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2015 Tennessee Fall Homecoming Lineup revealed by the Museum of Appalachia

NORRIS, Tenn.: East Tennessee may be anxious for the first signs of spring, but in the spirit of promoting the musical heritage of the region, the Museum of Appalachia is excited to announce this autumn's stellar lineup for its 36th Annual Tennessee Fall Homecoming.

This year's beloved and historic three-day event will take place on October 9-11th, with more than 70 national, regional and local musicians booked to perform on five rustic outdoor stages, throughout the pastoral grounds of the Museum of Appalachia. Music enthusiasts come from all over the United States, Canada and Europe to experience this annual tradition, now in its 36th year.

Elaine Meyer, Museum President, has been involved with Homecoming since its inception: "Homecoming began as a very small community event; a gathering of friends, family, and musicians who displayed their talents on the back of a hay wagon. From the beginning, I remember baking bread of all sorts for our guests, and listening with joy to some amazing musicians. Today, 36 years later, Homecoming is now considered a nationally acclaimed festival, but the very same feeling is there, even with some of the same people participating. The one hay wagon has been replaced by five unique stages, but Homecoming continues to be an event that music greats have long considered a 'performance destination', from legends like Bill Monroe and John Hartford to the current generation of amazing talent. This year's lineup promises to be one of the best ever."

The experience is unrivaled, according to long-time fan, Tom Bell of Louisville, Kentucky: "I've been attending the Tennessee Fall Homecoming at the Museum of Appalachia for 24 years and wouldn't miss it for anything. I'm there when the first note is played Friday morning until the last note Sunday afternoon. I sit there in the sun and rain-in the heat and cold. The only problem is there are four (5) stages and it's difficult to decide which one to go to because they are all so good. When the show is over on Sunday, I look forward to attending the following year."

Prime artists scheduled to appear include multiple Grammy and International Bluegrass Music Award (IBMA) recipients and Bluegrass Hall of Fame Members, the **Del McCoury Band**; Grammy nominated and two-time IBMA banjo player of the year award winner, **JD Crowe and the New South-Reunion**; and, the multiple Grammy and Dove nominated band, **Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver**, also a 7-time IBMA Vocal Group of the Year and Bluegrass Hall of Fame Member.

The line-up is rich in talent with reigning IBMA Entertainers of the Year, **Balsam Range**; previous two-time IBMA Entertainers of the Year and Vocal Group of the Year, the **Gibson Brothers**; IBMA Instrumental Group of the Year, the **Boxcars**; IBMA Male Vocalist of the Year, **Larry Sparks and the Lonesome Ramblers**; IBMA Female Vocalist of the Year and IBMA Guitar Player of the Year, **Kenny and Amanda Smith**, and multiple Grammy winner, **David Holt**, accompanied by **Josh Goforth**.

Welcome favorites returning to grace the stages again this fall are the multi-talented **Jeff Brown and Still Lonesome**; **Blue Moon Rising**, recognized by CMT.com as having a Top 10 Bluegrass Album; the legendary **Leroy Troy**; and **Dale Jett** from the Carter family.

Added to these, will be emerging talents Steve Gulley and New Pinnacle, the Hogslop String Band and Uncle Shuffelo and His Haint Hollow Hootenanny.

Other musicians attendees can expect to enjoy a reunion with this coming October are The Stewart Family, Melvin Goins and Windy Mountain, Russ and Becky Jeffers, Sparky and Rhonda Rucker, Tom Brantley and Missionary Ridge, Johnny Bellar, Roy Harper, the Museum of Appalachia Band, Ma Crow and the Lady Slippers, Daniel Rothwell and Overall Creek, Mack Snoderly and Flave Hart Band, and Lilies of the West.

Jamming sessions will populate the grounds, and, in the relaxed setting of the Museum commons, music enthusiasts will have the remarkable opportunity to “meet and greet” many of their choice entertainers, purchase their latest CDs and request an autograph.

Regional and local talent will abound on several stages: the Ball Sisters, Blue Ridge Entertainers, Clinch Valley Bluegrass, Ron Collins and Circle of Friends, Cicada Rhythm, the Firehouse Band, Hominy Mamas, Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club, Knox County Jug Stompers, Judi Pagter, Just South of Heaven, The Ransom Notes, Jennifer Rose, The Tenos, David West and the Cedar Mountain Folk, and Uncle Doc Wilhite.

The Tennessee Fall Homecoming is much more than a music festival, with something for everyone to enjoy. In keeping with the Museum’s mission, guests will find delight in a wide range of other captivating talent and interesting happenings. Traditional Appalachian dancers, buck-dancers and cloggers, including the legendary Thomas Maupin and the award winning Mala Patterson will charm guests. The Museum continues to preserve what would otherwise be lost arts, with fascinating, educational and historic demonstrations that take place throughout the village, using old-time mountain and pioneer skills, as well as many of the conventional tools. And, all festival long, guests can peruse and shop the heritage arts and crafts, watch the artisans at work, partake in fine Southern fare and Appalachian delicacies, and enjoy the opportunity to connect with regionally and nationally known Southern authors.

Visit the Museum of Appalachia’s website, www.museumofappalachia.org or the *Tennessee Fall Homecoming Facebook Page* for breaking details. See the full list of artists as booking progresses, get up-to-date festival information, find answers to FAQs, get directions and more.

To order either full festival or single day tickets at the early discounted rate, call the Museum at 865-494-7680, or purchase on-line by September 15th.

A non-profit organization, the Museum’s mission is to preserve Appalachian artifacts and instill in the community — regionally, nationally, and internationally — a greater knowledge of, and appreciation for, the Appalachian heritage. The Museum is located 16 miles north of Knoxville, one mile east of I-75, at Exit 122.

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