

Press Release

Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Inc.

HILTONS Saturday, February 9th, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., the Carter Family Fold in Hiltons, Virginia, will present a concert of old time music by the Hogslop String Band. Admission to the concert is \$10 for adults, \$2 for children 6 to 11, under age 6 free.

The Hogslop String Band is a Nashville based old time string band comprised of four energetic young musicians hailing from Georgia and Tennessee. Featuring Kevin Martin on the fiddle, Gabriel Kelley on guitar, Daniel Binkley on banjo, and Casey “Pickle” McBride on the washtub bass, these boys surely raise a ruckus.



Upon forming as a pickup square dance band in the summer of 2009, the Hogslop String Band has since become one of the most sought after old time string bands of the Tennessee Valley area. Known for their outrageous facial hair and a rollicking repertoire heavily based on Georgia and middle Tennessee fiddle tunes, these boys have provided entertainment for fashion shows, political conventions, and whiskey distilleries as well as countless weddings, festivals, and soirees.

Following in the footsteps of such iconic country music luminaries as Uncle Dave Macon and Gid Tanner, they put on a high energy show easily appreciated by young and old alike. Despite an unkempt appearance, their undeniable charm is as certain to steal your heart as it will your daughter's.



Awards they have won include:

1st place Old Time Band – Great Southern Old Time Fiddlers Conv. Chattanooga, TN

1st place Old Time Band – Uncle Dave Macon Days Murfreesboro, TN

1st place Old Time Fiddle Band – Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree Smithville, TN

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- 1st place Folk Song – Mt. Airy Old Time Fiddlers Convention Mt. Airy, NC
- 1st place Old Time Band – Williamson County Fair Williamson County, TN
- 1st place Old Time Band – Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree Smithville, TN
(as Dekalb County Rangers)
- 1st place Old Time Band – Uncle Dave Macon Days Murfreesboro, TN
- 1st place in Old Time Appalachian Folk Singing – Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree
Smithville, TN
- 1st place Old Time Banjo – Smithville Fiddlers Jamboree Smithville, TN
- 1st place in Gospel Singing – Smithville Fiddlers’ Jamboree Smithville, TN
- 2nd place in Old Time Singing – Uncle Dave Macon Days Murfreesboro, TN
- 2nd place Old Time Band – TN Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention Athens, AL

Career highlights include:

- Guinness World Record (World’s Largest Square Dance)
- Music City Roots – three performances
- PBS’s Song of the Mountains
- Played Charlie Louvin’s Final Show
- London Fashion Week
- Harvest Fest Music Festival
- Summer Camp Music Festival
- Bonnaroo Music Festival
- Imogene + Willie Grand Opening
- Largest Square Dance in Time Square – NYC
- Appearance on Fox & Friends Morning Show – NYC
- Wilmington Beer Fest – Wilmington, NC
- 7-page feature in H Magazine (Europe, South America, Asia)
- Featured in “Visit Portland Maine” & “Visit Gatlinburg” tourism commercials
- Featured in “Outlaw Country” (movie)
- Bluegrass Underground Series

“The Hogslop String Band is one of the most unique bands I have ever heard. Their music takes you back to a time when things were real and from the heart. These guys are very talented, and I recommend that you go see them. You will be thoroughly entertained.” *Reggie Young – guitarist for Elvis, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, & Dusty Springfield.*

“Every member of the Hogslop String Band is individually talented and pretty much crazy. As a band, they’re as authentic as it gets and an insanely good time.” *Neal Cappellino – Grammy Award winning engineer.*

“Hogslop is the real deal - groovilicious honkin old time string band. Guaranteed old time awesomeness with these fellas around.” *Abigail Washburn – banjo picker extraordinaire.*

“One of the finest square-dance bands on the planet.” *Jack Silverman – Nashville Scene.*

As director of the Carter Family Fold, I first met the Hogslop String Band when their manager called me to set up an old time tintype photo shoot for the band at the Fold. Fascinated by anything historic and always looking for new groups to perform at the Fold (especially old time which is a personal favorite), I immediately agreed. We set up the shoot for a Sunday, and I fell in love with the group the moment they got out of the van. Because tintype photography takes tremendous patience and time, we ended up spending the entire day together. Getting to meet the group and witness the photo shoot and on-site development of the tintype photos by award-winning photographer Lisa Elmaleh captivated me. Never having met them, I immediately felt I had known the guys – and Lisa - all my life. It was one of the most fun-filled and entertaining days I ever spent. I couldn't recall having laughed so much or having so much fun with folks I had just met in my life. We made so much racket that traffic actually stopped to ask what was going on. They've played the Fold several times now, and they've brought the house down each time. One of the best old time bands performing today, Hogslop and the Fold are a match made in Heaven. Knowing they'll be performing, it's nearly impossible to wipe the grin off my face. In addition to being tremendous musicians, they're genuine, rowdy and fun-loving and just down-right delightful.

If you love old time music and just plain fun, don't miss the Hogslop String Band. There are unlike any other group I have ever known. They told me that most places they played were places where people didn't know what slopping a hog was. Boy have they come home! Not only do we know what slopping a hog is, we know what the best old time music is. Bring your friends, your inlaws, your young'uns, and your dancing shoes and join us for a night of old time music unlike anything you have ever seen.

For more information on the Hogslop String Band, go to their site on the web – www.hogslopstringband.com/ Watch them on You Tube and check them out on the internet.

Carter Family Memorial Music Center is a nonprofit, rural arts organization established to preserve traditional, acoustic mountain music. The center is a family-friendly, drug and alcohol free venue. In addition to the performance area, we maintain the Carter Family Museum and the A.P. Carter birthplace cabin. Both the cabin and the museum are historic landmarks and are open from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and later at performance intermission on Saturdays. For more information on the center, go to our

site on the internet –www.carterfamilyfold.org/. Partial program funding for programs is provided by the *Virginia Commission for the Arts* the *National Endowment for the Arts*. and technical assistance are provided by *Virginia Tourism Corporation*. To access recorded information on shows coming up at the Fold, call 276-386-6054. We can be found on Facebook – page Carter Fold – and Twitter – @carterfoldinfo. To speak to a Fold volunteer staff member, call 276-594-0676. If we don't answer you right away, we'll get back to you as soon as possible.