

2010 MISSISSIPPI FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION EXPENSE AND INCOME REPORT

The Mississippi Fiddlers Association was formed in late 2007 by like-minded individual to advance the interest in rural fiddle music as it was played in the past and bring awareness of this art form to the present.

The vehicle that contributes to the mission of the Mississippi Fiddlers Association is the Old Time Music Fiddle Contest known as The Great Big Yam Potatoes Fiddle Contest and Old Time Music Gathering.

Since the beginning the Event known as Great Big Yam Potatoes is fully funded by private sources and individuals who find worthy an endeavor, which promotes Old Time Music through out the state of Mississippi.

As a major contributor, Historic Jefferson College located in Washington, Mississippi is the site for the annual fiddle contest and gathering. The Mississippi Fiddlers Association enjoys a reciprocal relationship with Historic Jefferson College. The entire campus is made available for 72 hours to host our event and in turn the College gets a scheduled event that provides the public with an entire day of Old Time Music.

The public is also welcomed to join in and camp and partake and enjoy the camaraderie of the Great Big Yam Potatoes. All are welcome and it is also at no charge to anyone other than the contestants of the fiddle contest.

In many ways the Fiddle contest has emerged as a very unique and interesting event in comparison to the staged acts of solo's, duets and string bands, which played all day. The fiddle contest provides a view of fiddlers of all ages competing in a friendly manner and yet maintains a story of its own, with each competitor.

The buildings of Historic Jefferson College provide an air of congeniality and hospitality to the fiddle contest and the Gathering, and they are also unique in our great state of Mississippi. It is a privilege to spend time at Historic Jefferson College.

The Mississippi Fiddlers Association is seeking donation to the 2011 Great Big Yam Potatoes Fiddle Contest. Donations can be mailed to Robert Gray, 120, Sunnycrest Drive, Ridgeland, MS 39157. Those wishing to contribute please make your checks payable to: Mississippi Fiddlers Association.

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Balance prior to GBYP 2010	on deposit	2939.21
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Total Expenses 2010	2001.97
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Total Contributions 2010	\$2275.00
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Total Deposits	995.00
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