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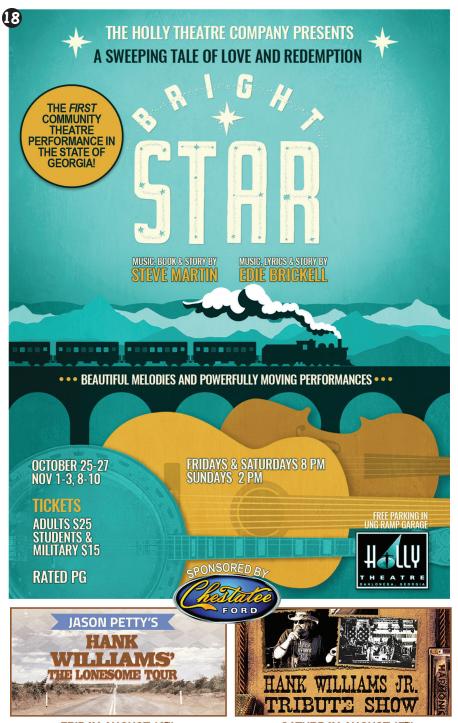


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WEEKEND SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

| FRIDAY | | | | | |
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| Auction: Food, Music by Curtis Jones & Primal Roots, Live & Silent Auctions, 5-9 pm | | | | | |
| | MAINSTAGE TENT | UNCLE WOODROW'S TENT | HANCOCK PARK | VISITORS CENTER PLAZA | PICK & BOW TENT (on the square) |
| S | ATURDAY | | | | |
| 10-11 | Storytelling Sampler 10:30 am | | | | |
| 11-12 | Georgia Crackers 11 am-noon | Bluegrass Slow Jam | more | | |
| 12-1 | Underhill Rose 12:15-1:15 | Guitar Tips & Tricks (all levels) | Storytelling programming (See page 9) | | Old-Time Slow Jam |
| 1-2 | Ugly Cousin- — — 1:30-2:30 pm | String Band Music of 20's & 30's | | | |
| 2-3 | Wil Maring & Robert Bowlin | Playing Well with Others | Storytelling: From Page to Stage | Mountain Dance 2 p.m. | |
| 3-4 | with Curtis Jones 2:45-3:45 pm | Guitar Flatpicking Panel/Demo | Ukulele Jam | | |
| 4-5 | Jeff Mosier 4:00-5:15 pm | Chestatee River Ceili Band | Mandolin in Old- Time & Bluegrass | | |
| 5-6 | Circus No. 9 5:30-6:30 pm | Irish Jam | Clogging | | |
| 6-7 | | | | Mountain Dance 6 p.m. | |
| 7:30- 9:30 | Moonlight Jam hosted by Jeff Mosier | | | RE DETAILS INS | IDE 0 |
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| 11-12 | Gospel Jam w/Glenda Pender 11 am-12:15 pm | | MainSt Works | RE DETAILS INStage | page 9 |
| 12-1 | Georgia Pick & Bow students, 12:30-1 pm | | 3,017 | | |
| 1-2 | Crooked Mile 1:15-2:15 pm | Old-Time Fiddling | | | |
| 2-3 | Bill and the Belles | Harmony Singing | Pennywhistle | | |
| 3-4 | 2:30-3:30 pm Skillet Lickers 3:45-4:45 | Ballad Singing | Pickin' Porch Jam | | |
| 4-5 | Pick & Bow raffle drawing 5 p.m. | | | | |



FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

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FRIDAY NIGHT AUCTION (April 26)

Festival MainStage Tent Food/paddle/wine/auction/music — just \$5

The Friday night auction is Bear's biggest fundraiser. Local merchants, festival artists and others who love the festival donate generously so that we always have an incredible collection of items to auction—a lot of art, including works by Billy Roper, a variety of Appalachian crafts, meals, lodging and services from many Dahlonega businesses, and many more surprises!

