Central Florida Dulcimer Festival 2027

Continuing the Music-

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Dates: Thursday, February 11th - Saturday, February 13th, 2027

Location: First Baptist Church of Mount Dora Family Ministry Center (1000 E. 1st Ave. & Highland St. Mount Dora, FL 32757). See map on website for further directions if needed.

Meet our Staff!

Ellen Waldrop, Director Carrie Root, Assistant Director
Daryl Waldrop, Vendors, Logistics, Food Jen Waldrop, Food
Edward Waldrop, Computer Tech

Note: our entire registration process has changed! *Please read the entire packet carefully before filling out your registration*. Keep a copy of your registration form for your own records. An email will be sent to confirm receipt of forms and payment. We will NOT be sending a copy of your class selections

This year we will be offering workshops for Mountain Dulcimer, Hammered Dulcimer, Autoharp, Bowed Psaltery, Penny whistle, Ukulele, Steel Drum and other instruments. We have many exciting and talented new and returning instructors. Be sure to check the workshop descriptions thoroughly before selecting your classes for your musical instrument.

Festival registration and workshops are **LIMITED**; send your registration early to ensure you get your desired classes before they fill up. Registration is due by January 1, 2027, All classrooms are on the ground floor (no stairs) with covered walkways between the buildings. Contact Ellen Waldrop via email- centralfloridadulcimerfestival@gmail.com with any special needs or assistance requirements. *(Handicapped parking spaces are available in front of the Family Ministry Center on Highland St. and in the main church parking lot on 1st Ave.)*

Lunch and Dinner: Friday's meals and Saturday's lunch are available for purchase. We have vegetarian and meat options. Meals are available through pre-purchase with your registration. See menu below and choose accordingly.

Schedule:

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2027	10:00am-2:00pm	Instructor/Vendor Setup-Family Ministry Center
	2:00pm-5:00pm	Attendee Packet Pick up, Vendor Shopping & Instrument Petting Zoo-Family Ministry Center
	5:00pm-7:00pm	Dinner (On your own)
	7:00pm-9:00pm	Jam-Family Ministry Center
Friday, Feb. 12, 2027	8:15am-6:45pm	Registration & Info Desks Open- Family Ministry Center
	8:15am-6:00pm	Vendor Shopping-Gym
	8:45am-10:00am	Session 1
	10:15am-11:30am	Session 2
	11:30am-1:00pm	Lunch-Cafeteria/Vendor Shopping-Gym
	1:00pm-2:15pm	Session 3
	2:30pm-3:45pm	Session 4
	3:45pm-4:15pm	Break/Vendor Shopping-Gym
	4:15pm-5:15pm	Session 5
	5:30pm-6:45pm	Dinner-Cafeteria
	7:00pm-9:30pm	Concert-
Saturday, Feb. 13, 2027	8:15am-7:00pm	Lobby Open-Family Ministry Center
	8:15am-6:00pm	Vendor Shopping-Gym
	8:45am-10:00am	Session 6
	10:15am-11:30am	Session 7
	11:30am-1:00pm	Lunch-Cafeteria/Vendor Shopping-Gym
	1:00pm-2:15pm	Session 8
	2:30pm-3:45pm	Session 9
	3:45pm-4:15pm	Break/Vendor Shopping/Raffle Drawings-Gym
	4:15pm-5:15pm	Session 10
	5:30pm-6:45pm	Dinner- On Your Own
	7:00pm-9:00pm	Jam-Family Ministry Center

Meals:

Friday Lunch:	**Meat**: Chicken Salad Sandwich on a Croissant, chips, pickle, cookie **Vegetarian**: Pasta Salad, cookie
Friday Dinner:	**Meat**: Ravioli, salad, bread, dessert **Vegetarian**: Cheese Ravioli, salad, bread, dessert
Saturday Lunch:	**Meat**: Build Your Own Ham, Turkey or Roast Beef sandwich, chips, pickle, cookie **Vegetarian**: Veggie Wrap, chips, pickle, cookie

Drinks: *Bottled Water and Canned Soft Drinks (Coke, Diet Coke and Sprite) are available for a donation. Coffee and tea will always be available in the cafeteria during festival hours.*

Concert: Due to the remodeling at the Church our concert will be different. We will update you as things progress

Stephen Seifert and Rick Thum Sunday Concert-
Stephen Seifert and Rick Thum will once again be joining up to do a concert on Sunday, February 14, 2027, at Congregational Church of Mt. Dora. Tickets for their concert are available on their website.

