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**John Abrams**, The Abrams Brothers, 2009

**Richard Adler**, Sound Wave, 2001

**Geoff Albert**, Value Music Concepts, 2007

**Darin Aldridge**, Darin and Brooke Aldridge, 2013

**Jessie Allen**, 2007

**Bob Altschuler**; Dyer Switch Band/Educator, 2012

**Claire Armbruster**, Keith Case & Associates, 2001

**Mike Armistead**; RME Music Inc, The Tennessee Mafia Jug Band; 2000

**Melissa Armstrong**, Detour, 2013

**Jay Armsworthy**, Jay Armsworthy & Eastern Tradition, 2005

**Lisa Aschmann**; Nashville Geographic, songwriter; 2003

**Andrea Ball**, Make Welcome Entertainment, 2013

**Phil Bankester**; The Bankester Family, Genuine Human Productions; 2010

**Nick Barr**, WAMC, 2006

**Fred Bartenstein**, Fred Bartenstein & Associates, 2008

**Ginger Bateman**, 2004

**Cindy Baucom**, Kneedeep in Bluegrass, 2007

**Carol Beaugard**; WFDU-FM, WAMU's Bluegrass Country; 2010

**Arthur Berman**, CITR, 2006

**Serge Bernard**, Diamond Productions, 2008

**Stephen Betts**, Music Journalist, 2006

**Wayne Bledsoe**, KMST-FM, 2005

**Kissy Black**, Lotos Nile, 2010

**Jimmy Bowen**, Jimmy Bowen & Santa Fe, 2012

**Linda Bonner**, Grassland Elementary, 2010

**Jess Bostic**, Vanderbilt University, 2010

**Erika Brady**, Western Kentucky University, WKYU, 2005

**Louisa Branscomb**, Songwriter, 2001

**Steven Brechter**, 2001

**David Bridges**; Shout for Joy Ministries, Shout Records; 2000

**Gena Britt**, Artist, 2003

**Jesse Brock**, Musician, 2006

**Thomas Brown**; Songwriter/Playwright, Spatial Effects; 2010

**Megan Brugger**; Classic Country Radio, Southern Ohio Indoor Music Festival; 2010

**Mike Bub**, Musician, 2005

**Mike Bucayu**; Bluegrass Anonymous; 2002

**Becky Buller**; Songwriter, Artist, Educator; 2003

**Mary Burdette**, Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival, 2002

**Ethan Burkhardt**, Pinecastle Records, 2008

**Carmen Burnett**, 2001

**Karen Byrd**; Educator, Karen Byrd Public Relations; 2007

**Paul Byrum**, Bluegrass Bands Helping Hands, 2011

**Tim Cahall**, Old National Bluegrass, 2000

**Greg Cahill**, The Special Consensus, 2011

**Chris Cairns**, FireHeart Records, 2004

**Casey Campbell**; Belmont University, Musician; 2012

**Kyle Cantrell**, Sirius XM Radio, 2011

**Buddy Cannon**, Cannon Productions, 2005

**Nancy Cardwell**, IBMA, 2000

**Larry Carlin**, Artist, 2001

**Denis Chadbourn**; Bluegrass Music Association Central Canada, Nipissing Bluegrass Association, C-Denny Band; 2010

**Donica Christensen**, publicist, 2003

**Danny Clark**; The Bluegrass Bus Museum; 2009

**Katherine Coe**, DS Management, 2013

**Bradley Collins**, BMI, 2005

**Karl Cooler**, Mountain Roads Recordings, 2010

**Emily Coppess**, Gaylord Entertainment, 2005

**Larry Cordle**, Lonesome Standard Time, 2009

**Jean Cornett**, The Festival of the Bluegrass, 2001

**Sonya Robles Cotton**; The Louisville Bluegrass Music Association, Bluegrass Anonymous; 2012

**Hal Cottrell**, Musician, 2004

**Ron