AUCTION SCHEDULE

 Auction catered and sponsored by Shenanigans Irish Pub and Bourbon Street Grille

FREE CONCERTS in the MainStage Tent

Don't miss our music on the MainStage. BEAR brings you two full days of free, non-stop music in the big tent on N. Park Street. Stop in for

a few minutes or spend the day listening to one great band after another.

Friday night auction

5:30 pmCurtis Jones

Saturday

10:30 am.....Kickin' Off The Bear:

Appalachian Storytelling Sampler

11:00.....Georgia Crackers

12:15.....Underhill Rose

1:30.....Ugly Cousin

2:45.....Robert Bowlin and Wil Maring with

special guest Curtis Jones

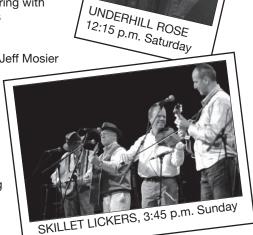
4:00.....Jeff Mosier

5:30.....Circus No 9

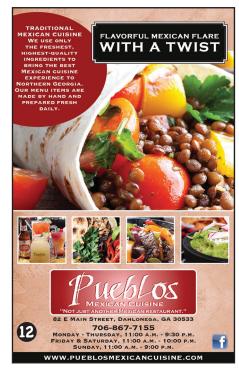
7:30-9:30 Moonlight Jam hosted by Jeff Mosier

Sunday

MainStage sponsored by Adams Insurance/Country Financial and Dahlonega Home Depot









Each night, we serve classic dishes like Shrimp Scampi, Lasagna, Lobster Ravioli, Chicken Picatta and Cioppino, made to order with garden-fresh ingredients like fragrant basil and vine-ripened tomatoes.

Come taste the difference fresh ingredients and a touch of tradition make in your favorite Italian recipes.

M-F 11-2 pm /5-9:30pm Saturday 12-10 pm Sunday 12-9:00 pm





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FREE WORKSHOPS, JAMS & DEMOS

SATURDAY

11 a.m. Bluegrass Slow Jam: Join local bluegrass band Shaky Willow in playing your favorite bluegrass tunes! *Uncle Woodrow's Tent*

12 p.m. Guitar Tips and Tricks for Better Tone and Technique—all levels, presented by Wil Maring and Robert Bowlin: Bowlin, a two-time National Fingerpicking and Flatpicking Guitar contest winner, will share tips and tricks for improving your guitar playing. *Uncle Woodrow's Tent*

12 p.m. Old-time Slow Jam: Ann Whitley and John Day will lead an old-time slow jam. Join them in playing your favorite old-time tunes! *Georgia Pick & Bow Traditional Music School tent*

1 p.m. Georgia String Band Music of the 1920s and 1930s: The Georgia Crackers will talk about and perform music recorded by Georgia string bands during that era. *Uncle Woodrow's Tent*

2 p.m. Playing Well With Others: Circus No. 9 will discuss how to form and rehearse a band, and will provide insight on how to integrate your playing with that of other musicians. *Uncle Woodrow's Tent*

2 p.m. Storytelling Workshop: From the Page to the Stage: Gwendolyn Napier will share techniques for telling effective stories. *Hancock Park stage*

3 p.m. Guitar Flatpicking Panel and Demonstration: A multi-state flat picking crew who are all accomplished, experienced players, headed by Jim Pittman, will highlight the history of flat picking and demonstrate jamming technique. *Uncle Woodrow's Tent*

3 p.m. Ukulele Jam: Julie Austin will lead a ukulele jam and will have instruments on hand to borrow if you can't bring your own! Come sing and play. All experience levels welcome. *Hancock Park stage*

4 p.m. The Chestatee River Ceili Band:

This local band will perform Irish tunes that made it across the Atlantic and have been reimagined in the old-time and bluegrass traditions. *Uncle Woodrow's Tent*

See workshop location map page12

4 p.m. Mandolin in Old-Time and Bluegrass: Doug Olsen will share techniques and exercises for controlling mandolin pick direction and speed, talk about starting and stopping tunes in an old-time jam, and teach some simple, lazy 2-finger blues chords. Hancock Park stage

