

Proclamation



Mike Mueller

Whereas: Mike Mueller, having mastered playing the autoharp and being an educator and administrator in the central California school system, set forth to create a musical curriculum for his less-advantaged students and acquired funds to be able to put autoharps into their hands and hire instructor/performers to teach them. And,

Whereas: Having had great success with the musical school programs, Mike conceived a still greater goal envisioning and planning the first California Autoharp Gathering (CAG), open to all interested in playing the autoharp, which subsequently was launched in Fresno in 2003. And,

Whereas: Needing more space in 2005, Mike moved the CAG festival to the St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, a permanent location having all needed facilities to house, feed, provide an auditorium, many workshop rooms, and jam areas. It continues annually to the present day with national and worldwide attendees. And,

Whereas: Mike, accompanied by Marc Blake, his faithful side kick, webmaster, stage organizer, and photographer, creates new themes for each year, which have included tributes to Kilby Snow and Jim Snow, Mike Seeger, Peggy Seeger, with one year honoring members of all the Mountain Laurel Autoharp Hall of Fame as guests, as well as Elvis Presley and The Beatles. And,

Whereas: Mike provides top autoharp players for concerts and teaching CAG's workshops each year (including Early Bird Classes) as well as entertainment from well-known established performers and groups playing various band instruments, thereby encouraging autoharpers to jam with guitars, fiddles, banjos, mandolins, and bass to enhance their playing experiences and abilities.

Therefore: Let it be resolved that Mike Mueller be inducted with highest commendations as the 2024 contemporary member of The Autoharp Hall of Fame.

So, it is proclaimed on this, the 6th of June in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.