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OUR MISSION

The Hiawatha Music Non-Profit Corporation is organized exclusively to provide and promote traditional music and dance, educate and inform society on traditional American music and encourage the appreciation of such music through the facility of an annual traditional music festival. All operations are exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and for the promotion of social welfare.

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Notes

NEWSLETTER

Greetings, Friends!

It's Festival Week! YEAH! Whether you've been counting down for months or simply realized this morning that Festival Week is here, we're so glad you're joining us!

After months of planning, countless meetings, volunteer workings, and a whole lot of teamwork, the countdown is finally over. In just a few short days, Tourist Park will once again come alive with music, laughter, old friends, new traditions, and the community that makes the Hiawatha Music Co-op so special.

Inside this edition, you'll find important Festival information, schedules, including changes to handicap parking, a look at new booth locations, this year's incredible artist lineup, and a few helpful reminders to make your Festival weekend as smooth as possible.

You'll also find stories that we're especially excited to share - a look back on the past six months of life at HMC. While festival weekend may be our biggest celebration, it's only one part of what we do. From Hiawatha On Tap concerts and community jams to workshops, board initiatives, volunteer projects, and planning for the future, there's been a lot happening behind the scenes, and we're excited to share a glimpse of it with you.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible community. We can't wait to welcome a lot of you back to Tourist Park for another unforgettable weekend of music, memories and connection.

We'll see you at festival!

Cheers,

C.



*Cardice Blackstone-Larson
Executive Director*

Happy Hiawatha!



46th Annual Hiawatha Music Festival



Visit www.hiawathamusic.org for information.

WEEKEND GATE TICKET PRICING [July 17th-19th]:

Adults/Seniors/Teens: \$150

Children [ages 6-12]: \$10

Children [ages 5 and under]: FREE

SINGLE DAY PRICING

[no matter when you purchase]:

Friday Night Dance Only: \$45

Saturday or Sunday Only: \$80

Children [ages 6-12]: \$10

Children [ages 5 and under]: FREE

WEEKEND CAMPING PRICING:

Shade Structure Tag: \$55

Tent Camping Tag: \$75

Campers [up to 20 feet]: \$90 - **SOLD OUT**

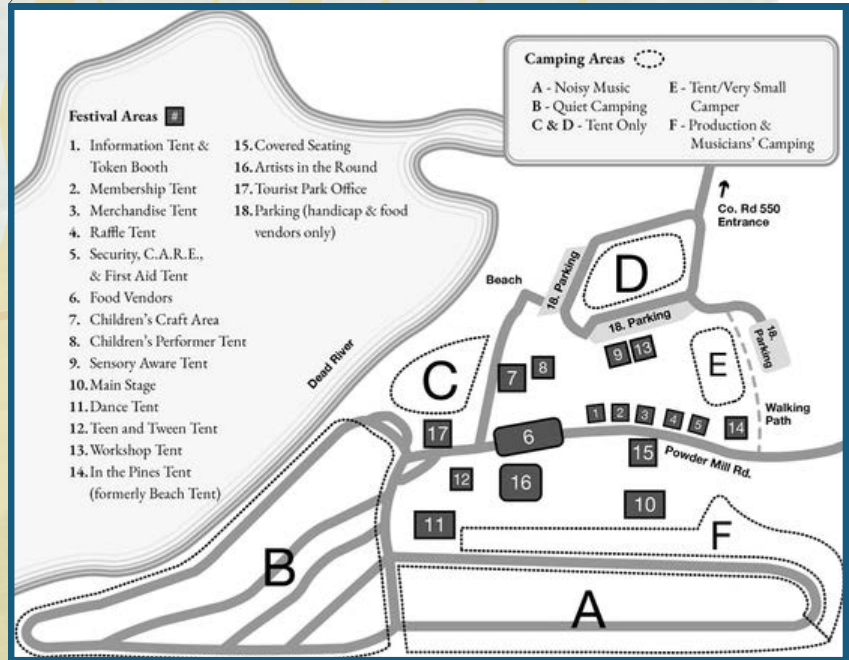
Campers [21 feet to 30 feet]: \$110 - **SOLD OUT**

Parking Pass: \$125

TICKET REMINDER:

Planning to bring a teen or child to the festival? Please remember that all Teens [13-17] and Children [6-12] tickets must be purchased alongside an Adult ticket. For everyone's safety and a smooth festival experience, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and cannot attend or camp on their own. Thanks for helping us keep Hiawatha family-friendly!