Cox**, Avenue Bank, 2008

**Jill Crabtree**, 2000

**David Crow**; Milom, Joyce, Horsnell & Crow PLC; 2009

**Sue Cunningham**, Hickory Project, 2005

**Kimberly Cyr**; Connecticut Bluegrass Assoc, WHUS; 2003

**Peter D'Addario**, D'Addario Strings, 2002

**Katy Daley**, WAMU's Bluegrass Country, 2008

**Martha Stracener Dantzic**, Quicksilver Productions, 2012

**Jeremy Darrow**; The Erin McDermott Band/Freelance Musician, 2013

**Laurie Dashper**; Music City Roots, Bluegrass Underground; 2012

**Gary Davidson**, Dusty Strings, 2007

**Lachlan Davidson**, The Davidson Brothers, 2010

**Lynda Dawson**, The Kickin Grass Band, 2006

**Stephen Day**, Digome Digital, 2003

**Peggy Dean**; Educator, Musician; 2001

**John DeMarce**; DC Bluegrass Union, 2013

**Lee Michael Demsey**; WAMU's BluegrassCountry, *Bluegrass Unlimited*; 2009

**Regina Derzon**, The D.C. Bluegrass Union, 2007

**Henri Deschamps**; Mast Farm Inn Concert Series, The Bluegrass Legacy; 2011

**Mary Doub**, Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival, 2011

**Mike Drudge**, Class Act Entertainment, 2001

**Lilly Drumeva**, Lilly of the West, 2005

**Jason Duke**, Ciphertek Entertainment, 2005

**Tom Duplissey**, Central Texas Bluegrass Association, 2011

**Debbie Durant**; Brandywine Friends of Old Time Music, Delaware Valley Bluegrass Festival, 2008

**John Eberle**, Americana CD Mastering, 2002

**R. Avery Ellisman**, Non-profit Management & Resouce Development, 2010

**Mark Epstein**; Durango Meltdown, The Badley Bent; 2006

**Bill Evans**, Native & Fine Music, 2000

**John Fabke**, Documentary Film Maker, Academic Research, 2005

**Craig Ferguson**, Planet Bluegrass, 2002

**Arnie Fleischer**; The Emelin Theatre, 2008

**Mike Fleming**;

Artist, SEBA; 2000

**Pat Flynn**; Artist, Songwriter; 2007

**Elizabeth Fortune**; Seattle Public Schools, Wintergrass; 2011

**Bill Foster**; *Bluegrass Unlimited*, WAMU's Bluegrass Country; 2004

**Jeremy Garrett**, The Infamous Stringdusters, 2004

**George W. Gertz**; PickinParlor.net, Colorado Bluegrass Society, KDNK; 2004

**Ira Gitlin**; Artist, Educator; 2006

**Susie Glaze**; Hilonesome Music, Susie Glaze & the Hilonesome Band, 2013

**Mike Gorrell**, Northwest Territory, 2005

**Sarah Graham**, Musician, 2004

**Tim Graves**, Tim Graves & Cherokee, 2008

**Cindy Gray**, The Nevada Bluegrass Project, 2008

**Doris Gray**, Colorado Bluegrass Music Society, 2010

**Gabrielle Gray**, IBMM, 2003

**KC Groves**; Artist & Composer, 2013

**Vernell Hackett**; Music Journalist, Publicist; 2000

**Amy Beth Hale**, SESAC, 2011

**Michael Hall**; Northern California Bluegrass Society, CBA; 2003

**Bull Harman**, Bull Harman & Bull's Eye, 2006

**Aaron Harris**, Freelance & Newspaper Writer, 2007

**Stacy Harris**, Stacy's Music Row Report, 2000

**Brandi Hart**, The Dixie Bee-Liners, 2009

**Bill Hartley**, 2008

**Craig Havighurst**; String Theory Media, Music City Roots; 2007

**Richard Hawkins**; Bluegrass Ireland Blog, EBMA Blog; 2006

**Reggie Helm**, Helm