



INTERNATIONAL BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION

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As a member of IBMA, you can participate in and take advantage of many valuable member benefits! Use these services and the know-how of other members and IBMA leadership to help you do business, expand your network, save you time and money and get involved in bluegrass on a whole new level!

Access to the IBMA Offices

Our office is your office! Nashville is a hub of industry activity and as a professional member you have access to our conference room providing a professional space to hold a meeting, songwriting session, conduct an interview etc...Space must be reserved at least two weeks prior to use and is based on availability.

Discounted Advertising

Advertising on the IBMA website, the monthly newsletter and in the World of Bluegrass conference program can expose your brand to thousands of targeted consumers. Members now receive up to 20% of non-member advertising rates.

Free Gear Track VIP Membership

GearTrack is an online instrument registry that aims to deter theft & aid in recovery. IBMA members receive a VIP Upgrade to their free basic service, which allows unlimited instruments in your library. Stolen instruments are always free to list, and the site is free for anyone to search before they buy used instruments.

Discount on Homepsun Digital

Leaders in the field of musical education in the industry, Homepsun now offers IBMA members 25% off their full digital catalog, giving members access to instruction while at home or on the road (with or without wifi).

The Earl Scruggs Center

IBMA members receive 10% off all membership levels at the Earl Scruggs Center.

Free Access to Summer NAMM

IBMA members receive FREE access to the summer NAMM (the National Association of Music Merchants).

Sam's Club Membership Discount

IBMA members will receive a \$25 gift card for joining at the Plus level and \$10 gift card for joining at the Business/savings levels.

Support of the Bluegrass Trust Fund

Your support of IBMA helps to support our charity partner that offers financial assistance to bluegrass music professionals in time of emergency need.

Your Vote Counts

Professional Members of IBMA receive the privilege of voting to determine Board Leadership and the annual recipients of the International Bluegrass Music Awards.

Discount Registration & Priority Access

Your dues can usually pay for themselves in discounts to the World of Bluegrass events:

- IBMA Business Conference
- International Bluegrass Music Awards
- Bluegrass Fan Fest

Members also receive priority access to tickets to events (which many times sell out!) before they go on sale to the general public. See the savings under "member" rates listed for all ticketed events and registration packages within the event pages and information.

Professional Development

Multiple seminars, webinars, educational labs, mentor sessions, gig fair and many

more special functions are hosted to provide the means for you to gain knowledge and build relationships. Programs like Leadership Bluegrass is a three-day advanced program hosted each year involving every facet of the music in an examination of our challenges and opportunities. And throughout the year, guides and white papers on a variety of subjects ranging from sponsorship development, event production, international touring, promotions, internet tools and much more.

Read more about these offerings in the Education section of this website.

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News & Information

Receive (and spread your own!) industry news of importance through our publication, *International Bluegrass*, delivered via email monthly. Members have the options to read on-line or download and print a copy via the website.

When you have news to share, **we welcome member press releases** for inclusion in the news we help distribute and we can also help you create a personalized campaign to get the word out on your latest activities. (Contact IBMA for details and ideas - 1-888-438-4262.)

Connections

As a central source of contacts, IBMA maintains industry databases that connect you to...

- broadcast outlets
- event producers
- record labels
- media & press
- associations
- artists
- bluegrass fans
- and much more!

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Programs and Other Discounts

- IBMA Sound Healthcare offers a variety of programs and coverage options at affordable rates on worldwide comprehensive health insurance.

- Event Liability Insurance to protect you, your events, attendees and vendors. Don't host an event without it!
- Instrument Insurance offered through Clarion & Associates, Inc. with policies that protect your instruments at home and on the road.
- Car rental discounts from Budget and Avis that will help keep you moving!

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