Your Gateway to Family Fun!



Where
do I
find....?



- Entry Gates ★
- Ticket Booth T
- Info Tent i
- Handicap Entrance P
- Parking Lots P
- Shuttle Access S

Check out our Festival Map!

Happy
Hiawatha!



46TH ANNUAL HIAWATHA TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE

Friday

Dance Tent

7:00 PM Hiawatha House Band

8:45 PM Sugar on the Roof

10:30 PM Chicken Wire Empire



Saturday

Main Stage

11:00 AM OPEN MIC

12:20 PM Troy Graham

1:35 PM Yid Vicious

2:50 PM Sons of the Never Wrong

4:10 PM Ukrainian Village Band

5:35 PM Big Richard

6:55 PM Hussy Hicks

8:15 PM Jerron Paxton

9:40 PM LADAMA

11:05 PM Cristina Vane

Sunday

Main Stage

11:00 AM OPEN MIC

12:20 PM Sons of the Never Wrong

1:35 PM Ukrainian Village Band

2:40 PM Jerron Paxton

3:50 PM KIDS PARADE

4:20 PM Yid Vicious

5:30 PM Cristina Vane

6:40 PM LADAMA

7:50 PM Hussy Hicks

9:05 PM Big Richard

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46TH ANNUAL HIAWATHA TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Teen Scene

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

Henna Tattoos, Camp Signs, Peace Flags

Dance Tent

Get Acquainted Dance

7:00 PM | Hiawatha House Band Square Dance

8:45 PM | Sugar on the Roof

10:30 PM | Chicken Wire Empire

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46TH ANNUAL HIAWATHA TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Main Stage

11:00 AM
OPEN MIC

12:20 PM
Troy Graham

1:35 PM
Yid Vicious

2:50 PM
Sons of the Never
Wrong

4:30 PM
Ukrainian Village
Band

5:25 PM
Big Richard

6:55 PM
Hussy Hicks

8:15 PM
Jerron Paxton

9:40 PM
LADAMA

11:05 PM
Cristina Vane

Dance Tent

8:30 - 9:45 AM
Yoga w/ Nora
Smith

10:00 - 11:15 AM
Klezmer w/ Yid
Vicious & Marge
Sklar

Outside Dance Tent

10:00 - 11:30 AM
Aerial: Fabric, Lyra,
Trapeze w/ Savi
Holden

12:30 - 2:00 PM
Aerial: Fabric, Lyra,
Trapeze w/ Savi
Holden

Dance Tent

11:30 - 12:45 PM
Cumbia w/
LADAMA

1:00 - 2:15 PM
Hopak w/ Ukrainian
Village Band

2:30 - 3:45 PM
Caller Workshop w/
Hiawatha House
Band

4:00 - 5:15 PM
Morris Dancing w/
Marquette Morris
Dancers

Workshops

9:00 - 10:00 AM
Rise Up Singing w/
Delight Lester &
Larry Gephart

10:15 - 11:15 AM
Harmony Through
the Back Door w/
Sons of the Never
Wrong

11:30 - 12:30 PM
Songwriting w/
Andy Langlois &
Brian Wallen

12:45 - 1:45 PM
The Cello in
Traditional Music w/
Big Richard

2:00 - 3:00 PM
Folk Music Theory
w/ Michael Waite

3:15 - 4:15 PM
Bottleneck/Open
Tuning w/ Hussy
Hicks, Christina
Vane, & Jared Smith

