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Colorado Fiddle Championships 2011: The Results!

Kimber Ludiker Tops the Field for 2012

The Tenth Annual Colorado Fiddle Championships took place January 8th & 9th at the National Western Stock Show. Audience attendance continues to be strong in the Beef Palace Auction Arena, and about 85 fiddlers competed this year! Despite the Broncos playoff game being on TV, the crowd was very good both Saturday and Sunday. Congratulations to Kimber Ludiker, who won the Open (Championship) Division this year. Here are the results, by division, of this year's Championships:

Division: Small Fry

Contestant	City	State
1 Magnolia Howe	Longmont	CO
2 Beth Davis	Parker	CO
3 Russell Christensen	Shelley	ID
4 Elyssa Johnston	Highlands Ranch	CO

Division: Junior-Junior

Contestant	City	State
1 Mackenzie Johnston	Highlands Ranch	CO
2 River Lee	The Woodlands	TX
3 Ari Fierer	Denver	CO
4 Wyatt Wieland	Colorado Springs	CO
5 Grace Christensen	Shelley	ID

Division: Junior

Contestant	City	State
1 Laura Waters	Idaho Falls	ID
2 Celeste Johnson	Arvada	CO

3 Harrison Schumann	San Antonio	TX
4 Hannah Grace King	Molt	MT
5 Shelby Rae Russell	Ammon	ID

Division: Young Adult

Contestant	City	State
1 Natalie Koob	Breckenridge	CO
2 Aaron Carter	Vancouver	WA
3 Luke Tripp	Colorado Springs	CO
4 Josh Coffey	Denver	CO
5 Sydney Green	Littleton	CO

Division: Adult

Contestant	City	State
1 Cody Stadelmaier	Fort Collins	CO
2 Tony Ludiker	Colorado Springs	CO
3 Ed Carnes	Franklin	TN
4 Trish Osthoff	Lakewood	CO
5 Amy Fieling	Erie	CO

Division: Grand Senior

Contestant	City	State
1 Starr McMullen	Corvallis	OR
2 John Morrow	Lakewood	CO
3 Dave Brinkman	Laramie	WY
4 Ann Robinson	Casper	WY
5 Lynne Walker	Denver	CO

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COTFA Merchandise Available Online

Don't forget to take a look at the Merchandise page on the COTFA website. Popular items like the high-quality ballcap with COTFA's signature fiddle logo and this year's Colorado Fiddle Championships poster are still available. This year's poster was very popular, and features a beautiful painting by the late Robert Lougheed of three mounted cowboys, obviously on their way to a dance, one of them carrying his cased fiddle. The painting, titled *Ten Miles to Saturday Night*, was executed in the 1970s, and permission for COTFA to reproduce it was kindly given by the Claggett / Rey Gallery in Vail, who own the rights to works by Mr. Lougheed.

You'll also find items like our signature COTFA guitar picks, T-shirts and recordings of past Colorado Fiddle Championships performances. Take a minute and look over our unique offerings, and help support COTFA's efforts by making a purchase!

Thanks, Again, to the Stock Show staff

Those of you who attended the Colorado Fiddle Championships this year, and especially those who have attended most or all of the Championships, know how fortunate we are to have the contest at the National Western Stock Show. Our contact, Angie Cue, has been a great liaison between COTFA and the NWSS for a number of years now, and once again was a huge help in getting things in place for us.

We couldn't ask for a better location than the Beef Palace Auction Arena, as it is so well situated and close to a lot of Stock Show action. It's so nice to see the number of Stock Show volunteers who stop by for a few minutes to observe the action, and the crews of workers who help us set up, take down, and make last-minute adjustments for us are always hard working and cheerful.

King Soopers Gift Cards: Support COTFA

COTFA is continuing to offer "reloadable" Gift Cards from King Soopers. Here's how it works: COTFA will be offering Gift Cards, initially at sponsored events and at Denice Carter's fiddle lessons. The great thing is that you may "reload" the card, for as much as \$500 at a time, for use on your trips to the store (it takes just a minute for the Customer Service Counter to do this, or you can now do it right at the register). You may then continue to use and reload the card indefinitely.

Here's how this helps COTFA: Each \$5,000 that is spent using the COTFA-issued cards earns the organization \$250! When you think about how much we all spend per

month at the grocery store, it's easy to see how this simple program can earn our organization much-needed money for all of the events we put on throughout Colorado.

