

PRESS RELEASE / PSA

Release Date: Prior to September 15, 2018
Event: 24th Annual Harvest Festival of Dulcimers
Event Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018, 9AM - 8PM
Features: Workshops/Concerts/ Jams with Hammered & Fretted Dulcimers and other Folk Instruments

Focus Workshop: Mountain Dulcimer, Sunday, 9/16/18, 11:00am-3:00pm, Private Home, Downey

Focus Workshop: Hammered Dulcimer and Other Instruments, Sunday, 9/16/18, 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
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24th 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 24th annual Harvest Festival of Dulcimers, Saturday, September 15, 2018, the fourth year at its new location: The Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 2850 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, from 9 AM until 8 PM.

A 12:45 PM 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 Karen Ashbrook, hammered dulcimer, from the Maryland/ Washington, D.C. area, and Sarah Morgan, mountain dulcimer, from Eastern Tennessee. 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 ukulele, autoharp, fiddle, storytelling, bodhran, harmonica, drum circle, singing, music theory, building a slide neck Blues guitar-strum stick-dulcimer, 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; e-mail dulcimer@scdh.org; call (714) 534-2855.

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24th ANNUAL DULCIMER FESTIVAL IN COSTA MESA, CA [Longer version]

The Southern California Dulcimer Heritage group invites you to the 24th annual Harvest Festival of Dulcimers on Saturday, September 15, 2018. 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: Karen Ashbrook, hammered dulcimer virtuoso from the Maryland/ Washington, D.C. area and Sarah Morgan, Mountain dulcimer expert from Eastern Tennessee. Both 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 fourth 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

As always, there will be a large variety of 'Other Workshops' - including ukulele, autoharp, fiddle, storytelling, bodhran, harmonica, drum circle, singing, music theory, building a slide neck Blues guitar-strum stick-dulcimer, and more. Loaner instruments will be available for autoharp, ukulele, and drum circle. 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 26 workshops, plus a free Mid-day concert "Here's to Dulcimers! – Celebrating SCDH Dulcimer Groups & Players" 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 nearby states. For tickets & more info: www.scdh.org; e-mail dulcimer@scdh.org; call (714) 534-2855.