4:30 - 5:30 PM
Blues & Bones w/
Jerron Paxton &
Dabonesman

5:45 - 6:45 PM
Songs of the
Grateful Dead w/
California Dan &
Tom Wall

In the Pines

10:00 - 11:00 AM
Let's Get It Started:
Beginning Ukulele!
w/ Ben Hassenger

11:15 - 12:15 PM
Harmony Workshop
w/ Morski

12:30 - 2:30 PM
Old Time Jam w/
Kyle McGonegle &
Liat Lis

2:45 - 3:45 PM
Jamming 101 w/
California Dan, Tom
Wall, Ashlyn
Roskowski &
Dabonesman

4:00 - 5:00 PM
Hiawatha Relaxation
Station w/ Shaina
Lovee

Teen Scene

12:00 - 6:00 PM
CRAFTS AND
ACTIVITIES

12:00 - 1:00 PM
Ukulele Workshop
Scott Hausmann

1:00 - 3:00 PM
Tie Dye (Bring your
own or purchase T-
Shirts/Bandanas at
the Merch tent)

2:00 - 3:00 PM
Under the Radar
Under the Song Tree

3:00 - 4:00 PM
Rootstand
Under the Song Tree

4:00 - 5:00 PM
Sea Hound Acoustic
Under the Song Tree

Dance Tent

5:30 - 6:30 PM
Jeff Kowalski's
Workingman's Blues
At the Dance Tent

6:30 - 7:00 PM
Teen Scene Open
Mic

Teen Dance

8:00 - 10:00 PM
UNDER THE RADAR

10:00 - 12:00 AM
ROOTSTAND

Children's Area

11:00 AM
Papa Crow

12:00 PM
Greta Hillstrom

1:00 PM
Wanda Degan

2:00 PM
Frank Youngman's
Kids Open Mic

3:00 PM
Lake Effect

4:00 PM
Andrew Stader

Children's Craft Area

9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Face Art, Pinwheel
Making, Fairy
Crowns and Tie
Dying.
Purchase your Kids
T-shirt at the
Merchandise Tent &
bring it over to the
Children's Crafts
Tent to add pizzazz!

DRESS UP THEME:
NEON!



MARQUETTE TOURIST PARK JULY 17-19 2026

46TH ANNUAL HIAWATHA TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Main Stage	Dance Tent	Workshops	In the Pines	Teen Scene	Children's Area	Children's Craft Area
11:00 AM OPEN MIC	8:30 - 9:30 AM Yoga w/ Nora Smith	11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Non-hoe-down fiddle tunes w/ Hiawatha House Band	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Hiawatha Relaxation Station w/ Shaina Levee	12:00 - 5:00 PM CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES	11:00 AM Greta Hillstrom	9:30 AM - 4:00 PM All Day Rock painting & instrument- making (for the Kids Parade!)
12:20 PM Sons of the Never Wrong	9:45 - 11:30 AM Gospel Hour w/ Troy Graham, Jerron Paxton & Christina Vane	1:00 - 2:00 PM Songwriters in the Round w/ Hussy Hicks, Michael Waite & Jared Smith	12:30 - 1:30 PM Find Your Voice w/ Shaina Levee & Kerry Yost	12:00 - 1:00 PM Ukulele Workshop Scott Hausmann	11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Yooptone Musical Petting Zoo	DRESS UP THEME: PARTY ANIMAL!
1:35 PM Ukrainian Village Band	Outside Dance Tent	2:15 - 3:15 PM Harmony Workshop w/ Big Richard	1:45 - 2:45 PM Songs of da UP eh! w/ Morski Music	3:00 - 4:00 PM Ronnie Ferguson & Friends Under the Song Tree	12:00 PM Lake Effect	
2:40 PM Jerron Paxton	10:00 - 11:30 AM Aerial: Fabric, Lyra, Trapeze w/ Savi Holden	3:30 - 4:30 PM The Body is the Best Instrument w/ LADAMA	3:00 - 4:00 PM Stop, Look & Listen: Playing Well with Others w/ Ben Hassenger	2:00 - 4:00 PM TIE DYE (if supplies last) (Bring your own or purchase T- Shirts/Bandanas at the Merch tent)	1:00 PM Millie Mae & The Elevator Operator (Troy Graham)	
3:50 PM KID'S PARADE	12:30 - 2:00 PM Aerial: Fabric, Lyra, Trapeze w/ Savi Holden	4:45 - 5:45 PM Music of Woody Guthrie w/ Brian Wallen	4:15 - 5:15 PM Music with the Trees w/ Tom Wall		2:00 PM Wanda Degen Dulcimer Workshop	
4:20 PM Yid Vicious	Dance Tent	6:00 - 7:00 PM Open Mic Jam w/ Ashlyn Roskowski & Kerry Yost			3:15 PM Frank Youngman & the Kids Music Parade	
5:30 PM Cristina Vane	11:45 - 1:00 PM Celtic w/ The Knockabouts & Heather Dombroski					
6:40 PM LADAMA	1:15 - 2:30 PM Klezmer w/ Yid Vicious & Marge Sklar					
7:50 PM Hussy Hicks						
9:05 PM Big Richard						

