

Press Release – REVISED

Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Inc.

Saturday, February 20th, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., the Carter Family Fold in Hiltons, Virginia, will present a concert by the ETSU Bluegrass Band. Admission to the concert is \$7 for adults, \$1 for children 6 to 11, under age 6 free.

Bands with the ETSU Bluegrass and Country Music Program have performed at the Fold since the beginning of the program at ETSU in 1982. After the recent departure of Raymond McLain, Dan Boner and Roy Andrade now serve as the program's directors. The ETSU program has grown so popular that students travel from all over the world to study there. There are now sixteen different bands maintained by the program. ETSU's bands have performed in Japan, Belgium, and Russia. Some of the finest students the Bluegrass and Country Music Program has to offer will be performing with the ETSU Bluegrass Band.



Roy Andrade, formerly with the Reel Time Travelers, will be heading up the group. From exploring the history of mountain music to traveling the country in a string band, old time banjo musician Roy Andrade has a passion for the music of Appalachia. He's currently passing on that fervor as a teacher at ETSU. Roy was raised in Asheville, N.C., and has carried around an instrument as long as he can remember. He was playing accordion by the time he was four. Later he picked up the fiddle, guitar, mandolin, and other instruments. Andrade first came to ETSU as a student in the Appalachian Studies program. While in Johnson City, he met three other old time musicians and started the band Reel Time Travelers. The group traveled for six years, playing over 600 shows alongside notable musicians like Alison Krauss and Ralph Stanley. They produced a CD and cut a track for the movie "Cold Mountain." After the band split, Andrade returned to ETSU to finish his degree. When he isn't teaching, Roy spends most of his free time picking with area musicians.



If you like traditional bluegrass, don't miss Roy Andrade and the ETSU Bluegrass Band. Their instrumental work is outstanding, and their vocals are unbelievable. Don't forget your dancing shoes, either. The group puts tremendous energy and drive into every performance. For more information, go to www.etsu.edu/das/bluegrass.

Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Incorporated, is a nonprofit, rural arts organization established to preserve traditional, acoustic, mountain music. For further information on the center, go to <http://www.carterfamilyfold.org>. Shows from the Carter

Family Fold can be accessed on the internet at <http://www.carterfoldshow.com>. Carter Music Center is part of the *Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail*. You can visit the Crooked Road Music Trail site at <http://thecrookedroad.org>. Partial funding for programs at the center is provided by the *Virginia Commission for the Arts* and the *National Endowment for the Arts*. For more information on Saturday's concert, contact the Mountain Music Museum at 276-645-0035. For recorded information on shows coming up at the Fold, call 276-386-6054.