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**TOP NAMES IN BLUEGRASS RETURN TO THE GETTYSBURG BLUEGRASS  
FESTIVAL MAY 15-18, 2008**

**Rhonda Vincent & The Rage, The Grascals, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, The Dan Tyminski Band, Seldom Scene, Dry Branch Fire Squad, Steep Canyon Rangers, Blue Highway, Nothin Fancy, US Navy Bluegrass Band, and many more!**

GETTYSBURG, PA (May 9, 2008)- The Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival, celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year in bluegrass, is widely recognized as one of the world's premier bluegrass music events. This May marks the 56th Festival to be held at scenic Granite Hill Camping Resort and will once again showcase four full days of music from the 15th through the 18th. With a combination of legendary performers and variety of hot up-and-comers, over 20 exceptional artists on two stages, the festival lineup is truly world class! An extensive Workshop Stage schedule is also planned for Thursday through Saturday, hosted once again by Mike and Gay Henderson. The workshop stage presents a wide variety of informative learning sessions and performances presented by favorite artists in an up-close and informal setting. Tickets for the event start at \$25 and can be purchased in advance until May 8<sup>th</sup> at a reduced price. Single or multi-day tickets are also available at the gate during the festival, which opens daily at 8 a.m. Ample free day parking is available on site and all ticketed attendees may come and go as they please throughout the course of the event. To purchase tickets in advance, at a discounted price, send a check or money order to Granite Hill Camping Resort, 3340 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 or call 800.642.8368. Visa and Master Card are accepted for advance purchase only. Cash only will be accepted at the gate. For additional information and up-to-date schedules, please visit [www.gettysburgbluegrass.com](http://www.gettysburgbluegrass.com)

The 56th Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival gets under way on Thursday at 2 p.m. with **Bob Perilla & Big Hillbilly Bluegrass**, who hail from the greater Washington, D.C., area. Regional favorites, **Good Deale Bluegrass** featuring **Mike Auldridge** on the dobro, return once again to Gettysburg for two Thursday performances. And the evening sets are not to be missed. Bluegrass legend and reigning International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Vocal Group of the Year, **Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver** will hit the Main Stage for one long performance starting at 8 p.m. True Doyle Lawson fans, surely won't want to miss a sneak peak of Doyle at his Thursday afternoon vocal performance on the Workshop Stage at 4 p.m.

The festival will kick into high gear on Friday as the 2006 & 2007 IBMA Entertainers of the Year, **The Grascals**, return to Granite Hill for the first of two appearances at Gettysburg in 2008. Absent from Gettysburg since 1999, the Man of Constant Sorrow, **Dan Tyminski** of **Alison Krauss and Union Station** and O' Brother fame, will return to Gettysburg for two Friday performances. **The Dan Tyminski Band** consists of **Barry Bales**, also of **Alison Krauss and Union Station**, on bass, **Adam Steffey** on mandolin, **Ron Stewart** on banjo, and **Justin Moses** on the fiddle. Once again, perennial fan favorites the **US Navy Bluegrass Band** will enthrall the audience with their patriotic bluegrass performances. **Blue Highway** also returns to Gettysburg's Main Stage for two shows as they have every year since 1991. Traditional bluegrass takes center stage on Friday with the **Bluegrass Brothers** two

performances certain not to disappoint and **Donna Hughes** makes her debut performance at Gettysburg.

Saturday's show is an absolute powerhouse as seven-time IBMA Female Vocalist of the Year **Rhonda Vincent &** her amazing band, **THE RAGE** return to the Festival's Main Stage for the first of two appearances at the Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival in 2008. 2006 IBMA Emerging Artist of the Year, **The Steep Canyon Rangers**, will precede Vincent's performances on Friday. Banjo legend, **J.D. Crowe and the New South**, add even more power to the already impressive lineup. Two fixtures at Gettysburg and certainly Gettysburg's true perennial fan favorites since the early festival days are **Dry Branch Fire Squad (DBFS)** and **The Seldom Scene**. **Dry Branch Fire Squad** have played more sets on the Festival's main stage than any other band and are fronted by Ron Thomason, unquestionably the consummate bluegrass storyteller of our age and the most popular traditional bluegrass band we ever presented at Gettysburg. Grammy nominated **The Seldom Scene** have performed at 54 of the soon-to-be 56 Gettysburg Bluegrass Festivals, just one single performance fewer than DBFS. On the other end of the bluegrass spectrum though, **The Seldom Scene** presents razor sharp, cutting edge music that still manages to retain its tie to bluegrass roots. **Daily & Vincent**, each veterans of Gettysburg w/ **Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver** and **Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder** respectively, appear in Gettysburg for the first time with their new setup.

Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> marks the final day of the Festival and is not one to be missed. Packed full of bluegrass music until 4:30 p.m. fans will have a second chance to hear their favorites, **Dry Branch Fire Squad** and **The Seldom Scene**, play a second set. And, the band that truly cannot be missed is the recent IBMA Hall of Fame inductees, Lewis Family. Lil' Roy Lewis will be sure to have fans on their feet or in the aisles with his blend of musical talent and comedic storytelling.

The Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival, hosted by Rich and Cyndie Winkelmann at Granite Hill Camping Resort, is an internationally acclaimed bluegrass festival that has taken place twice a year since 1979. Each festival features more than 20 top Bluegrass and Traditional Country musicians performing on the main stage, presenting informative workshops and meeting and greeting fans from all over the world. Beginning on Tuesday, Granite Hill will also host Dr. Banjo himself, **Pete Wernick**, and his fabulous Jam Camp, from May 13<sup>th</sup> – 15th. The Festival will also be home to numerous food, merchandise, and craft vendors throughout the event. There are also a number of other activities on-site to entertain the whole family such as fishing, swimming, boating, Adventure Golf and much, much, more. For the most current Festival information including main stage and workshop stage schedules please visit the website at [www.gettysburgbluegrass.com](http://www.gettysburgbluegrass.com). For additional information please call (717) 642-8749.

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