

Bear on the Square Mountain Festival
Call for Artists 2027

Bear on the Square Mountain Festival is an authentic Mountain Festival featuring bluegrass and old-time music, traditional art and craft, folk art, dance and storytelling. The Festival Committee is a non-profit, volunteer organization whose mission is to preserve and support the artistic and cultural traditions of the Georgia Mountains and Southern Appalachian Region. More information available at www.bearonthesqure.org.

SHOW LOCATION, DATE, HOURS:
Located on the Historic Public Square of Dahlonega, Georgia.
April 17th & 18th 2027
Saturday 10AM-6PM & Sunday 10AM-5PM

FEES:
There is a **non-refundable application Fee of $15** for each applicant, payable via check or Square at the time of mailing. You must send an application fee of $15 with your application or make the payment via Square: https://square.link/u/wZD9VBC5 at the same time that you mail your application to be considered for jury. Your printed, paper application must be mailed. Square account names should match the name on your application. If not, please indicate the name on the square account at the bottom of the application.

The booth fee is **$195 for a 10'x10' space and $390 for a 10'x20' space.** We cannot offer electrical hookup. If you require electricity you must provide it yourself utilizing a battery pack. Generators, loud equipment or amplification/speakers are prohibited in the Marketplace.

If accepted, you will have two weeks to mail your booth fee or pay by Square.

ARTIST REQUREMENTS:
Items must be handmade by the artist who is selling the work. Kits or commercially manufactured items are prohibited.

Commercially produced products printed with artwork such as t-shirts, coffee mugs, tote bags etc. are not allowed. If you have questions regarding art prints, please email us for policy details. Only work presented for the application/jury process may be sold, and all items must be submitted at the time of the application.

Exhibitors are selected by our jury based on design, quality and presentation of work. Quality of craftsmanship, educational element, and compatibility with the mission of the festival will be given the most weight.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
Submit the following items by mail no later than February 1st, 2027:

1. Three printed photographs showing a representative variety of your work
2. One photo of your booth display
3. Application form with a full and accurate description of all work to be sold.
4. **Artist statement describing your work and how it fits and supports the mission of the festival**
5. $15 application fee via check or Square Payment https://square.link/u/wZD9VBC5

All work is juried by the Marketplace Jury Committee, a peer review. Previous exhibitors do not have automatic acceptance and are required to submit new photos and all paperwork each year. All of the above items must be received by February 1st, 2027. Notice of acceptance or declination will be emailed by February 19th, 2027.

SET UP:
Set up for Marketplace booths begins at 6:00PM on Friday, April 16th.
PLEASE do not attempt to unload any items on the sidewalks or to begin set up before 6PM!

Please do not violate traffic or parking laws by parking your vehicle, especially with a trailer attached, in an unlawful manner prior to the streets being closed at 6PM. Participants must bring their own 10'x10' festival tent, chairs, etc. Festival tents must be properly secured with weights, with a minimum weight of ***40 Pounds on each of the four legs.*** The Dahlonega Fire Department will be inspecting each tent for compliance, failure to meet the minimum weight requirements will forfeit vendors participation in the show.

The festival is a rain or shine event.

There will be approximately 3' between each booth that should only be used for customer traffic. Artists are encouraged to set up their booth so that it will be shopped from the outside on three sides.

Your booth space is either 10'x10' or 10'x20', your display must remain inside your designated booth space. Signage/sandwich boards in the street will not be permitted.

We will communicate with you via email from marketplace@bearonthesqure.org. Beware of individuals impersonating the festival online.

MAILING ADDRESS;
Bear on the Square Mountain Festival
Attn: Juanita Humphrey
P.O. Box 1015
Dahlonega, GA 30533

CONTACT INFORMATION;
Have a question?
Email: Juanita Humphrey at marketplace@bearonthesquare.org

Mail application, page 4 only, 3 photos of product you are selling, 1 booth photo, your artist statement and $15 application fee to: Bear on the Square Mountain Festival, Attn: Juanita Humphrey, P.O. Box 1015 Dahlonega, GA 30533.

Thank you for your interest!

2027 BEAR ON THE SQUARE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL
MARKETPLACE APPLICATION

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1st, 2027

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Booth Fees: _____ Single 10'x10' $195 _____ Double 10'x20' $390

_____ I would like to donate a piece of my art for the visitors attending the Friday concert to be sold as a fund raiser for the non-profit Bear on the Square Mountain Festival. Many visitors come in just for the concerts and may not be attending the festival.

Name:_____

Business Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____

Zip:_____ Cell Phone:_____

Email (required):_____

Website (optional):_____

Description of work, use back of application if necessary:

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I'll be paying my $15 Application Fee via check_____ or Square_____
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Include name on your Square account here if different from the name on your application:_____