



# 2018 Central Ohio Folk Festival Fact Sheet for Workshop Presenter Applicants

Please read over carefully

- **Date:** May 5-6, 2018 (first full weekend in May)
- **History:** The festival grew out of the Central Ohio Dulcimer Festival and in its present form, officially began in 1997. Some past headliner performers include: Jean Ritchie, James Keelaghan, Mike Seeger, Guy Davis, Cathy Barton & Dave Para, Ed Trickett, and more recently Joe Crookston, Bing Futch and John Gorka.

The festival is organized and produced by the Columbus Folk Music Society and co-sponsored together with WCBE 90.5FM and the Metro Parks.

- **Location: Highbanks Metro Park** (located just north of Columbus, OH). The address is: 9466 Columbus Pike (Rt 23), Lewis Center, OH 43035 (Big Meadows area). The location is easily accessible via the interstate with hotels, restaurants and Alum Creek State Park (campground) relatively close by.
- **Festival Times:** *Pre-Festival event:* Friday, May 4 – 4 pm - 9:30 pm. Meet and Greet Potluck/Jam (Northern Shelter at Highbanks); *Festival times:* Saturday – 10:30 am - 10 pm; Sunday – 10:30 am - 5 pm (both days at Big Meadows area). *Workshops times:* (Big Meadows area): Saturday – Noon - 6 pm; Sunday – 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. We invite you to be our guest at Friday's pre-festival gathering at the

Northern Shelter, a get-together that includes our organizational staff and volunteers. Our members provide the food and it's fun!

- **Purpose:** The festival seeks to make the folk arts accessible to the public and to increase awareness and appreciation for these folk arts, especially music, storytelling and dance. It is open to the general public, is a family friendly event and all activities are free with the exception of the Saturday evening headliner concert and the workshops (both of which are available for reasonable fees).
- **Multiple activities** occur over the weekend: Saturday evening headliner concert, numerous daytime concerts; multiple workshops (for beginner and seasoned artists alike); dance, a new “scheduled jam groups” tent; children’s activities; informal jams; song circles; drum circle; “Festival Store”; Metro Parks displays, food service and more.
- **Remuneration:** Our workshop remuneration is \$40 per workshop. Performers and presenters can sell their CD's/materials in the “Festival Bookstore” for a 10% handling fee. We reserve the right to determine the quantity of various materials put on display by any one performer. All performers and presenters

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are given free registration which allows you to attend all workshops and the Saturday evening headliner concert (\$60 value).

• **Important workshop details for presenters (please read carefully):**

1. Workshops will be held throughout Saturday and Sunday. Workshops are for paid registrant attendees only. Workshops are 50 minutes long and are held in individual workshop tents (no electric).
2. Workshop presenters must complete a Workshop Proposal Form in order to be considered.
3. Workshop presenters are asked to keep their workshops educational and informative. They can include hands-on participatory activities (encouraged) but workshops should not be used as performance venues. Handouts with tips or source references are also useful if you so choose. Being a workshop presenter does not mean you will be given a performer position.
4. Workshop presenter applications are approved based on workshop topic needs determined by the workshop coordinators (see listing in Workshop Proposal Application), space availability and timeliness of receipt of applications. Submitting an application does not mean you will necessarily be a presenter. All presenters will be notified either by e-mail or in writing by mid-February 2018, along with your designated time slot(s).
5. How you describe your workshop in your application, should you be selected, is what will appear in the

programming materials. In your Workshop Proposal, you should also list the available days and/or times you are able to present.

6. Workshop presenters **MUST** complete and submit the Workshop Proposal Application Form (one for each workshop) postmarked or e-mailed by not later than December 18, 2017. Please submit them via e-mail to: [workshopcoordinator@columbusfolkmusicsociety.org](mailto:workshopcoordinator@columbusfolkmusicsociety.org) or via snail mail to: Workshop Coordinator: 2825 Neil Avenue, #802, Columbus, OH 43202.
7. Additional Workshop Proposal Forms can be downloaded from <http://www.columbusfolkmusicsociety.org/index.html>, or a request can be sent to the Workshop Coordinator at the contact info listed above.

*Thank you for your application. This is a great way to share your talents and expertise, encourage others to try out or learn new subject matter and further the appreciation and love of the folk arts. We appreciate your willingness to participate!*

**For additional information or questions**

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