

# THE 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FITCHBURG BLACKSMITH ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL

## September 26th 2026

at Fitchburg Riverfront Park  
Commercial Street/Boulder Drive  
Downtown Fitchburg, MA

Coordinated by community volunteers, the Annual Fitchburg Forge-In Blacksmith Art & Music Festival has successfully showcased artisans from Western New England. Since 2003, we have welcomed over 15,000 visitors to our festival, and we expect many more this year.

The festival is designed to promote the craft of blacksmithing and the arts. The exciting Forge-In live competition, where blacksmiths create preset projects using traditional fire and anvil methods, makes this an unusual event. Live music, arts, and craft vendors will be present.

Admission to the Festival is free, made possible by the generous contributions of many businesses, individuals, and organizations. We highlight this event to the public on every calendar in the region and some nationwide as one of the premier festivals in New England. The festival is promoted through advertisements, press releases, public service announcements, flyers, and local radio and television.

Registration is for a 10' x 10' space, if registered by September 15th, 2026.



Fitchburg Blacksmith, Art & Music Festival  
www.fitchburgforgein.com  
c/o ACHLA Designs  
65 Arbor Way  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

## Call for Artists, Crafts persons & Vendors



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September 26th 2026  
10am - 5pm



1. Dealers shall be wholly and entirely responsible for entering and using City streets and property responsibly and respectfully at all times. Driving on the park's grass is strictly prohibited.

2. Dealer shall be solely responsible for any extraordinary damages beyond normal wear and tear caused by Dealer to the property. Dealer understands that Dealer enters onto and uses the property for the limited purpose of participating in the Fitchburg BAM Festival completely at Dealer's own risk.

3. The City of Fitchburg and all of its employees, representatives, and volunteers make no representations or warranties whatsoever and assume no responsibility or liability to the Dealer, any persons in the Dealer's party, any visitors, any other Dealers, and/or any third party for any personal or property damages, lost profits, lost opportunities, or any indirect, special, incident, consequential, punitive, or any other damages.

4. Dealer agrees to hold the City of Fitchburg, its officers, employees, and volunteers harmless. To the fullest extent of the law, the Dealer shall indemnify the City, its officers, employees, and volunteers against any liability for tort or contract liabilities arising from the Dealer's presence on or use of the property. The City, by and through its officials and volunteers, reserves the right to terminate the Dealer's right of entry and use privileges at any time, verbally or in writing.

5. The laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Fitchburg shall govern this agreement. Should any legal action, including any appeals, be brought by either party for breach of this agreement or to enforce any provision in it, the prevailing party in this action shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and any other related costs.

6. Spaces are outdoor, 10' x 10' spaces located in Riverfront Park, Fitchburg. Dealers provide their own structures, tables, etc. Please note that Riverfront Park can be windy at times. Stakes are permissible with care for underground utilities such as sprinklers.

7. Electricity is not available.

8. Setup begins at 6:00 am and ends at 9:00 am on September 26th. All setup and tear-down must be conducted from the pedestrian bridge. Dealers will have to do so on foot (hand trucks will be available along with

plenty of help from ROTC volunteers). No vehicles are allowed in the Park during the Festival between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

9. All spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are at the discretion of the Blacksmith Festival Committee. The Committee will schedule setup times and will notify Dealers before the event. Dealers who miss their setup time will be required to wait at the back of the line, with a time allowance before 9:00 am.

10. Dealers are responsible for the safety and security of their displays and products. The City and all volunteers assume no responsibility for any loss or damage to inventory, displays, or personal property, regardless of cause.

11. All dealers are responsible for adhering to state regulations and paying the Massachusetts Sales Tax. All applicants must hold proper licensing for the sale of goods.

12. Dealers will leave the grounds free of all merchandise and debris. Dealers are responsible for cleaning their area and an 8-foot area around the spot. Dealers shall be responsible for providing proper trash containers to hold trash generated by the Dealer (if necessary).

13. Should inclement weather cancel the festival, this agreement becomes null and void. Should the Festival organizers, at their sole discretion, decide to run the event despite inclement weather, then this agreement remains in full force.

14. All cancellations must be made in writing to the Festival Committee at the address provided and must be received by September 15, 2026.

15. A peddler's permit (\$25.00) is required by the City of Fitchburg if not a registered business in Massachusetts. Apply at the clerk's office in Fitchburg City Hall.

16. All dealers are subject to all applicable state and local laws, licensing requirements, and insurance liability coverage.

**I agree and understand the above:**

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Signature of "Dealer"

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## B.A.M. FESTIVAL 2026 VENDOR APPLICATION

Please sign this sheet where indicated at left and fill in the form below. Submit this entire sheet for your 10' x 10' space before September 15th, 2026 We will confirm your acceptance via phone or e-mail.

And mail to:

**Fitchburg BAM Festival  
c/o ACHLA Designs  
65 Arbor Way, Fitchburg, MA 01420**

### PLEASE PRINT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Type & Size of Display (Please include photo if you are a new vendor) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Items to be sold \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thank you for your participation. For further information, please email [forge-in@achla.com](mailto:forge-in@achla.com) or visit <https://fitchburgforgein.org>