5 p.m. Irish Jam: The Chestatee River Ceili Band will lead an open Irish jam following their performance. *Uncle Woodrow's Tent*

5 p.m. Clogging: Cindy Barnes will teach some basic clogging steps. No experience (or special shoes) necessary! *Hancock Park stage*

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Old-Time Fiddling: The Skillet Lickers will demonstrate old-time fiddling techniques that have been passed down for generations. *Uncle Woodrow's Tent*

2 p.m. Harmony Singing: The Rosin Sisters will demonstrate and teach the art of old-time harmony singing. *Uncle Woodrow's Tent*

2 p.m. Penny Whistle: Multi-instrumentalist Jim O'Connor will demonstrate beautiful tunes on various whistles collected on travels to Ireland, and will teach the basics of penny whistle playing. *Hancock Park stage*

3 p.m. Ballad Singing: Sarrah Ellen Mc-Donald will share ballads that have been passed down through her family. *Uncle Woodrow's Tent*

MARKETPLACE EXHIBITORS

MARKETPLACE HOURS: 10-6 Saturday, 10-5 Sunday

PAINTING/DRAWING

Grant Searcey (a Tribute)
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Lisa Keys
Jeffree Lerner
Chris McLaughlin
Kip Ramey
Lynn Reeder
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Amy Sullivan
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Jeffree Lerner, Folk Art

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Adam Nicholson
Floyd Reed
Dwight Self
Guy Ritchie
Carly Abner

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Paul Grossman, Wooden Chip Dish

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Tom Slavicek Doug Waters

METAL

Mike Wilson

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OTHER EXHIBITORS

ON THE SQUARE

Billy Roper, Heritage Sponsor Pick & Bow Traditional Music School Dean Robinson, Luthier Consolidated Goldmines—Panning for gold, gemstones

IN HANCOCK PARK

Barbara Tolson, Balloon Art GA Mountains Hand Spinners Guild Save Georgia's Hemlocks HemlockFest

EXHIBITING SPONSORS

Northeast Georgia Health System: (In front of Gold Museum) Information on health services in North Georgia

Troncalli Subaru: (In front of Gold Museum) New Subaru models on display

The Home Depot: (N. Park & Warwick streets in Hancock Park) Fun kids' projects

Adams Insurance Agency/Country Financial: (In front of Welcome Center) Information on insurance and financial services

Montaluce Winery/Restaurant: (Bears Den on Warwick St.) Wine for sale by the glass **Bold Rock Cider:** (Bears Den on Warwick St.) Cider for sale by the glass

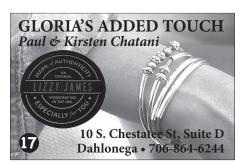
Jekyll Brewing: (Bears Den on Warwick St.) Beer for sale by the glass

Etowah Meadery: (Bears Den on Warwick St.) Honey wine for sale by the glass

Billy Roper—Folk Artist: (North Square) Festival Heritage Sponsor

LeafFilter: (In front of Gold Museum) Information on their gutter guards

SEBA – SouthEastern Bluegrass Association: (In front of Gold Museum)
Jamming, organization info











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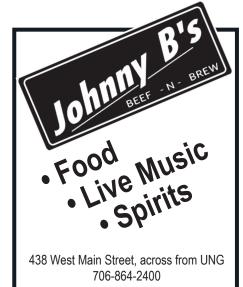






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Located on the Square in Dahlonega





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Stop by Zak McConnell Stage in Hancock Park Saturday and spend some time listening to professional storytellers who are keeping the oral tradition of the mountains alive. Our storytelling sessions will focus on sharing stories related to Southern Appalachia.



Photo by Lamar Bates

SATURDAY

MainStage Tent

10:30 Kickin' off the Bear: Appalachian Storytelling Sampler with Debbie From **Zak McConnell Stage**, Debbie From, Emcee

- 11:00 There's Stories in those Hills with Gwendolyn Napier & Cynthia Rintye
- 12:00 Appalachian Tall Tales with Gwendolyn Napier & Hannah Sage
- 1:00 Ghosts of Appalachia with Cynthia Rintye & Hannah Sage

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

From the Page to the Stage with Gwendolyn Napier

2:00 pm, Zak McConnell Stage in Hancock Park

This Workshop is for all levels. If you enjoy reading, writing and have an interest in sharing stories on the stage but have a fear, then this workshop is for you. Seasoned storyteller, Gwen Napier, will suggest ways of finding your Voice and embracing the Stage to share stories in front of an audience.

