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2ND ANNUAL LIARS' AND FIDDLERS' CONSORT
Alaska Folk Festival Event
at the Alaska State Museum

JUNEAU – As part of the annual Alaska Folk Festival, the Alaska State Museum is hosting the second annual Liars' and Fiddlers' Consort on Saturday, April 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to all ages.

Organizer Mark Whitman describes the event:

Do you have a liar in your family? Not the average fibber or rumor-monger, but a genuine, A-1, full-blown perverter of the truth. The kind of prevaricator who within three minutes of opening his or her mouth can get all within earshot to suspend their trust in the laws of gravity, and swear there has always been free parking in downtown Juneau.

If this kind of genius lurks in your family, the Alaska State Museum's Liars' and Fiddlers' Consort can provide a venue for your friend or family member to work his or her craft... or "strut their stuff" so to speak, if you want to give legs to a lie.

Former President of the United States General George Washington announced that he will be unable to participate in the Liars' and Fiddlers' Consort. He regrets his inability to stretch the truth. He has asked Benedict Arnold to stand in for him.

In order to provide a bit of cushioning between all the lies and leg pulling, we will have fiddle music, which we all know is a kind "musical falsehood" in itself. Those who play it don't even have frets on their fingerboards to clearly mark the notes. They just slide around and stretch things until they get the melody where they want it to be. That is why they call it "fiddlin' around." Seems sheer nonsense until you look down and see your feet moving.

So don't miss it—the 2rd Annual Liars and Fiddlers Consort, at the Alaska State Museum on Saturday April 14, from 1-3. Be there and be deceived!

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Regular discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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