

2023 Judges – Fiddler Contest



Greg Burgess has been playing guitar and fiddle for more than 40 years. Over the years, associations with fiddlers such as Clark Forshee, Amos Hedrick, Ace Sewell, Russell O'Neal, Herman Johnson, Dick Barrett, Orville Burns, Merle David, and of course Byron Berline, has helped form Greg's fiddling style. Greg is a past Oklahoma State Fiddle Champion and has been ranked in the top 10 at a number of national level fiddle contests. Greg has recorded and/or shared the stage with a number of musical greats including Hank Thompson, Leon Rausch, Jody Miller, Mel Tillis, Moe Bandy, Billy Walker, Wanda Jackson, Becky Hobbs, Red Steagall, Suzy Bogguss, Asleep at the Wheel and many others. Greg has also been included in the Folk Life section of the Oklahoma History Center and is a 2019 Western Swing Hall of Fame inductee.

Shelby Eicher grew up in Northern Ohio playing square dances with his mom, dad and grandmother. The band consisted of his grandmother and the Fulton County Sand Shifters. As a member of Roy Clark's band for 15 years, Shelby recorded five albums with Roy and appeared numerous times on The Tonight Show and Hee Haw. Currently he performs 20 times per month and teaches fiddle, mandolin and guitar to 30 students. Some of his accomplishments include serving as the Education Director on the National Fiddler's Hall of Fame and serving on the Education committee for the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra.



Rick Morton has been teaching and performing fiddle music in and around Tulsa for over 40 years. He is currently playing with the popular western swing group, the Tulsa Playboys, as well as other country and bluegrass groups. Rick is honored to have been a judge at the Oklahoma State Fiddling Championships many times, and is looking forward to another great year.