



Claude Martin Memorial Honorary Life Membership

“Fiddlin’ Claude” Martin (1987-2016) was one of the finest fiddle players of his generation, and he embodied everything the Folklore Society of Greater Washington has worked since 1964 to promote: a link between old traditions and new generations, not only using his talent to present vibrant interpretations of timeless music, but understanding the role of the music as that golden thread that weaves our community.

In his memory, beginning in October 2018, the Folklore Society of Greater Washington will make an annual selection of **accomplished yet rising traditional artists under 30** to be recognized as likewise creating those links and weaving those threads. The award presented to such artists will be honorary life membership in FSGW. As of 2017, life membership is offered for \$550 and includes benefits worth at least \$120/year; in addition, recipients of the Claude Martin Memorial Honorary Life Membership will constitute a young folk artists’ “hall of fame” whose members derive well-earned prestige from association with each other and with Claude’s memory.

Claude Martin Memorial Honorary Life Membership will be awarded by the board of directors of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington on the recommendation of an awards committee consisting of:

- the program chair of FSGW;
- the membership chair of FSGW;
- the president of FSGW or another person chosen by the president;
- a member of the Martin family or another person chosen by the Martin family; and
- a distinguished former FSGW board member chosen by the board of directors.

These awards may be given to musicians, singers, dance callers, storytellers, sound engineers, luthiers — anyone making a significant contribution to the future of traditional arts — living or working primarily in the area served by FSGW and under 30 years of age at the time the award is presented.

Nominations may be made at any time; nominations received between August 1 and the October awards announcement will be considered for the following year’s awards. To make a nomination, e-mail awards@fsgw.org with:

- a statement of the artist’s accomplishments, current projects, and plans;
- links to documentation of the artist’s work (e.g. YouTube videos or the artist’s web site) or citations of published recordings, media coverage (including the FSGW newsletter), festival appearances, workshops, other awards, etc.;
- names of three current members of FSGW who endorse the nomination; and
- contact information for the artist if the artist is not a member of FSGW.

For more information, e-mail awards@fsgw.org or visit fsgw.org.