You can use the cards at the following Kroger-affiliated stores: **King Soopers, Kroger, Fred Meyer, Ralphs, Fry's & Fry's Marketplace, Dillons, Smith's Food & Drug, City Market, QFC, Food 4 Less, Owen's, Foodsco, Hilander, Pay-Less, Cala-Bell, Baker's, JayC, Fred Meyer Jewelers, Littman & Barclay Jewelers.**

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Division: Championship

	Contestant	City	State
1	Kimber Ludiker	Somerville	MA
2	Mia Orosco	Lorena	TX
3	Jaclyn Sites	Rigby	ID
4	Katie Glassman	Denver	CO
5	Larry Struble	Centennial	CO

Division: Favorite Accompanist

	Contestant	Times On Stage
1	Anthony Mature	97
2	Darin Meeks	88
3	Sydney Green	33

Division: Adult Novice

	Contestant	City	State
1	Sherelle Christensen	Shelley	ID
2	Sterling Harris	Denver	CO
3	Saul Ahola	Woodstock	CT

Division: Youth Novice (Jeff Hertz Memorial Div)

	Contestant	City	State
1	Savannah Drotar	Longmont	CO
2	Annie Frost	Cotopaxi	CO
3	Ethan Scheve	Denver	CO

Division: Twin Fiddles

	Contestants	City	State
1	Shelby Rae Russell Hannah King	Molt	MT
2	Denice Carter Aarun Carter	Vancouver	WA
3	Chris Daring Celeste Johnson	Arvada	CO

Kimber Ludiker Wins the 10th Annual Colorado Fiddle Championships at the Stock Show!

It was another stylish and soulful performance on stage at the Beef Palace Auction Arena for Kimber Ludiker this year, and the result is another top-placement at the Colorado Fiddle Championships. As usual, a field of award-winning fiddlers filled the Championship Division, and competition was close and driven. Even though the Denver Broncos were playing a televised NFL playoff game that afternoon, the stands were still well-populated with fiddle fans, and they were treated to as fine a final as one would want to see at a contest. The round-robin competition produced some fiery playing, and competitors got to be right on top of one another, cheering each other on and measuring the means to try to top one another.

Our sincere congratulations to Kimber, and to all who participated in the Championship Division this year. It was quite a show to experience!



Kimber Ludiker



Check out the Merchandise Page on the COTFA website!



COTFA Picks



COTFA Ball Cap



T-Shirt front logo



2011 Recordings



Featured Fiddle Teacher for This Month

About Trish Osthoff by Celeste Johnson

Trish Osthoff is soft spoken, approachable, and friendly. She always greets people with a warm smile and a cheerful hello. In short, she is the kind of person that you hope to have as a next door neighbor. I can imagine that she brings that warmth into her fiddle teaching.

When Trish was in her thirties, she heard some fiddlers that started her future fiddling career. She had played violin for a brief time as a child, but she “never thought it was fun to play boring stuff.” Why was fiddle so much more appealing to her? “You don’t have to have an orchestra to make music. You don’t have to be world class to play with others, and you have more chances to interpret your music.”

Trish was a student of Chris Daring for many years. Trish says of Chris, “She made me feel like I could do it too. There was no question in her mind that I could do it, and do it well.” Trish started teaching fiddle in 1991 at a Waldorf school. She says that she loved it, and I bet that her students loved it too!

Aside from teaching fiddle, Trish teaches mandolin and a little guitar. Trish’s teaching philosophy: “I try to let the student come away with something new at each lesson and always move forward.” Trish’s expectations of her students are based on what each student expects of themselves, but

one thing she wants for all of her students is for them to play with other musicians and have to a great time.

She believes that a student’s most important job is to make a commitment to their music.

Besides teaching music and being a physical therapist, Trish likes to hang out with her four dogs. Although she likes her job, Trish laughed, “Like a lot of us, I’d rather just play fiddle! It takes me away so I don’t burn out.”

There are so many fiddlers whose only concern is placing well in a fiddle contest, but this is not so with Trish and her students. “It’s not only doing well in a contest that matters, it’s the people you meet and friends you make along the way.” And when it comes to results, Trish has more to say: “The results that happened that day were just those judges’ opinions. Do your best and give your performance. The results can’t take anything away from that. Judging is about the experience. If someone gets ahead of you, you didn’t do ‘badly’, someone else just played better that day.”

Trish’s method of teaching is not one you see every day, but judging by her students, it works. I’ve noticed one thing in common between all of Trish’s students that I’ve met: they all seem to love to play fiddle.