.autoharp.com

Whippoorwill Acoustics - Columbia City, IN 260-249-5561 www.whippoorwillacoustics.com

Oscar Schmidt Autoharps - Buffalo Grove, IL 800-877-6863 www.oscarschmidt.com

Bourgeois Guitars - Lewiston, ME 207-786-0385

www.bourgeoisguitars.com

Taylor Guitars - El Cajon, CA 619-258-1207 www.taylorguitars.com

Huss & Dalton Guitar Company - Staunton, VA 540-887-2313 www.hussanddalton.com

The Dulcimer Shoppe / McSpadden Dulcimers -

Mountain View, AR 870-269-4313 mcspaddendulcimers.com <u>Ellis Mandolins</u> - Austin, TX 512-442-4941 ellismandolins.com <u>Collings Guitars</u> - Austin, TX 512-288-7776 collingsguitars.com <u>Beautiful Music Violin Shop</u> - Lawrence, KS 785-856-8755

- www.beautifulmusicviolinship.com <u>C. F. Martin & Company</u> - Nazareth, PA 610-759-2837 www.martinguitar.com
- <u>Preston Thompson Guitars</u> Sisters, OR 541-588-6211 www.pktguitars.com

Huddleson Stringed Instruments - Wichita, KS 316-524-0997 <u>Master Works, Inc</u>. - Bennington, OK 580-847-2273 www.masterworksok.com

<u>Cloud Nine Musical Instruments</u> - Ostrander, OH 740-666-4253 www.cloudninemusical.com <u>OME Banjos</u> - Boulder, CO 303-449-0041 www.omebanjos.com <u>Deering Banjo Company</u> - Spring Valley, CA 800-845-7791

www.deeringbanjos.com



NewSong Showcase

The NewSong Showcases will be held Thursday, Sept 16 on Stage II and Saturday, Sept 18 on Stage III. The best original selected songs will be for this showcase panel by а of judges with the help of performer Chris Jones. Sonas may be performed solo or with friends.

These are not contests - being in the showcase IS the prize.

Catagories include Songs about Winfield, Sweet Memories, Love Songs, Songs for a Better World, Feelin' Blue, Religion or Spirit, Songs for Children, Humorous Songs, Instrumentals or None of the Above.

Entry forms, lyric sheets and a copy of the song / CD **must be received** at the Walnut Valley Office **by August 1**.

Electronic Entry and Mail-in Entry forms plus additional details can be found at the link

www.wvfest.com/newsong-showcase

If you would like to work for your festival ticket, please email ReEntry@wvfest.com or dial 620-221-7402 to leave a message with your name and phone number.

Thank You

Our luthiers have supported us through thick, thin, floods and pandemic. Our immense gratitude goes to each and every luthier, their families and their employees for their continuing support of the championships hosted by the Walnut Valley Festival and the promotion of music throughout the world. It is because of these luthiers, WVF has been able to give over \$2.5 million in instruments and prizes over the past 49 years.

The next time you are in the market for a high quality instrument or for strings and accessories, please look up these luthiers and check out the fine quality they provide.

To Register for a Contest click:

www.wvfest.com/register

OR

call the office at 620-221-3250 to register by phone with a credit card.

Acoustic Kids 2021

Andy May's Acoustic Kids[™] Showcases have been at the Walnut Valley Festival since 1991. The program encourages hundreds of talented young performers and has launched a few careers! It's covered internationally in the press, studied as a model by other



festivals, and is a Walnut Valley festival tradition.

These are NON-Competitive Opportunities for young pickers and singers, beginner to pro, to perform on the festival stage for a welcoming and loyal audience. Applications are **due August 15.** Details and applications can be found at the link

www.wvfest.com/events/acoustic-kids





Helen Avakian & Dave Irwin

Damn Tall Buildings