Productions, 2005

**Casey Henry**; Musician, Educator; 2001

**Murphy Henry**, The Murphy Method, 2000

**Brian Hill**, Monterey Peninsula Artists, 2003

**Denise Hitchcock**, BlueHighways TV, 2012

**Carolyn Hotte**, Northern Bluegrass Circle Music Society, 2007

**Kayla Hotte**; Kayla Hotte & her Rodeo Pals, 2013

**Lisa Kay Howard**; WAMU's Bluegrass Country, WCUL; 2002

**Kevin Howell**, 2002

**Jim Hurst**, Artist, 2003

**Richard Hurst**; Ulster American Folk Park, EBMA; 2008

**Ken Irwin**, Rounder Records, 2000

**Caroline Isachsen**; Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival, 2013

**Carl Jackson**, Colonel Rebel Music, 2008

**Sam Jackson**, J.A.M. Productions, 2004

**Lisa Jacobi**; Playing On The Planet, Lisa Affordable Websites; 2012

**Rienk Janssen**, Strictly Country Magazine, 2001

**Denise Jarvinen**; Boston Bluegrass Union, Traditional Music Foundation; 2012

**Fred Jasper**, Welk Music Group, 2002

**Wade Jessen**, *Billboard*, 2003

**Hannah Johnson**, The Toy Hearts, 2009

**Becky Johnson**; WMMT-FM, Photographer; 2009

**Russell Johnson**; Grass Cats, Red Sock Publishing, The Comfort Zone Recording Studio, New Time Records; 2012

**Steven Johnson**; MerleFest, 2013

?**Gary Jolicoeur**, WNRV Bluegrass Radio, 2009

**Gerald Jones**, AcousticMusicCamp.com, 2012

**Si Kahn**, Joe Hill Music, 2004

**Lori Kampa**, Dualtone Records, 2004

**Gerry Katz**, Boston Bluegrass Union, 2001

**Jamie Katz**; PineCone, The Piedmont Council of Traditional Music, Inc.; 2012

**Dan Keen**, Belmont University, 2001

**Chris Keenan**, Johnny Keenan Banjo Festival, 2010

**Kevin Kehrberg**; Educator; 2007

**Thad Keim**, Compass Records, 2010

**Karl Kersey**, Music Heritage Center of Central Tennessee, 2009

**Kelly Kessler**, Songwriter, 2006

**Diane King**; Songwriter, Artist; 2008

**Lori King**; Bluegrass Music Association of Iowa, 2013

**Lawrence Klein**, MD; ETV Radio Network, Bill Wells & Blueridge Mountain Grass; 2007

**Bill Knowlton**, WCNY, 2004

**Julie Koehler**, Music Journalist, 2000

**Tom Kopp**; Miami University, Bluegrass in the Schools Commiteendation for; 2003

**Joan Kornblith**, Voice of America, 2010

**Amanda Kowalski**; Photographer, Musician; 2001

**Tim Kruzic**, Artist, 2005

**Kitsy Kuykendall**, *Bluegrass Unlimited*, 2005

**Peter Kuykendall**, *Bluegrass Unlimited*, 2005

**Heidi Labensart**, McGuckin PR, 2011

**Shari Lacy**, GoodStuff PR, 2002

**Jordan Laney**; Appalachian State University, 2013

**Rick Lang**; Haley Anna Music, BMI; 2012

**Jennifer Larson**, Straight Drive, 2010

**Mike Lawing**, Musician, 2006

**Nolan Lawrence**, The Hillbenders, 2011

**Stephanie P. Ledgin**, Music Journalist, 2000

**Mary Jo Leet**; Geobuilt, Artist; 2005

**Katy E. Leonard**, Educator/Musicologist, 2008

**William Lewis**, PineCone, 2010

**Matt Lindsey**, Matt Lindsey Music LLC, 2008

**Sally Love**; Artist, Smithsonian Institute; 2003

**Jessica Lovell**, Artist, 2006

**Holly Lowman**, Kaleidoscope Media, 2004

