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**Alabama's Jeff Cook to be Inducted into the National  
Fiddler Hall of Fame November 17 at River Spirit Event  
Center in Tulsa**

*The NFHoF 2018 Class of Inductees has been announced*

**TULSA, Okla. (October 30, 2017)** - The National Fiddler Hall of Fame class of 2018 inductees has been finalized. Among the prestigious list of outstanding fiddlers to be inducted is *Alabama's* Jeff Cook. Cook will be inducted into the NFHoF in a special induction ceremony during *Alabama's* concert on November 17 at the River Spirit Event Center in Tulsa.

In addition to Jeff Cook, the 2018 list of inductees who will be inducted and perform at a March 30, 2018 induction gala and concert at Tulsa's Mabee Center are, 15-time Grammy-award winner Ricky Skaggs (special recognition award); Bluegrass fiddle sensation Michael Cleveland; (100-year old "Whittling Fiddler") Violet Hensley; Grammy-award winner Bluegrass fiddler Bobby Hicks and singer-fiddler extraordinaire Benny Martin (posthumous).

Jeff Cook announced earlier this year that he has Parkinson's disease and will be limiting his touring schedule with the band. Due to his health, it is indefinite if Cook will be able to attend the National Fiddler Hall of Fame induction gala and concert that is set for March 30, 2018, therefore his manager Tony Conway suggested he be inducted while the band is in Tulsa next month. Jeff is hopeful he will feel up to returning in March to join his fellow inductees for the induction concert.

“We are thrilled to be able to bestow this honor on such a deserving musician, we hope Jeff can make it back for our annual induction gala in March,” said Bob Fjeldsted president of the National Fiddler Hall of Fame. Bob will be presenting Jeff with his award during the *Alabama* concert.

Playing those “hot licks” on fiddle for *Alabama*, Jeff is a multi-instrumentalist who also skillfully plays the guitar, keyboards and mandolin. Cook is one-third of the founding members of the super group *Alabama* with cousins Randy Owen and Teddy Gentry. Jeff has served as vocals, fiddle and lead guitar for the band who has 21 gold, platinum and multi-platinum albums, 42 number one singles, and more than 78 million records sold. In November of 2005, Jeff and his band mates received Country Music’s highest honor, being inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Alabama is one of the 20 best selling acts of all time.

For more information about the National Fiddler Hall of Fame and the upcoming induction ceremonies, visit [www.nationalfiddlerhalloffame.org](http://www.nationalfiddlerhalloffame.org).

**It is the mission of the National Fiddler Hall of Fame:  
*To honor individuals for their contributions to fiddling, to preserve, educate and promote  
the art of fiddling and it's historical and social significance.***

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