OUR MISSION

To nurture, engage and empower the international folk music community – traditional and contemporary, amateur, and professional – through education, advocacy, and performance.

About FAI

Folk Alliance International (FAI) was founded in 1989 to connect folk music leaders aiming to sustain the community and genre. The leading international voice for folk music, FAI is a 30-year-old arts nonprofit based in Kansas City, Missouri, USA.

The organization’s expanded global network now includes more than 3,000 members. This worldwide community includes cultural sector entrepreneurs and leaders that includes artists, record companies, publishers, presenters, agents, managers, arts administrators, and more.

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Conference Theme

THE STORY OF PEOPLE & PLACE

FAI’s 32nd conference heads to the vibrant port city of New Orleans, the birthplace of jazz, beignets, Mardi Gras, and much more. A historical center of trade, the city has provided the setting for people to overcome language and cultural barriers by connecting through music and sharing cuisine.

In this setting, we will celebrate places of collaboration and the shaping of new shared identities, art, and forms of expression. Conscious programming will explore the themes of diversity, inclusion, immigration, intersection, and influence. Ultimately each person has a story (especially as folk artists) of who they are, where they are from, and how the places they live in shape them.
2019 Conference Overview

150 Networking And Mentorship Sessions

181 Official Showcases

64 Exhibit Hall Booths

2,553 Private Showcases

42 Professional Development Panels

94 Private Showcase Hosts

2,910 attendees

476 presenters

2% increase in attendees from 2019

35 Countries Represented

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