KEY TO WORKSHOP AREAS

The Dance Tent (a.k.a. Second Stage)

- The big tent with the dance floor

Workshop Tent

- Amplified music near camping Area D

In the Pines Tent (formerly Beach Tent)

- Acoustic tent near Camping Area E



MARQUETTE TOURIST PARK JULY 17-19 2026

Festival Reminders



Onsite Ticket Sales Available in the Jacobetti Lot

As a reminder, tickets are available beginning at 8 AM on Friday, July 17th in the Jacobetti Parking Lot, across from the Tourist Park entrance. Tickets are not available at the Main or Back gates. Weekend Adult, Senior and Teen tickets are \$150 at the gate.



The Line Up

The Jacobetti Center [Career and Technology Center], on the Northern Michigan University [NMU] campus, opens for the lineup at 8 AM on Friday of the Festival.

Those wishing to come into town early can park overnight in Lot 14 starting on Thursday and move to the Jacobetti lot Friday morning [no more lining up for days ahead of time]. The lineup begins Friday at 8 AM at the Jacobetti Center. HMC no longer has designated parking at the Kaufman Sports Complex.



Parking & Shuttle Information

There is no parking on the Festival Grounds except for those with Handicapped Tags or Plates and those who have purchased a \$125 Parking Permit. NMU has graciously allowed us to once again utilize 3 of their parking lots for the weekend Friday through Sunday at Midnight. Please note that there is no parking on the grass. NMU will tow vehicles for parking in grassy areas. Please help us to be good stewards by keeping things clean and avoiding parking in grassy areas so we can continue to use them.

In addition to the Jacobetti Center parking lot, located across from Tourist Park on Sugar Loaf Ave., parking is also available at NMU Lot 22 - Take Wright Street/Sugarloaf Ave. roundabout northbound onto Sugarloaf Ave. NMU Lot 14 - Take Wright Street/Sugar Loaf Ave. roundabout southbound onto Tracey Ave. NMU Lot 14 is just inside the NMU Campus on the left.

Day and Overnight Parking is available in all three lots. Vehicles must be removed by Sunday at midnight. Shuttle services are available from Checker Cab and will circulate throughout all three of these lots and bring you to the new 550 Entrance parking lot for drop off / pick up.



Handicap Parking at the Festival

There is a special place for all handicap vehicles this year! If you received a festival handicap parking pass, please utilize the NEW back entrance off of 550 Hwy. This new paved wonderful parking lot is located in the back section of D and will provide designated and an easy parking loop to get in and out of the festival grounds. There are two provided paths from this parking lot to the Main Stage Area. You may also enter via the "Back Gate" Enterprise Drive loop, but parking is limited in these camping areas and parking is not designated.

