

MIA WINS GRAND NATIONAL TITLE

For those of you who may not have heard, I am very proud to announce that Mia Orosco of Lorena, Texas, is the 2012 Grand National Champion. Mia won after holding off a few former national champions this year in Weiser, Idaho. She is the first Texan to win the National Title in 15 years. We are so very proud of Mia and all of her accomplishments and wish her nothing but the best as she begins her freshman year at Baylor University this fall. Good luck and keep fiddlin' Mia!



Congratulations also to Out of State Fiddler Doug Fleener, of Leitchfield, Kentucky, for a 6th place finish in the Grand National Division. Other Top 5 finishers from TOTFA include: Ed Carnes of Franklin, Tennessee, 4th place in the Adult Division; Harrison Schumann of San Antonio, Texas, 2nd place in the Junior Division; Gene Banks of Athens, Texas, 5th place in the Senior Division; and Eischen Harkins of Austin, Texas, 1st place in the Young Adult Division. Congratulations to you all!

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It is with deep regret that I have to announce that we had to cancel our TOTFA Fiddle Camp this year. It simply came down to a numbers game and we did not have enough students registered to cover the costs of the camp. We are already looking into other alternatives for next year, if not later this year. We think it might be better to look into weekend workshops instead of a full week camp. When we find the right situation, we will certainly let everyone know as soon as possible. I want to take the opportunity to personally thank everyone who has been involved in our camp the past five years. A lot of work has been put into it over the years and I want to thank all the teachers, students, parents, and others who have supported our camp through the years with your time and talent.

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At the moment, the next scheduled contest on our calendar is the annual Chicken and Bread Days in Bowie, Texas, the first weekend of October. We are working on a new contest in Denison, Texas, and we hope to have it sometime in September. Details will be in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, there are other contest opportunities between now and October. The Alvarado Reunion Contest will be held August 3rd. The 24th Annual Downtown Branson Fiddle Festival will be held the weekend of August 24-26. For details, call (866) 523-1190. The Grand Masters Fiddle Contest in Nashville, Tennessee, will be held the weekend of September 28-29. If at all possible, make plans no to attend these fun, great, non-TOTFA events.

Happy Fiddlin'
Bryan

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIALS

- Kenneth Morris is about to retire after almost 44 years of working. He is looking forward to being able to make all of the contests!
- Eric & Julie Amundson are finally back in Texas. They had a safe and fun trip and we are glad they are back in the mother state.
- Branson is shaping up to be a monstrous fiddle contest...you will be sorry if you don't make it!
- Jason Andrew & his wife Wende are expecting a baby boy in September.



**24th Annual Downtown Branson
Fiddle Festival
&
Mid-American Fiddlers Championship
August 25 - 26, 2012**

2012 REGISTRATION

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
(if applicant is under 18 years)

CONTEST DIVISIONS – Circle appropriate ones.

Pee Wee (up to 9 years): Age _____ Junior (10-16 years): Age _____

Senior (60 plus years): Age _____ Adult (17-59 years): Age _____

Accompanist (any age): Age _____

Entry into the competition is free of charge; however, pre-registration is strongly suggested. Please complete this form and return it to the Downtown Branson Main Street Association.

Please email, mail or fax your registration to: events@downtownbranson.org
DBMA, PO Box 1034, Branson, MO 65615 Fax 417-335-3643

While I am at the Fiddle Festival as a contestant I would like to perform at a street location in Downtown Branson during daytime business hours on August 25-26, 2012.

Yes _____ No _____

This nationally recognized event begins with a FREE kick-off Jam Session, Friday night, Aug. 24, from 6 to 10 p.m.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Bill Mitchell	August 01
Garrett Robinson	August 05
Owen James	August 07
Jenny Johnson	August 10
Benny Bennett	August 15
Ray Franklin	August 16
George Robinson	August 17
Ian Fletcher	August 19
Robert Mature	August 21
Mel Whirley	August 22
Eddie Davis & Harlene Bilbrey	August 23
Karman Hoffpauir	August 27
Caitlyn Wallace	August 28
David Holcomb	August 29



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(contest results)

Belton, TX ~ July 4th ~ Belton

0-15

- 1st – Reagan Newberry
- 2nd – Leah Sawyer
- 3rd – Anthony Orosco
- 4th – David Sawyer
- 5th – Hannah Sargen
- 6th – Bonnie Lawrence

16-35

- 1st – Mia Orosco
- 2nd – Devon McCauley
- 3rd – Heidi Labensart
- 4th – Tanner Westmoreland

36-60

- 1st – Wes Westmoreland
- 2nd – Michelle Kuhlman

61+

- 1st – Larry Boddie

Accompanist

- 1st – Rex Gillentine
- 2nd – Nick Gillentine
- 3rd – David Sawyer

Grand Champion

- 1st – Wes Westmoreland

HERE & THERE

(upcoming contests)

Alvarado, TX ~ Old Settler's Reunion ~ August 3rd ~ Reunion Building

0-15

- 1st - \$100
- 2nd - \$75
- 3rd - \$50

16-25

- 1st - \$100
- 2nd - \$75
- 3rd - \$50

26-45

- 1st - \$100
- 2nd - \$75
- 3rd - \$50

46-65

- 1st - \$100
- 2nd - \$75
- 3rd - \$50

66+

- 1st - \$100
- 2nd - \$75
- 3rd - \$50

Accompanist

- 1st - \$75
- 2nd - \$50

Grand Champion

- 1st - \$100

Start Time: 8:00 P.M.

HERE & THERE

(upcoming contests)

Branson, MO ~ August 24th-26th ~

Historic Downtown Branson (behind Dick's 5 & 10)

0-9

- 1st - \$150
- 2nd - \$125
- 3rd - \$100
- 4th - \$50
- 5th - \$25

10-16

- 1st - \$250
- 2nd - \$150
- 3rd - \$100
- 4th - \$75
- 5th - \$50

17-59

- 1st - \$800
- 2nd - \$700
- 3rd - \$500
- 4th - \$300
- 5th - \$200

60+

- 1st - \$250
- 2nd - \$200
- 3rd - \$150
- 4th - \$100

Accompanist

- 1st - \$450
- 2nd - \$300
- 3rd - \$250
- 4th - \$175
- 5th - \$125

Grand Champion

\$1000 & Invitation to 2013 Grand Master's

Judges: Ricky Boen, Lewis Brandin & Alita Weisgerber

Gambler's Draw: Friday August 24th 6:00 P.M.

\$5.00 entry fee, winner take all

Preliminaries: Saturday August 25th 10:00 A.M. Registration 8:30 A.M.

Final's: Sunday August 26th 12:00 P.M.

More Information: can be found at: <http://downtownbranson.org/>

RV Ranch Benefit ~ September 29th ~ Burleson

Plans are in the works to have a benefit Saturday, September 29th at the RV Ranch just south of the Burleson area on I-35. We had a very successful benefit there a few years ago and they are wanting us to come back for another one this year. This will be our last opportunity to help raise funds which will go towards the costs of our annual convention which will be held this December in Hillsboro, Texas. So please make plans to attend this important event if at all possible. As always, we will have more details about this in the upcoming issue of the newsletter and on the TOTFA website.