

## Press Release

### Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Inc.

Based on the Executive Order by Governor Ralph Northam and the nation's health protection agency that all mass gatherings be cancelled during the Coronavirus pandemic, the Carter Family Fold will remain closed through June 10th. Should further closures be necessary, announcements will be made on our website and Facebook prior to those events. We hope that circumstances change and we can re-start our Saturday shows before that time. We regret that cancelling shows is necessary, but we want to do all we can to keep everyone safe.

Under the guidance of the CDC, we feel closing is the best for the health of our visitors, volunteers and bands. The CDC states that "*COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is an emerging respiratory disease and there is more to learn about its transmission, clinical course and populations at increased risk of disease and complications*".

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 also maintain the Carter Family Museum and the A.P. Carter birthplace cabin. Both 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/](http://www.carterfamilyfold.org/). Partial program funding for shows at the Fold is provided by the *Virginia Commission for the Arts*, the *National Endowment for the Arts*, and 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 in 24 hours. The Center is only open Saturday nights and other days on occasion for select, special concerts. We are run by volunteer staff with the invaluable assistance of our year round sponsors.