Please note that there is no longer a handicap parking entrance via the "Front Gate" off of Sugarloaf Ave.



Reminders Continued



Daily Camping Entrance

If you are walking/cycling into the festival - you may walk in any of the three gates - via the new 550 entrance [Hawley St.], the "Front Gate" on Sugar Loaf Ave., or the "Back Gate" on Enterprise Drive. You must have a wristband to enter.



Let's Ride Safe! E-Bike Guidelines & Children's Bicycle Safety Training

Traditional bikes and e-bikes are always favorite options for getting from one place to another while at Festival! As a reminder, e-bikes are welcome on Festival grounds provided that the rider is 18 years of age or older and they strictly avoid the use of the throttle while on Tourist Park/Festival grounds. This will help keep extraneous noise to a minimum while ensuring the safety of walkers and other cyclists on park roads and paths.

HMC will again offer Bike Safety classes this year for children using their bikes on Festival grounds. Bring your helmet, bike, and watch for updates on bike safety sessions Friday, 6 PM & Saturday, 10 AM while at the Festival.



**Traditional and/or E-Bike Riders,
please use caution and common sense.**



Medical Services and Emergency Response Guidelines



If you encounter a minor medical issue while at the Festival, HMC has a First-Aid Tent available to help! Located near Camping Area D, the First-Aid, CARE Team and Security Team work as one cohesive team to address Emergent Responses. Staffed with physicians and nurses, the Medical Services Tent is stocked with everyday medical supplies for your minor medical needs. If you encounter a medical emergency that requires an ambulance, please inform dispatch to have the ambulance use the Enterprise Gate [located next to Closner Construction at 2050 Enterprise St.] to gain the fastest access to the individual[s] in need of assistance.



Superior *Thank You*
Health Foundation
ADVANCING U.P. HEALTH

Special thanks to the Superior Health Foundation for helping fund the purchase of a new medical tent and supplies through an SHF Equipment Grant.



Pet Guidelines Provided

To ensure the safety of Festival attendees as well as our beloved furry friends, HMC reminds Festival goers that only ADA Service Animals are approved/permitted on Festival grounds. Pets, emotional support animals, and therapy animals are not allowed.



**No pets, please.
ADA Service Animals Only**



Festival Notes

A Humdinger of a Festival Design

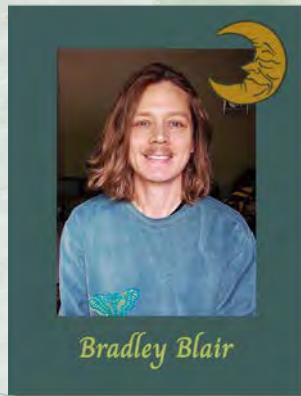
2026 Festival Design by Bradley Blair!

Grab a guitar and hum along—this year's 46th Annual Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival poster features one seriously relaxed frog enjoying the music of the woods! Created by local artist Bradley Blair, the whimsical design celebrates the magic of nature, imagination, and traditional music.

"I like to imagine that somewhere out there, frogs are pickin' tunes and humming along with the birds," says Blair. "I haven't seen it yet, but I can't say it's impossible."

Originally hand-drawn on paper and finished digitally, Bradley's artwork will appear on this year's Festival posters, T-shirts, program cover, and more. We hope it brings a smile to your face—and maybe even inspires you to keep an ear out for a guitar-playing frog in the forest!

Congratulations, Bradley!



Kid's T-Shirt Design Contest Winner Announced!

2026 Winner Received \$25 & Bragging Rights

Children between 5 and 12 submitted a line drawing for the 2026 Kid's T-shirt Design Contest. The winning design is screen printed onto hundreds of kid's T-shirts for Festival!

