

# PERFORMERS

See and hear the finest traditional artists on multiple stages. Here are just a few of the performer groups appearing at the 2025 Montana Folk Festival.

**Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper**  
Bluegrass



**Shemekia Copeland**  
Blues



**Keith Frank & Soileau Zydeco Band**  
Zydeco



**Yeison Landero**  
Cumbia



**Mariachis Mariposas**  
Texas Mariachis



**Bomba Wassoulou Groove**  
Malian



**Elizabeth King**  
Gospel



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**6:PM - 10:30 PM  
NOON - 10:30 PM  
NOON - 6:00 PM**

**JULY 12-14 BUTTE, MONTANA**

PRESENTING A FREE EVENT IS NOT CHEAP. Although admission is free, we invite you to consider a contribution of \$25 per person or \$35 for a family each day to help us ensure that when you return in years to come, the festival will be here waiting for you.



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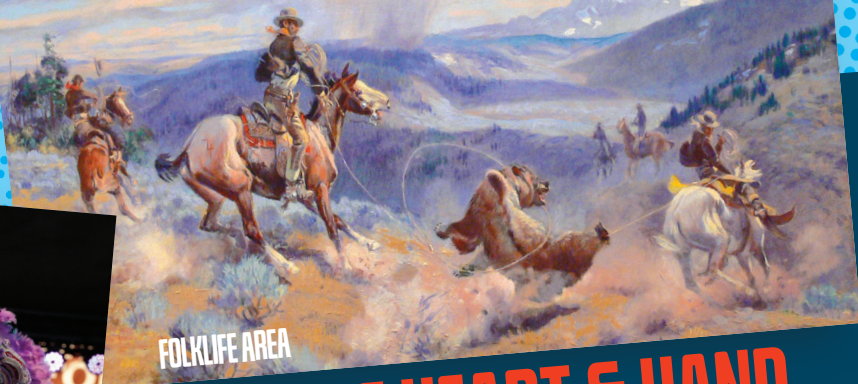
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## FROM THE HEART & HAND

### CELEBRATING THE CONTINUATION OF MONTANA'S TRADITIONS

Folk and traditional arts express the identity, values, and aesthetics of the communities from which they emerge. To endure, these practices—whether ethnic, occupational, regional, or religious—must be passed down through generations. Rooted in muscle memory and shared knowledge, they link people to a common past and evolving present. Traditions like Métis fiddling, loom weaving, and saddlery are living practices, requiring

active participation. Without it, a lifetime of cultural wisdom can vanish with the last practitioner.

At this year's Montana Folk Festival, the Folklife and Family Areas celebrate the individuals keeping these traditions alive. Visitors can experience a wide range of Montana's cultural arts—like beading, fly rod building, lutherie, and Indigenous tool making—while witnessing the hands-on transmission of skills and stories between generations. Whether visual, like quilting or wood carving, or intangible, like storytelling, dance, or foodways, these folk arts form the grassroots fabric of Montana's cultural heritage.

## CELEBRATE MUSIC DANCE & ART AT THE WESTERN CROSSROADS!

Join us in Butte, Montana—historic host city and crossroads of I-15 and I-90—for the 16th presentation of the much-anticipated Montana Folk Festival! In 2025, thousands will gather in Southwest Montana to celebrate music, dance, art, food, and cultural traditions from across the state and the nation at one of the largest free outdoor music festivals in the Northwest.

Don't miss the excitement as this vibrant tradition continues with the 13th Montana Folk Festival, following its three-year run as the National Folk Festival. Come ready to be inspired—expect to be amazed!



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## A MULTICULTURAL TAPESTRY OF MUSIC, CRAFTS, FOOD & MORE

The Montana Folk Festival is a three-day celebration featuring hundreds of top traditional performers and craftspeople from across the country, showcasing the rich and diverse heritage of America and Montana. With nonstop music on six stages, the energy never fades. You can dance, join workshops on traditional music and culture, shop for fine art at the Montana Traditions and First Peoples' Markets, and enjoy tasty ethnic and festival foods at two on-site food courts.

### FAMILY AREA

## FUN STUFF FOR THE YOUNG OF AGE AND OF HEART

Bring the kids to the Montana Folk Festival for a weekend full of fun, hands-on activities in the Family Area! Children of all ages can enjoy interactive music and dance, crafts, and cultural experiences that are both fun and educational. This year, the Family Area joins with the Folklife Area to offer even more opportunities to explore Montana's rich traditions, guided by volunteers, educators, and artists.



Artistic and Programming Consultant:  
The National Council for the Traditional Arts.