

# 50<sup>TH</sup> OKLAHOMA STATE FIDDLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2024 JUDGES



### BRAD HAWKINS

Brad Hawkins began fiddling at the age of 16 yrs. He has competed in and judged contests in several states. He has taught many new beginners how to play. Today he plays in his church band and does fiddle art portraits in pencil. He has taught Science in public school for 38 years. He says "God is good to give us all talents to serve and bring joy to others."

### JANA JAE

The first female "Buckaroo" in Buck Owens' band, Jana went on to fame as the "First Lady of Country Fiddle" on Hee Haw. She continues to tour and perform, and founded the American Heritage Music Festival, part of Grand Lake Festivals, Inc. She was inducted into the Idaho Hall of Fame in 1998, the National Western Swing Hall of Fame, the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame, the National Fiddler Hall of Fame, and received the Governor's Arts Award from Oklahoma. Please visit Jana Jae at [www.janajae.com](http://www.janajae.com) for further info. "Granddad started me fiddling in Idaho when I was two, and it has become my language, my career, and my life. In turn, I love to introduce folks of all ages to fiddling through my performances, festivals and fiddle camp. The National Fiddler Hall of Fame and Grand Lake Festivals projects strengthens these efforts and provides a wonderful source of information for all. I am proud to be a part of this endeavor and to judge the State Fiddle Contest!"



### RICK MORTON

Rick Morton was born and raised in Tulsa. It's where he learned to play the fiddle. He teaches fiddle, mandolin, and guitar. He plays several gigs a month with the Tulsa Playboys, Mary Cogan, Great Big Biscuit, and Rusty Meyers. Rick loves and appreciates the history of the Tulsa State Fair fiddle contest and is proud to be a judge in 2024.