Designs featured themes of Hiawatha, including music, nature, camping, community, and/or family fun. The 2026 winner is Natalie Guindon! Congratulations, Natalie! Nice job! Stop by the Festival Merch Tent to see and grab a shirt.



Meet Natalie Guindon, who is 12 years old and lives in Marquette. Natalie has been attending Hiawatha for many years. Her favorite thing about the festival is listening to all the music. Natalie enjoys drawing, hanging out with friends, riding bikes and making music on her ukulele. She also has a tremendous love for animals. She's so honored to have her artwork chosen.



Leadership News

Look Out for Our New Leadership

While out at Festival, be sure to keep an eye out for our new HMC Board of Directors and Officers. Our 2026 lineup of officers includes President: Sue Bertram, Vice President: Ann Fisher, Treasurer: Tom Dummer, and Secretary: Luke Guindon and returning members Dick Pierson and Lee Ossenhimer. We'd also like to welcome our incoming Board Members Susan Divine, Phil Britton, Steven Sams, Mary Tilson and Andie Johnston! We're excited for the ideas, experience, and enthusiasm you each bring to the table. Be sure to give them a big "Thank You" for volunteering their time and expertise.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge our outgoing Board members Julie Foster-Lindquist, Melinda Britton, Louise Anderson, and David Wood for their dedicated service, steady leadership, and the countless hours they've shared with our community. Your contributions will continue to shape Hiawatha for years to come!

Get to know your new 2026 Board Members! Some new and familiar faces...



Susan Divine



Phil Britton



Steven Sams



Mary Tilson



Andie Johnston

SAVE THE DATE



August *Heats Up* at the Fold

13th - Kitty Donohoe

27th - Randy Seppala &

Rev. Robert Reynolds

6:30-7:30PM at the Hiawatha Fold on Third Street





Upcoming Events

Monthly Jams Are Happening

Meet Up at The Fold



The Fold is calling, and you must go...

Every first and third Sunday of the month, the Fold hosts the Slow Fiddle Jam at 1 pm followed by the Phil Watts Old Timey Jam at 3 pm. We extend a warm welcome to members and to the public to join us for some good old-fashioned fun focused on traditional music and community.

The Marquette Ukulele Group [M.U.G.] continues its monthly gatherings every third Wednesday at 6 pm at The Fold. Strummers of all ages and abilities are welcome to join for some practice transitioning between chords, learning the fretboard and understanding melody. Ukuleles are versatile instruments, suitable for varied styles of music including folk, bluegrass, jazz, blues, and pop - all the things we love.



Ukulele: “yoo-kuh-LAY-lee”
meaning “fun with friends”...

Call for Traditional Artists Deadline 8/1/26

Craftspeople
Musicians
Dancers
Storytellers
Bakers and Cooks



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A Taste of Festival



HMC CELEBRATES 10TH BEER RELEASE CONCERT **Proceeds Help Support Festival, Co-op**



The Hiawatha Ale supports and celebrates the Hiawatha Music Festival. A portion of the proceeds of this beer will be returned to the Hiawatha Music Co-op.

Brewed and canned by Blackrocks Brewery in Marquette, Michigan

CERTIFIED BRAVE BEER
RESIDENT CRAFT

Ale with Lemon



The PreFest Concert was a Hit!

JULY 9TH, FROM 6-8 PM AT ORE DOCK BREWING
FEATURED ANNIE & ROD CAPPS QUARTET



HMC welcomed the Annie and Rod Capps Quartet for the 2026 Pre-Festival Concert on July 9th at the Ore Dock Brewing Co. With two albums and multiple Detroit Music Award nominations, the group won the hearts of participants who danced, sung, and tapped their feet to some of their folk and re-imagined music favorites.

