

Saturday, February 5, 2005

The University of Wisconsin Center at Fond du Lac will be the site of the 3rd Annual Fondy Acoustic Music Fest. The all day event provides the music lover with an outlet for those midwinter blahs.

Activities include:

- Hammered and Mountain dulcimer Clinics.
- Songwriting contest with cash prizes.
- Nine Workshops on a variety of topics and instruments.
- Open Mic Stage
- All day Jamming session
- Evening Concert



Dulcimer Clinics Pre-registration for both clinics is suggested because of limited class spaced

Rick Thum will be conducting a 3 hour Hammered Dulcimer Clinic for intermediate and advanced beginner level players.

Mary Park will be conducting a 3 hour Mountain Dulcimer Clinic for intermediate level players called "Chord Accompaniment to Melody Playing."

Songwriting Contest

The Steve Rosenberg Songwriting contest will be a head to head performance competition of the ten top finalist from the submission received by Jan. 15, 2005. Each contestant will perform two numbers and the top three will receive cash prizes

of \$100, \$60 and \$35 with the winner being the opening act for the evening Concert.

Application Blanks and more information and rules can be found at: www.fondyacoustic.org

All entrants will receive an afternoon pass and all finalists will receive an afternoon and evening concert pass.

Afternoon Workshops

Nine 50 minute workshops will be conducted from 2:00 and 5:00.

Learn a new tune and embellishments at the fiddle workshop -- Vocal techniques to improve your singing

Playing harmonica -- Playing rhythm on the mandolin -- Bass runs and simple melodies on the guitar

Mountain Dulcimer for the rank beginner -- Everything you wanted to know about the banjo

Chord theory and cord substitution -- How to survive in a jam. Are the topics covered in the workshops.

You will definitely find many good tidbits in these workshops.

Jamming

If you like to play music or just listen, the commons area of the University will be the place to be for the afternoon circle jam. Come join in on the music fun at anytime from 12:00 to 6:30

Open Mic Stage

From 2:00 to 5:40 there will be an Open Mic stage in the Prairie Theatre with 20 minute slots for you to perform your favorite numbers for a live audience. To signup for an Open Mic slot contact Mary Park at dulcify@itol.com

Evening Concert

At 7:00 the evening concert will start with the opening act being this year's first place winner of the Steve Rosenberg Songwriting Contest. The **Big Cedar Bluegrass Band** and **Rick Thum** will be the headline acts