



HARMONICA 2008

BRISTOL - 24-26 OCTOBER



Whether you are a genuine harmonicophile, an enthusiast, player or teacher, seller or maker, then get along and have a fantastic time meeting others who all share the same instrument...the HARMONICA!

The Festival takes place in the Bristol Folk House, 40a Park Street, on 24-26 October 2008, featuring workshops, concerts, shops, jamming, open mic and meeting other players. The doors open at about 6:30pm Friday night, 9:15am on the Saturday and 10am Sunday. There is multi-storey parking in Trenchard Street, behind the Folk House.



The Workshops will cover all levels of blues tremolo and chromatic harmonica, playing in groups, amplification, maintenance, plus shops and a video room with clips of famous players and harmonica groups.

The Saturday Evening Concert has our best chromatic, tremolo and diatonic players plus overseas guest artists. There is also a

Sunday afternoon concert which is open to everyone including artists.

The Contest. Test your mettle and improve your playing by taking part in our annual contest. Why do it? It is a wonderful opportunity to play to an audience, and face all the rigours and marvels that come with live performance. There's no feeling like it! It's also a great buzz if you win or are placed. Some previous winners like Lee Sankey now play professionally. Just complete the form on this flyer and send it off to secure your spot. Don't risk trying to enter on the day. Please note that registration for all contest entries is at 9:30 on Saturday.

Adjudication. The contest is run under the auspices of the British Federation of Festivals. Eric Jennings, one of their adjudicators, will judge it for the fourth successive year. He will be assisted by advisers who are harmonica specialists. Eric graduated from the Royal College of Music and was principal Trombone in the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra for 31 years. He has also taught and coached privately and at Liverpool University.



Eric Jennings (second left) and the team

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Class	Name	Players	Time Limit
1	Solo Chromatic	1	4 mins
1a	Solo Diatonic Blues and Rock - any diatonic harmonica (blues harp, not a chromatic)	1	4 mins
1b	Solo diatonic straight melodic - any model/tuning diatonic harmonica, not chromatic	1	4 mins
1c	Solo jazz - any type of harmonica Ken Howell Memorial Cup	1	4 mins
2	Duo - Any type of harmonica - only harmonicas	2	6 mins
3	Trio - Any type of harmonica - only harmonicas	3	6 mins
4	Group - Any type of harmonica - only harmonicas	4 to 6	8 mins
5	Band - Any type of harmonica - only harmonicas	7 or more	10 mins

YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF TIME LIMITS ARE EXCEEDED EXCESSIVELY - MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED IF YOU OVERRUN

SOLO CLASSES ONLY - You may play unaccompanied or be accompanied by an instrument except another harmonica. You can bring an accompanist or provide a backing on audio CD only.

ALL CONTEST ENTRIES - There are no set pieces. Choose one or more pieces of music to total no more than the time limit, see above.

- **ONLY AMATEURS** may compete - i.e. harmonica must not be your main source of income.
- **Every** competitor pays just one fee, allowing entry to as many sections as you wish.
- You may enter as a "youth" (which now includes the old junior class) if you are under 18 on the day of the contest. Note that you will compete on the Saturday.

You may enter one or more classes. CD backings and copies of sheet music for the judges (unless you are playing by ear) **must reach Steve Dooley**, The Old Rectory, South Pool, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 2RP, 01548 531252. **by 18th Oct 2008.**

Late entries will only be allowed if there is room in the programme.

Winners will be awarded trophies etc., which they may keep. Special trophies (e.g. The Ken Howell Memorial Cup, which is awarded for the adult jazz solo) are retained by the NHL and the winners name is added.

THE JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

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Competition entries - Solos

CLASS	NAME OF PIECE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER	PUBLISHER
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2	-----	-----	-----	-----
1	-----	-----	-----	-----
2	-----	-----	-----	-----
1	-----	-----	-----	-----
2	-----	-----	-----	-----

Enter "Improvisation" in place of named pieces as appropriate.

Competition entries - Groups Entry details should be entered below by the group representative only, who should name the members of the group. Every competitor should register and pay own entry fee using the form overleaf.

CLASS	NAME OF PIECE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER	PUBLISHER
_____ 1	-----	-----	-----	-----
2	-----	-----	-----	-----

Name of Group -----

Names of players -----

CLASS	NAME OF PIECE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER	PUBLISHER
_____ 1	-----	-----	-----	-----
2	-----	-----	-----	-----

Name of Group -----

Names of players -----

I agree to abide by all the rules of the competition.

Signed.....Dated..... Check box if Youth

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NHL 2008 FESTIVAL - APPLICATION FORM - Send this page with your cheque.

Following the runaway success of our Harmonica Festival here in 2001-2007, here is another chance to enjoy it all over again on 24-26 October, at the Bristol Folk House, 40a Park Street, with an informal jam on the Friday evening.

Enter the contests The classes are listed overleaf. Read the rules and check with David Hambley, beforehand, if in doubt - see inside back page for contact details. Enjoy the challenge! Registration 9:30am Saturday for adult and youth contests.

Attend the masterclasses and workshops, see the contest, visit the shops, see the videos, play with friends and meet the stars. Beginners and advanced workshops for diatonic, tremolo, chromatic and group harmonicas. Including blues, jazz and classical, repair and maintenance, amplification. All day Saturday with some repeats on Sunday morning.

Enjoy the concerts Saturday from 7:30pm till late and Sunday afternoon.

ENTER YOUR NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

 _____ Post Code _____ NHL Member Y/N

Make cheques payable to **National Harmonica League**. Send to **Steve Dooley**, The Old Rectory, South Pool, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 2RP, 01548 531252.

Tickets booked in advance can be picked up at the box office on the day. Send a stamped addressed envelope if you want confirmation.

FEES	NHL Members	Non-Members	Youth	Total
Adult/Youth Contest Entry	£12:50	£20:00	£ 5:00	£.....
Sat Evening Concert	£10:00*	£12:50	Number	£
Weekend Day Ticket	£12:50*	£17.50	Number	£
watch everything but the Sat Concert - contest contestants also need one.				
Sunday Only Family Ticket	£ 5.00			
TOTAL TO PAY				£

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

* **Concessions** - NHL members and partners, people under 18 on the day.