The Capps' sound is an amalgamation of Americana and Folk music - with rock, jazz and bluegrass thrown in. They seamlessly blend diverse styles, creating a fresh, unique sound - old and new, folk and "blue" - all while sticking to their narrative "songs about broken things and poignant little ponderings delivered with a rootsy vibe, a touch of twang and soulful groove."



Kid's Concert

HoTap Kid's Concert
Promotes Well-being

Thanks
for your
support



Kid's April HoTap Concert Celebrated World Art Day - Hiawatha Style!

HMC teamed up with UPHP, Kiwanis Club of Marquette and Cori Noordyk to bring a mental health and well-being focused element to the April Kid's Concert held at the Ore Dock Brewing Company's event space in celebration of World Art Day.

The event boasted warm and engaging musicians: Biscuits and Gravy, along with Corinne Rockow, a youth drumming circle led by Carrie Biolo, a hands-on craft table and fresh pizza for dinner thanks to an anonymous donation. Tables at the event shared local health-related resources for children and families in our community while providing wholesome, enriching entertainment, delighting the attendees and showing that music, song and dance can also be beneficial as wonderful healing tools.



Thank You



$H=MC^2$ ("Squared")

Square Dance Series Went Full Circle

New Event Launch Was a Swinging Success for Every Partner

Our kick-off square dance for January was a huge success! Jo Foley served as the caller for the evening with backup support from the new Hiawatha House Band. The mood was light, there were plenty of smiles to go around and the atmosphere was downright FUN! All levels of square dancers were welcomed, from new beginners to experts. The main purpose was connection and comradery, and, of course - the music! Y'all showed up with your darlin' and your dancing shoes and proved there's nothing a couple of fiddles and a banjo can't fix during a busy week!



The Hiawatha House Band and square dance caller of the evening, Jo Foley.

Final Square Dance & Member Potluck

Brought Folks Together June 17th



Hiawatha held a "member's only" potluck inside the Fold prior to the final Square Dance held in the parking lot, after we cordoned it off. The new Hiawatha House Band was on hand, jammin' away under the tent, there was food for days, the Fold was full, friends gathered 'round and the kids practiced their painting skills! It doesn't get much cooler than this, and, apparently, it was cold enough for earmuffs - [little cutie pie]!





A Cool Recap

Winter Roots Festival

March 21st at Ore Dock Brewing Co.

The 2026 Winter Roots Festival was brought to you by HMC and the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center.

A History of Protest Songs Workshop was held at the Fold, followed by an afternoon full of Celtic music, Irish dance, live tunes, and a community square dance at Ore Dock Brewing Co. Make plans to join us next March!





Membership

Support Keeps Us Hauling!

Donors Help Secure Remaining Trailer Funds

Hiawatha loves our donors and our donors love Hiawatha. The new trailer that holds our main stage 51 weeks of the year is finally fully funded. Building off of funds from a Michigan Arts & Culture Council and National Endowment for the Arts grant, donors stepped forward to cover the remaining costs for our trailer.

In addition to the donors whose names will be listed on the trailer, a group of other generous members came together anonymously to create an "In memoriam" section that celebrates our Hiawatha friends who have passed on to that great barn dance in the sky. If you'd like more information about this upcoming section of the trailer, please reach out.



Membership makes a difference! Thank you to all of the HMC Members who have renewed their membership this year! Each year, membership renewal helps to support the Co-op and all of the wonderful music programming we offer to our members and the greater community. HMC now operates on a calendar year and membership payments help to support our programming year-round.

If you have not had a chance to submit your membership payment, please be sure to visit <https://hiawathamusic.org/membership/> to learn about your options to support the Co-op, and get a few great perks in the process, including discounts on wristbands. Thank you, Members!



Estate Planning & Other Gifts Help Support Local Music/Arts Programming

Scan to
Donate!



As many of you are aware, grant-funded support for HMC's arts and music programming is facing challenges due to recent federal restructuring, funding cuts, and new guidelines being imposed for nonprofits to remain eligible. We need to come together, now more than ever, to keep access to arts and culture programming available for future generations.

