**PRESS RELEASE / PSA**

***Release Date:***Prior to September 21, 2019

***Event:*** 25th Annual Harvest Festival of Dulcimers

***Event Date****:*   Saturday, September 21, 2019, 9AM - 6PM

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

 Dulcimers and other Folk Instruments

***Focus Workshop****:*  Mountain Dulcimer, Sunday,

 9/22/18, 11:00am-3:00pm,

 Private Home, Downey

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

 9/22/18, 10:00am-2:00pm,

 Private Home, Fullerton

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

                           Non-Profit ID 33-0670996

***Location****:*               Riviera United Methodist Church, 375 Palos Verdes

 Blvd., Redondo Beach, CA 90277

***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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**25th  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 25th annual Harvest Festival of Dulcimers, Saturday, September 21, 2019, at its new location: Riviera United Methodist Church, 375 Palos Verdes Blvd., Redondo Beach, CA 90277, from 9 AM until 6 PM.**

**The ticketed Evening Concert at 6 PM is also open to the public and will include the festival headliners, Mark Alan Wade, hammered dulcimer, and Dave Haas, mountain dulcimer.**

**Featured musicians will be Mark Alan Wade, hammered dulcimer, from Akron, Ohio, and Dave Haas, mountain dulcimer, from Charleston, West Virginia. Both 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, storytelling, bodhran, bowed psaltery, harmonica, drum/flute circle, shape-note singing, sing-along, music improv, 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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**25th  ANNUAL DULCIMER FESTIVAL IN REDONDO BEACH, CA** [Longer version]

**The Southern California Dulcimer Heritage group invites you to the 25th annual Harvest Festival of Dulcimers on Saturday, September 21, 2019. 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: Mark Alan Wade, hammered dulcimer virtuoso from Akron, Ohio and Dave Haas, Mountain dulcimer expert from Charleston, West Virginia.  Both musicians will be performing at the 4-6 pm Concert with Admission Price. In addition, over a dozen excellent local players will also be teaching, including mountain dulcimer legend Joellen Lapidus and Patti Amelotte, of So Cal hammered dulcimer acclaim.**

**The festival will be happening at its new location, Riviera United Methodist Church in Redondo Beach, CA.**

**As always, there will be a large variety of 'Other Workshops' - including ukulele, autoharp, storytelling, bodhran, bowed psaltery, harmonica, drum/flute circle, shape-note singing, sing-along, music improv, and more. Loaner instruments will be available for autoharp, ukulele, bowed psaltery 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 27 workshops, plus free jamming throughout the day.  There will also be a workshop on How to Jam as well as a finale Community Jam.**

**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**](http://www.scdh.org/)**;**

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