

The Northern Grass



Spring
Edition

Northern Kentucky Bluegrass Music Association

April
2011

Keeping Bluegrass Music Alive In The Northern Kentucky Area

A Time To Give Back!

By Steve McCain

Calling all NKBMA members, We need your help! What an organization to be a part of. I have been a member of the NKBMA since 2006 and in that time, I have seen more giving of money and talent than I ever thought I would. I will be sitting in a board meeting and someone will raise another member or musician that was sick and under a heavy financial burden. Immediately, folks move into action, planning a way to raise money to help. Someone jumps on a cell phone and the next thing we know we have 3 or 4 bands donating their talent for a benefit. Great food and cakes will be brought and people will come out of the woodwork to help. The Bluegrass community is so close. I'm always amazed how everyone knows everyone. It's a great feeling to be part of this "music on wheels" family that you can always count on. Two individuals in our Bluegrass family are currently going through some tough times. I can personally speak for one who is Ada Perkins. Ada and her family are amazing people. They are the first to step up when ever needed, if not playing in their band Licking Valley Bluegrass, Ada and family are helping to get the word out to the community. The 2nd individual is basically a home town star in Bluegrass and Country music. If you know Bluegrass music, you know the name Taylor Farley.

One of the first festivals I went to in this area, I saw Taylor walk up on stage and I thought dang it's Charlie Daniels! He even played Devil went down to Georgia on the banjo. Well Taylor has played with Charlie Daniels and many other big names in the business. The fame didn't go to his head, as Taylor may just show up at a local festivals or a jam session to meet, greet and pick. Now it is time for us to give something back as we can always depend on them to do. Benefits for both of the folks are planed in the month of April and we need your help!

On Sunday April, 10th we will all gather at Bobby Mackey's for a great day of music for Taylor Farley. Bobby Mackey will be performing himself and Gary Strong is pulling together many of the local talents for the music. We need you to donate food, cakes or just show up for the good time. Music from 2pm to 9 pm at 44 Licking Pike in Wilder Ky. Call Judy Pickett @ 859-356-0906

On April 16th we are planning another great day of Bluegrass music for our good friend Ada Perkins. From 5pm to 9pm at the Calvin A Perry Community in Alexandria Ky. \$10.00 donation at the door. Food, door prizes and great time for all. Call Russell Turner for more info. at 859-356-9241.



Ada Perkins and Licking Valley Bluegrass



Mr. Taylor Farley



April 9th, 2011 (Saturday) - NKBMA Scholarship winner Seth Mulder and Flickertail Hollar, Mountain Brook will be opening - Come out for a great night of music and see what the future has in store for Bluegrass music. This is your chance to see what your money is supporting in Bluegrass music. We look forward to seeing you there!

Location: Willis Music Superstore, Florence
 Time 6:00pm to 10:00pm
 Admission: Door = \$10.00
 NKBMA member admission is only \$8.00

April 23rd, 2011 (Saturday) - Kati Penn & Newtown - Looking for some more great, high energy Bluegrass music? Come out and visit with Kati Penn and Newtown to kick up your heels and listen to one of the bigger names in Bluegrass music today.

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Getting Back To Traditions
 By Ron Simmons

It's not just the bluegrass music
 And it can't just be the food
 Could it be the weather finally breaking?
 That gets us in the mood

You feel happy like the first moth
 That dances by the porch lights
 You still feel the chill but you can't wait
 For toe tapping afternoons and nights

Fiddles & banjos begin the spring
 With high & lonesome songs
 You smell the beans and barbecue
 You know your heart belongs

So here's to moments we long for
 Through the winter's dark and cold
 When we gather with the friends we love
 At the Appalachian tradition
 Bluegrass Festival time no longer on hold!

Lord Bi-Ron

*****Performers and Promoters please note: In 2010 the NKBMA voted unanimously that financial SPONSORSHIP would be put to vote as needed for each individual event presented to the board. At no time does the NKBMA assume any portion of financial obligation to performers or promoters who are SUPPORTED by NKBMA or it's members. Questions regarding this policy can be sent by completing our on line form at www.nkbma.com**



**Benefit For
 Taylor Farley
 April 10th, 2011
 Bobby Mackey's
 Newport Ky.
 2pm to 9pm**

- Bands supporting this cause!
- The Comet Bluegrass All-stars
 - Gary Strong and Strong Bluegrass
 - My Favorite Bluegrass Band
 - Licking Valley Bluegrass
 - Bluegrass Mafia
 - Bobby Mackey and the Pine Hill Pickers
 - Members of Blue Rock
- Call 859-431-5588 for more information!

From The Desk of Our President

Pamela Messer

Hello to Everyone!

This quarter I would like to remind everyone that we have some VERY talented Bluegrass bands in our membership. If you are holding a celebration and are considering live music for your event, please consider one of our member bands! Below is our current list, but we get new bands joining all the time. You can always view an up-to-date list on our website at www.nkbma.com

Tommy Brown & County Line Grass

502-594-0962

Custom Made Bluegrass Band

859-226-9390

Ralph Martin Band

859-635-3684

Vernon & Kitty McIntyre

419-568-1220

My Favorite Bluegrass Band

513-553-6115

The New Godspeed

859-322-8416

The Retread Bluegrass Band

513-793-6477

Gary Strong Band

859-992-5775

Missy Werner Band

513-892-3556

I would also like to ask anyone who has a little time to consider volunteering for our events. We have some benefits coming up this month, several concerts, and we are going to host a booth at the Appalachian Festival at Old Coney Island in May. We always need volunteers. Even if you just have a few minutes to help set up or tear down, make a pot of coffee, whatever is in your scope—we can sure use your help. This is a great way to meet new people and get to know other members in the association. It's also a lot of fun!

We do much of our event planning at our monthly Board meetings. All association members are welcome and encouraged to attend each meeting of the Board. Regular meetings are held from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Willis Music on Mall Road in Florence, Kentucky. We have a wonderfully talented and knowledgeable membership base. It is my hope to see more participation and cooperation within our organization by the time I bid you farewell at the end of my term.

Pamela Messer

President NKBMA



Located across from the Florence Mall and next to H.H.Gregg on Mall Road, our Florence Superstore has it all. Store manager Rick Fuchs brings years of service and experience to meet your every need. Our Florence location also features a 24 track digital recording studio and performance center in addition to the Kate Young Music Makers studios and lesson center.

7567 Mall Road
Florence, Ky. 41042
859-525-6050

The Richwood Opry

Hey! Are you looking for the next best place to experience Bluegrass and Country Music?

Now you have another great local location to experience some of the best music from our local area as well as the region!

Located at the Journey's building behind the Richwood flea market

10915 Dixie Highway,
Richwood Ky.



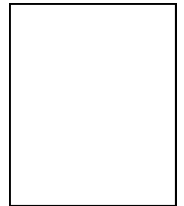
Upcoming Events



- Saturday April 16th - Chris Jones and the Night Drivers
- Saturday April 23rd - David Parmley & Continental Divide
- Saturday April 30th - Tony Holt and the Wildwood Valley Boys
- Saturday May 21st - IIIrd Tyme Out

Doors open 6pm Music from 7pm to 10pm
Children under 12 are Free!
Concessions available
General seating, first come first serve
For more information, call 859-992-5775

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