Bear on the Square Storytelling is hosted by Debbie From

Storytelling program sponsored by Southern Order of Storytellers



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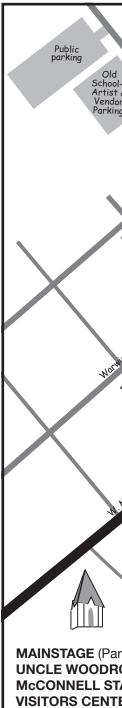
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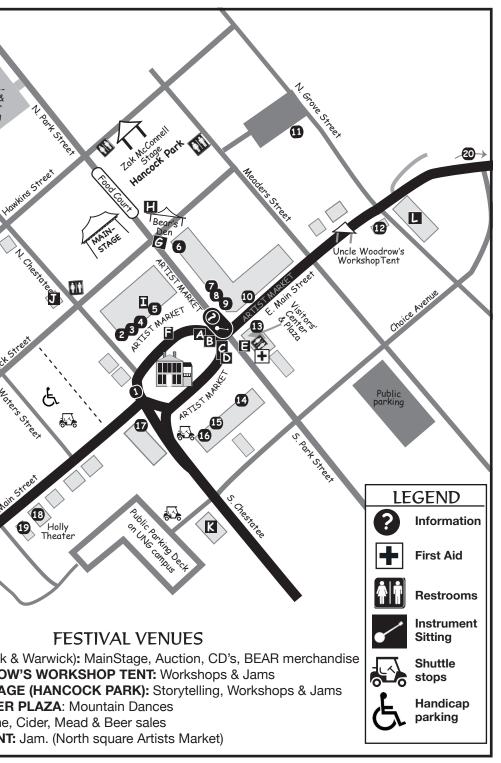
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- 18 Historic Holly Theater
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FESTIVAL VENUES/TENTS

MainStage:

Concert stage, merchandise sales, CD sales, auction

Uncle Woodrow's Tent: Workshops, jams

Zak McConnell Stage:

Storytelling, Workshops

Pick & Bow Tent Workshop

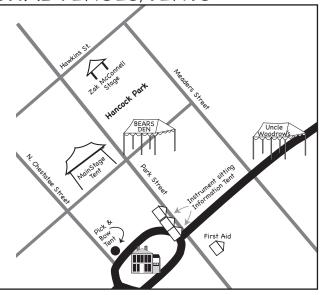
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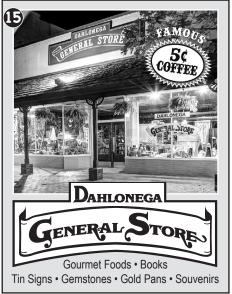


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OLD-TIME MOUNTAIN DANCE (Saturday)

Visitors' Center Plaza, 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. Saturday

John Kelly and The "Beary" Good Stringband will lead two old-time mountain dances. All ages are welcome to join in! No experience is necessary.



Photo by Karen Cannon

SUNDAY MORNING GOSPEL JAM

The single most popular event of Bear on the Square year after year is its Sunday Morning Gospel Jam led by Glenda Pender. At 11 a.m. Sunday morning a highly

talented "house band" takes the stage, and Sam Johnson opens the program playing Amazing Grace on the bagpipes as he enters the tent and makes his way to the front of the standing audience. For over an hour, Glenda invites guests from the incredibly talented pool of musicians who gather at the festival to join her on stage for a gospel song.

Come early if you want a seat!



