



FAST FACTS

Twenty-third Annual

CENTRAL OHIO FOLK FESTIVAL

MAY 4 & 5, 2019 (first full weekend in May)

- **Location:** **Highbanks Metro Park** (on Rt 23N between Lazelle Rd and Powell Rd (Rt 750) – Query Highbanks Metro Park on GPS.
- **Produced by:** The Columbus Folk Music Society and **Co-sponsored by:** The Metro Parks, & WCBE 90.5 FM
- **Multiple activities (most free):** Saturday evening co-billed headliner concert featuring *Sugar & The Mint* (Prescott, AZ) and *The Small Glories* (CANADA); three performing stages with free daytime concerts; 30+ music workshops for both beginning and seasoned artists (and those in between); a cigar box guitar making activity and basic lessons; PLUS many other free events including scheduled jam groups tent; participatory dance; multiple children's activities; Metro Parks nature displays, food service; Festival Store; song circles, sings, informal jams and more!
- **Open to the general public:** all activities are free except for the Saturday evening headliner concert, workshops, and cigar box guitar activity (all available for reasonable fees). Last year's event drew approximately 10,800 participants over the two-day weekend.
- Founded in 1997 by the Columbus Folk Music Society – the Central Ohio Folk Festival (COFF) seeks to **promote the varying forms of folk/acoustic/roots traditions including its modern day singer-songwriter forms and to make the folk arts accessible to the public** – believing that perpetuation of the folk arts – especially music, storytelling and dance, is important to the preservation of our cultural heritage. We also strive to provide a low or no cost and family friendly fun weekend for all ages!
- Our festival is **run and staffed entirely by volunteers** who love the folk arts and the promoting and sharing of them.
- **Visit:** www.ColumbusFolkMusicSociety.org for more information and details, especially as we draw closer to the 2019 festival.