What can one person or family do to ensure that HMC's legacy will be there for the next generation? One way is to include Hiawatha in your estate planning with simple language you can add to your Last Will and Testament. Simply add, "I give _____ [specific dollar amount, property, percentage or residue] to the Hiawatha Music Co-op, located in Marquette Michigan, for the purpose of supporting its traditional music program."

Not able to make a planned gift, but want to make a gift or a qualified charitable distribution? Scan the QR code at right or talk to your financial planner about making a contribution to Hiawatha Music Co-op to support continued operations and programming and reference EIN 38-2299171. Have questions? Contact HMC at hiawathamc@gmail.com or call [906] 226-8575.



Membership Packages

2026 Membership Information



MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

HIAWATHA MUSIC CO-OP
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2026

MEMBERSHIP IS EASY!

PURCHASE OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT:

- THE ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING
- HIAWATHAMUSIC.ORG/MEMBERSHIP
- ONE OF OUR MANY EVENTS
- THE HIAWATHA OFFICE - "THE FOLD"
- WHILE PURCHASING FESTIVAL TICKETS
- FESTIVAL MEMBERSHIP TENT

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS ARE STILL GOOD!

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING OR PURCHASING A MEMBERSHIP LEVEL WHICH PROVIDES CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YEAR-ROUND HIAWATHA MUSIC CO-OP EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING.

CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

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ALL MEMBERSHIPS INCLUDE:

- 1 Vote in the Annual Board Elections & invitation to the Annual Dinner & Dance
- 10% off of all Hiawatha Branded Merchandise Year-Round
- Discounted entry to all Hiawatha Events outside of Festival
- Hiawatha Digital Newsletter Subscription
- Hiawatha Music Library Access
- Hiawatha Music Co-Op sticker/decal
- Festival Program Recognition
- Festival Poster (Fiddle & above)
- Hiawatha Membership Mug (except Ukulele)

STAND UP BASS MEMBERSHIP - \$1,500/YEAR (Family Membership)

- Up to 4 free Festival weekend wristbands and free admission to all other Hiawatha events
- Up to 8 free children (under the age of 12) Festival weekend wristbands
- \$50 Hiawatha Merchandise Coupon
- 1 Parking Pass for the Festival
- 1 Additional vote in the Annual Board Elections for your spouse/partner (name required) and invitation to the Annual Dinner

GUITAR MEMBERSHIP - \$750/YEAR (Family Membership)

- \$50 discount on up to 4 Festival weekend wristbands
- Up to 6 free children (under the age of 12) Festival weekend wristbands
- \$50 Hiawatha Merchandise Coupon
- 1 Parking Pass for the Festival
- 1 Additional vote in the Annual Board Elections for your spouse/partner (name required) and invitation to the Annual Dinner

BANJO MEMBERSHIP - \$350/YEAR (Family Membership)

- \$20 discount on up to 4 Festival weekend wristbands
- Up to 4 free children's (under the age of 12) Festival weekend wristbands
- \$25 Hiawatha Merchandise Coupon
- 1 Additional vote in the Annual Board Elections for your spouse/partner (name required) and invitation to the Annual Dinner

MANDOLIN MEMBERSHIP - \$275/YEAR (Family Membership)

- \$15 discount on up to 4 Festival weekend wristbands
- Up to 2 free children's (under the age of 12) Festival weekend wristbands
- 1 Additional vote in the Annual Board Elections for your spouse/partner (name required) and invitation to the Annual Dinner

FIDDLE MEMBERSHIP - \$135/YEAR (Couple Membership)

- \$10 discount on up to 2 Festival weekend wristbands
- 1 Additional vote in the Annual Board Elections for your spouse/partner (name required) and invitation to the Annual Dinner

UKULELE MEMBERSHIP - \$50/YEAR (Individual Membership)

- \$5 discount on 1 Festival weekend wristband

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