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Gospel jam sponsored by Appalachian Contracting Services

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- Williamson Brothers Bar-B-Que:
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Photo by Bob Fellows

STUFF FOR KIDS (of all ages) TO DO

- Build a special project with your youngster in the Home Depot booth in Hancock Park (Saturday only)
- Pan for gold and gemstones at Consolidated Goldmine's location on the square.
- Drop by the balloon booth in Hancock Park.
- Visit the spinners from Georgia Mountains Hand Spinner in Hancock Park. They would love to talk to you about their craft as they work and about the importance of the spinning wheel to families who settled our mountains.



- Visit the Pick & Bow jam tent on the square and find out how well kids can play music and how easy it is to get involved in music lessons in Dahlonega.
- Join in on the Saturday evening Mountain Dance.

Photo by Lamar Bates

FIRST AID STATION

Bruised knee? Insect bite? Sunburn??

Stop by the festival First Aid station located under the gazebo in front of the Visitors Center on the square for some medical attention and some TLC provided by staff from Chelsey Park Health and Rehabilitation center. (See map page 11.)

Tickets
available in the
MainStage tent
and at the Pick
& Bow booth
on the square.
\$5 each,
3 for \$10

GUITAR RAFFLE

benefitting Georgia Pick & Bow Traditional Music School

Take a chance on winning a Martin 000-15M or a Saga Kentucky Mandolin and help provide traditional music lessons to youngsters in Lumpkin County.

Drawing Sunday at 5pm on the festival MainStage
Winners do not have to be present.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Need a lift?

The new Historical Dahlonega Shuttle service operates a free golf cart shuttle from the UNG parking deck (behind the Smith House on South Chestatee) to the festival grounds. A free shuttle is also available from our handicap parking lot just off the square to the festival venue.

Check the map on page 11 for the golf cart icon locations.

FREE INSTRUMENT SITTING

Bear on the Square offers free instrument sitting Saturday and Sunday in a covered, monitored tent. The service is available at the Festival Information Tent on the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 12:15-5 p.m. Sunday.

BEAR AMBASSADORS

Do you have questions? Need directions or suggestions? Festival Ambassadors are available to help. Look for the volunteers in green vests.

They will be glad to help answer questions and direct you to the various attractions. Many of them also speak another language.

Welcome to Bear on the Square.

Photo by Lamar Bates



A NOTE TO JAMMERS



Join in or just enjoy the jamming around the square day and night.

Musicians: As a courtesy to our merchants, please do not block their store entrances.

Photo by Herman Thompson

The Dahlonega Gold Museum State Historic Site

Commemorating the country's first major gold rush (Dahlonega, 1829) and featuring rare coins produced in the U.S. Branch Mint (Dahlonega 1838-1861).

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IN MEMORIAM: Remembering Grant Searcey



Matt Aiken, The Dahlonega Nugget

NOTE: The 23rd Annual Bear on the Square is dedicated to the memory of Grant Searcey. The popular local artist was a "fan" of Bear on the Square for many years. He regularly donated original art to our fundraising auction, and in 2017 and 2018 produced the artwork for our t-shirts and posters. Thanks to his wife Mindy for sharing these words with us.

On Saturday, October 27, 2018, Grant passed away at the age of 42.

Grant had a passion for painting and creative expression. He also loved the water, and he combined his two favorite things to create imaginative and whimsical fun art. His paintings of various sea creatures and unique characters were much admired not only by friends and family, but by all who purchased his

artwork from shows and galleries around the country. He was a social genius, good human being and friend to every person he encountered. He was known for his positive attitude, creativity, infectious smile, and his kind and compassionate spirit. Grant gave us many things to remember in our journey.

Always look at art with an open heart and perceive what you feel in the moment without doubt. This is YOUR truth. Know it and trust it as it will not lead you astray.

Laugh as much as you can at life. It's complicated. You can be beat down by it or you can create something beautiful with it. The choice is completely yours.

Every single one of us is an artist. The value of what we create is up to us.

Change is good. It gives you perspective and with perspective you can create something magical.

Grant loved Dahlonega and though he is missed dearly, he left all of us with the gifts of love, truth and the ever present feeling of fun in his creations.

