**PRESS RELEASE / PSA**

***Release Date:***Prior to November 11, 2017

***Event:*** 23rd Annual Harvest Festival of Dulcimers

***Event Date****:*   Saturday, November 11, 2017, 9AM - 8PM

***Features:*** Workshops/Concerts/ Jams with Hammered & Fretted

 Dulcimers and other Folk Instruments

***Focus Workshop****:*  Mountain Dulcimer and Other Instruments, Sunday,

 11/12/17, 11:00am-3:00pm,

 Private Home, Downey

***Focus Workshop****:*  Hammered Dulcimer and Other Instruments, Sunday,

 11/12/17, 10:00am-2:00pm,

 Private Home, Fullerton

***Organization:***Southern California Dulcimer Heritage (SCDH)

                           Non-Profit ID 33-0670996

***Location****:*               Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 2850 Fairview

 Rd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (I-405, use Fairview exit)

***Photos****:*               By request, or may be gleaned from SCDH website

***Information:***         714-534-2855      or       [www.scdh.org](http://www.scdh.org/)

***Comp. Passes****:*      Members of the Press/ Radio admitted free of charge

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**23rd  ANNUAL DULCIMER FESTIVAL IN COSTA MESA, CA**[Short version]

**Enjoy folk music played on the ancient hammered dulcimer, the American fretted dulcimer and many other acoustic instruments! The Southern California Dulcimer Heritage will be hosting its 23rd annual Harvest Festival of Dulcimers, Saturday, November 11, 2017, the third year at its new location: The Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 2850 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, from 9 AM until 8 PM.**

**An 11:30 AM concert is FREE and open to the public and will showcase regional dulcimer groups. The ticketed Evening Concert at 6 PM is also open to the public and will include the festival headliners.**

**Featured musicians will be Ruth Smith, hammered dulcimer with Steve Smith, multi-instrumentalist, from Zionville, NC, and Heidi Muller, mountain dulcimer with Bob Webb, multi-instrumentalist, from Joseph, OR. All performers are nationally known dulcimer players, and many excellent local players will also be teaching and jamming.**

**For those wanting to learn more, teaching workshops will go all day long, not only for dulcimers but also will include classes on guitar, ukulele, banjo, autoharp, drum circle, bowed psaltery, songwriting, singing, and more. There will be food for purchase and music vendors. Musicians young and old will be around the grounds, playing and singing. For tickets & more info:**[**www.scdh.org**](http://www.scdh.org/)**;**

**e-mail** **dulcimer@scdh.org****; call (714) 534–2855.**

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**23rd  ANNUAL DULCIMER FESTIVAL IN COSTA MESA, CA**[Longer version]

**The Southern California Dulcimer Heritage group invites you to the 23rd annual Harvest Festival of Dulcimers on Saturday, November 11, 2017. In addition to the workshops and concerts on Saturday, there will be two special 4-hour focus workshops the next day taught by the featured performers and open to all acoustic instruments. Featured artists include: Mountain dulcimer expert Heidi Muller and multi-instrumentalist Bob Webb from Joseph, OR and hammered dulcimer virtuoso Ruth Smith and multi-instrumentalist Steve Smith of Zionville, NC.  All four musicians will be performing at the 6 pm Evening Concert with Admission Price. In addition, over a dozen excellent local players will also be teaching and performing, including mountain dulcimer legend Joellen Lapidus and Patti Amelotte, of So Cal hammered dulcimer acclaim.**

**The festival will be happening for the third year at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Costa Mesa, CA, freeway close with John Wayne Airport nearby.  There is a ‘festival hotel’ with a convenient location and lodging package at a reasonable rate for out of town visitors.  Additional information is at [www.scdh.org](http://www.scdh.org/)**

**As always, there will be a large variety of 'Other Workshops' - including autoharp, guitar, ukulele, songwriting, singing, drum circle, bowed psaltery, modes and dulcimer services and support. Loaner instruments will be available for autoharp, ukulele, drum circle and bowed psaltery. Workshops will be taught by various members of the folk music and dulcimer communities in Southern California. Four+ tracks of dulcimer workshops will be given for all levels.  You’ll find a full range of topics and hands-on classes in the 29 hours/ 7 tracks of workshops, plus a free Mid-day concert “Dulcimers On Parade – Celebrating SCDH Dulcimer Groups” and free jamming throughout the day.  There will also be a workshop on How to Jam as well as a finale Community Jam. A souvenir ‘Coloring for All Ages’ activity will take place throughout the day.**

**The annual SCDH Dulcimer Festival is the only California dulcimer festival for both hammered and fretted dulcimers and the closest dulcimer festival for players in many nearly states.  For tickets & more info:**[**www.scdh.org**](http://www.scdh.org/)**;**

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