Scholarship Raffle Alert:
Scholarship Raffle: Many thanks to our vendors who donate items each year to help make this a success! Tickets are available with your registration and during the festival.

Chance Raffle/Chinese Auction: We are excited to once again have our Chance Raffle. Tickets will be available for purchase at the festival for your chance to win one or more of the items we will have.

Drawings for both the Chance Raffle and Scholarship Raffle will be done during the afternoon break on Saturday in the Gym. Winner does not need to be present to win. Winners will be posted at the Information Desk for prize pick up.

2027 Festival Scholarships:
Doug & Lee Felt Scholarship:
The Doug & Lee Felt Scholarship is available each year to qualified participants and covers the cost of the Festival Registration Fee. (Meals not included.)

Dennis Waldrop-New Mountain Dulcimer Scholarship:
The Dennis Waldrop Scholarship is to be awarded to a NEW Mountain Dulcimer Player. This scholarship will cover the cost of the Festival Registration Fee. (Meals not included.)

Requests may be made for yourself or another person. Contact Ellen Waldrop at centralfloridadulcimerfestival@gmail.com for an application. All applications are due no later than January 1, 2027. The funds for these scholarships are provided through the sale of the Scholarship Raffle and Chance Raffle each year.

Know Your Playing Level:

Playing levels: All levels require attendees to have a TUNED instrument ready for the workshops. Some instruments may be available for RENT during the festival. See Registration Form for more information.

Beginner: *I have just begun, and I am still learning.*
Beginner/Novice: *Not new, but not ready to move on.*
Novice: *Plays a few tunes, proficient strums (MD), understands rhythm changes & knows major I, IV, V chords.*
Intermediate: *Repertoire of tunes, good right hand & left-hand skills, understands & uses chords & embellishments.*
Advanced: *Experienced player, tunes & skills learned quickly, developing ones styles, arranging & embellishing tunes.*
The levels listed on the class schedule are a suggestion only. The class may be a little higher or lower based on the teaching material of the instructor. Please consider your level of playing skill carefully when selecting workshops! However, every class provides an opportunity for learning. Many concepts from whichever level provide a chance to improve skills and challenge the attendee.

If you have any questions, please contact our festival team via email: centralfloridadulcimerfestival@gmail.com and they will get back to you as soon as possible. We are looking forward to another exciting year and helping you "Fall in love with your instrument".

PLEASE READ the FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

1. Fill out the ONLINE registration form with your name and contact information.
2. Select registration for the entire festival or for just 1 day (either Friday or Saturday).
3. Select any pre-sale merchandise desired. Prices go up at the festival.
4. If you need to rent an instrument (MD or HD) please indicate on your registration form.
5. If you would like to pre-purchase Scholarship Raffle tickets, you can do that with your registration. 2 tickets for $5 or 5 tickets for $10.
6. Select any meals that you would like to have at the festival. See menu for your choices. Any dietary restrictions can be taken into consideration but are not guaranteed.
7. Add your total.
8. Choose workshop classes carefully. Make sure the classes you choose are for the right instrument and level you desire to play. Once registered, you may not be able to change or add other classes later. You **MUST** select a second choice as your first choice may be full as class sizes are limited. Once a class reaches capacity we cannot add additional attendees to the class.
9. You can pay by check ***(Mail to: Ellen Waldrop 1343 5th St. Orange City, FL 32763)*** or pay by credit/debit card at packet pickup ***(there is a $10 fee to pay by card)***.