



COLONIAL HIGHLAND GATHERING



REGIONAL SCOTTISH FIDDLING COMPETITION INFORMATION



THE FIDDLING JUDGE FOR 2010:

MELINDA CRAWFORD

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Melinda Crawford, a U.S. National Scottish Fiddling Champion, is a frequent and popular performer throughout the United States and beyond. Always drawing a crowd, she has been heard at everything from Highland Games and Celtic festivals to a Hard Rock Café and Esterházy Palace in Austria.

Melinda has won numerous awards for her solo playing and her original compositions at regional and national Scottish F.I.R.E. competitions. She achieved fiddling titles such as the Allegheny Mountain Fiddling Champion and the Potomac Valley Fiddling Champion several times prior to winning the 2003 U.S. National Scottish Fiddling Championship and becoming a sanctioned Scottish F.I.R.E. competition judge. She was a finalist for the 2008 Niel Gow International Scottish Fiddle Composition Competition held in Pitlochry, Scotland.

A well respected teacher, Melinda has been repeatedly invited to present educational sessions at national conferences to school string teachers about how to teach traditional Scottish fiddling in the classroom. She conducts workshops on Scottish fiddling all over the US; teaches Scottish fiddling privately and internationally to many students over the internet; and is an instructor at the Jink & Diddle School of Scottish Fiddling in North Carolina. Melinda frequently judges Scottish F.I.R.E. competitions at highland games and has judged previous F.I.R.E. national championships.

Melinda is currently residing in western Pennsylvania where she teaches string pedagogy, violin, viola, and orchestra at Westminster College. She is completing her doctorate in music education with an emphasis in alternative strings pedagogy. She is also the national president for the Scottish fiddling association for North America, Scottish F.I.R.E.