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;

Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

. . . Margaret Mead





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BECOME A FRIEND OF BEAR

Bear on the Square is looking for Friends! All those who love our festival and want to help preserve and celebrate the culture of the Southern Appalachians through the presentation of music, traditional craft, and folkways are invited to become a Friend of Bear.

Bear on the Square Mountain Festival, Inc. is a 501©3 not-for-profit cultural arts organization. Donations are tax deductible and help us bring great music, workshops, crafts, and activities to Dahlonega each April for a 2-day festival open to everyone in the community for FREE.

In addition to receiving our sincere appreciation for their support, Friends of Bear will receive various festival-related items based on their level of contribution. Donation levels range from just \$15 to \$100.

For more information, visit our Friends of Bear table in the rear of the Main-Stage tent or visit the festival information or merchandise booths for details.

Visit bearonthesquare.org/friends to make a secure online donation, or checks payable to Bear on the Square Mountain Festival, Inc. can be mailed to PO Box 1015, Dahlonega, GA 30533.











Visit the fesival's watering hole! North Park Street at Hancock Park, across from the MainStage Tent

HOW OUR FESTIVAL GOT ITS NAME

Dahlonega's Bear on the Square has been a local legend since 1996, going back to the time when a bear cub took refuge in the sycamore tree in front of Brad Walker's pottery studio on the north side of the square.

The story began on a spring morning when a mama bear with two cubs made her way into the town's historic square, causing a "big commotion." The mama bear and one cub apparently escaped from town. The other cub, however, decided to climb the sycamore tree, where it remained for several hours.

The Forest Service rangers eventually coaxed the cub down from the tree and delivered it unharmed back into the mountain woodlands.

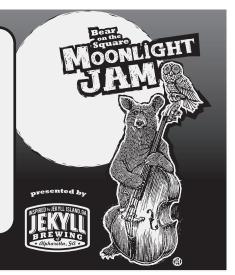
Followed the bears' Dahlonega adventure, several local residents began kicking around the idea of throwing a "party" to give a boost to local business during a slow time for business, and this ultimately led to what is now the Bear on the Square Festival.

Glenda Pender, a Bear on the Square Mountain Festival founder who is president of the festival organization, remembers that "the visit of the bears caused so much excitement and so much buzz around town that we thought it was a perfect opportunity to usher in spring with an authentic Appalachian festival while we celebrated the occasion."

The group considered as the founders of the festival include Glenda and Nick Pender, Dianne Quigley, Gloria and Dick Smithers, and Hal Williams. The first annual Bear on the Square Mountain Festival took place in 1997, and over the years, the event has evolved into an incredible weekend of music and art around the picturesque Public Square in Dahlonega.

If you look up into the sycamore tree today you will see a wooden bear cub attached to the tree in celebration of that 1996 event.

featuring Rev. Jeff Mosier 7:30 p.m. Saturday MainStage Tent Come play with the pros or grab a seat and enjoy the music!



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BECOME A FESTIVAL SPONSOR!

Bear on the Square brings tens of thousands of visitors to Dahlonega every April. The festival not only helps preserve and promote the traditional music, crafts and lifestyle of the North Georgia and Southern Appalachian Mountain region, it also provides a tremendous boost to the local economy, giving added exposure to an area already known as one of the region's leading tourism destinations, and it embellishes our area's reputation as a centerpiece for cultural activities.

Producing a festival of this scale requires a tremendous amount of time from local volunteers and, of course, money. In addition to our loyal contingent of volunteers, we're in need of financial support to help cover the costs of presenting the yearly event. Sponsorships are one of our most important sources of funding and are critical to our ability to accomplish this mission.

For more information contact Richard Davidow, richard@bearonthesquare.org, 678-617-0520.

Festival Executive Committee Members

Glenda Pender, President Jim White, Festival Chair Renee Conaway Richard Davidow Deanne Freeman Kyle Wade Festival produced by Bear on the Square Mountain Festival Inc., a 501c(3) cultural arts organization dedicated to the celebration and preservation of the culture of the Southern Appalachian Mountains.

Mark your calendars!

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YAMAS! (To our health—a Greek toast)

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