

## Tips On Setting Up The Only Stand **Mountain Dulcimer Stand** For The First Time

1. Hold the folded stand in front of you so that the square rubber cushions are at the top, the shoulder strap is on your left, and a turn knob and the wrap strap snaps are facing you.
2. Unsnap the two wrap straps, and open up the stand by pushing and pulling the tops of the two inner legs to your right to form two "X"s. Spread the "X"s apart so it will stand on its own.
3. The best position is for the stand to be fully open so that the tops of the outer legs form a 90-degree angle at the back midpoint of the stand – this creates a wide and stable platform for your dulcimer.

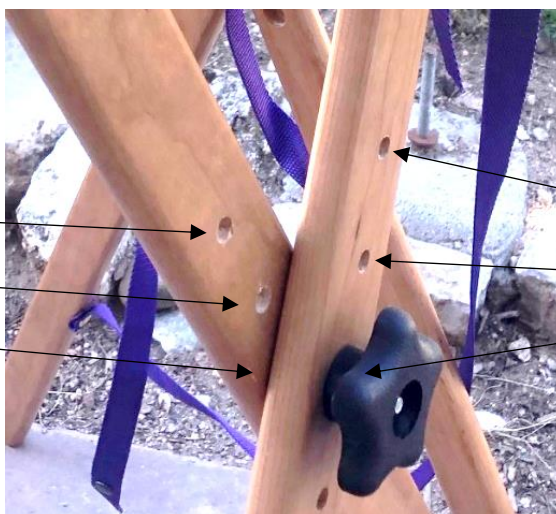


4. Place your dulcimer on the stand and check the playing height. Don't worry if your dulcimer doesn't sit perfectly on the straps – that adjustment will be made later.
  - Performers Model adjusts from 35" to 39"
  - Sit Down Model adjusts from 24" to 31" – your playing height can also be adjusted by changing the height of the chair you use; an adjustable drum throne, with or without a back, is particularly useful for this
  - If you need the stand to be taller, remove the turn knobs and bolts, and move them to a lower position
  - If you need the stand to be shorter, remove the turn knobs and bolts, and move them to a higher position

\*\* Bolts must be put through the same hole on the inner legs and outer legs for the stand to be stable (this is unlike our hammered dulcimer stand)

### **Inner Leg**

- *first hole*
- *second hole*
- *third hole*



### **Outer Leg**

- *first hole*
- *second hole*
- *third hole*

*Sit Down Model has 3 holes  
Performers Model has 4 holes*

5. You may need to adjust the straps so that your dulcimer sits level, both front to back and end to end. Also, there should be as little excess strap between the edges of the widest part of your dulcimer and the front and back rubber cushions as possible (see photos below). The only exception to this is if you need to fine tune the playing height slightly lower by loosening the straps a little.



*Straps are too short causing dulcimer to tilt toward you*



*Straps are too long which may allow dulcimer to slide away from you slightly as you play*



*Straps are properly adjusted and dulcimer is secure and level*

- If your dulcimer has a deeper body than the McSpadden in the photos, you will likely have to lengthen the straps a little
  - If your dulcimer has a narrower body, you will likely have to shorten the straps a little
- \*\* The straps will adjust more easily if you loosen the tension on them by pushing the inner legs toward the center midpoint a few inches

6. For additional security, use the bungee cords included with your stand to attach the strap buttons on your dulcimer to the turn knobs on the stand

\*\* Always keep one hand on your dulcimer while attaching the bungee cords



Additional points to be aware of:

- The strap hinge at the top of the stand appears to be slightly loose – it's designed this way intentionally so the stand can fold and does not affect the sturdiness of the stand. The adjustable straps are what holds the stand up and supports your dulcimer
- Knobs only need to be tightened to be snug as they don't hold the stand up – excessive tightening will damage the finish on the legs
- Adjusted properly, the tops of the two sides at the back midpoint of the stand may or may not be even with one another



- When closing the stand pull the straps forward before pushing inner legs closed

Videos on setting up and adjusting The Only Stand Mountain Dulcimer Stand can be found on our website [www.wolfhillwoodworking.com](http://www.wolfhillwoodworking.com) – click on the MEDIA tab

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