**Lynwood Lunsford**, Artist, 2000

**Claire Lynch**; The Claire Lynch Band; 2012

**Michael W. Marceau**; D.C. Bluegrass Union, Artist, 2008

**Mark Mason**, BMI, 2000

**Barry Mazor**; Journalist, Author; 2009

**George B. McCeney**; *Bluegrass Unlimited*, Songwriter; 2004

**Penni McDaniel**, Hope River Entertainment, 2009

**Tim McFadden**, Tim McFadden Management LLC, 2008

**Janet McGarry**; Diamond Productions PEI, Janet McGarry & Wildwood; 2009

**Greg McGraw**, 2000

**Sharon McGraw**, 2000

**Les McIntyre**; *Bluegrass Unlimited*, WAMU; 2002 (deceased)



**Doug McKelway**, WJLA Channel 7/ABC TV, 2005

**George McKnight**; Emcee, Broadcaster; 2005

**Michael McLain**; Belmont University, Musician; 2012

**John D. McNaughton**; Artist, CKRZ; 2006

**Art Menius**; 2000

**Jimmy Metts**, New Cuts of Bluegrass, 2011

**Liz Meyer**; Liz Meyer & Big City Bluegrass, European World of Bluegrass; 2006 (deceased)

**Louis Jay Meyers**; Folk Alliance; 2011

**Walt Michael**; Walt Michael & Co., Common Ground on the Hill; 2011

**Belle Heffner Mickelson**; Dancing with the Spirit, Educator; 2004

**Mike Mickelson**; Artist, Educator, Fisherman; 2007

**Don Miller**, Just Right Productions, 2005

**Tom Mindte**, Patuxent Music, 2006

**Patty Mitchell**; Artist, Musical Heritage Center of Middle Tennessee; 2010

**C. Roger Moss**, Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival, 2009

**Tom Mueller**, The Muellers, 2009

**Christy Mullins-Jones**, 2002

**Alan Munde**, The Alan Munde Gazette, 2001

**Ron Murphy**; Muddy River Band, 2013

**Amy Murray**, Murray Music Group; 2001

**Larry Nager**, Freelance Journalist, 2011

**Tom Nechville**, Nechville Musical Products, 2011

**Susan Newberry**; Event Production, Arts Consultant; 2004

**Mark Newton**, Mark Newton Agency, Artist; 2002

**Michelle Nikolai**, Music Journalist, 2005

**Ronnie Norton**, Lonesome Highway, 2012

**Chris Oliver**, Infinity Luthiers, 2012

**Andy Owens**; Artist, Lonesome Pine; 2000

**Howard L. Parker**; Beard Guitars LLC, Artist; 2006

**Bev Paul**, Consultant, 2003

**Lilly Pavlak**, Music Journalist, 2006

**Dagfinn Pedersen**; Risor Bluegrass, Radio Risor, Norwegian Bluegrass Music Assoc.; 2007

**T. Lawson Peets**, Rowdy Pickers Musical Products, 2007

**Bob Perilla**, Big Hillbilly Bluegrass, 2002

**David Peterson**, David Peterson & 1946, 2003

**Randy Pitts**, Booking Agent, 2004

**Ross Pomerenk**, Acoustic Sound/ Wintergrass, 2012

**Tina Potter**, 2007

**Gretchen Priest-May**; Music Heritage Center of Middle Tennessee; artist, 2010

**David Preston**, BMI, 2009

**Tony Rackley**, Big Cedar Music, 2004

**Missy Raines**, Missy Raines & the New Hip, 2000

**Tony Rairden**, 2001

**Michael Ramsey**; Red, White & Bluegrass Festival; 2010

**Marty Raybon**; Marty Raybon & Full Circle, 2008

**Gary Reid**, Bluegrass Productions of Virginia, 2010

**Amy Reitnouer**; The Bluegrass Situation, 2013

**Ronnie Reno**; BlueHighways TV, Ronnie Reno & The Reno Tradition; 2009

**Don Rigsby**; Don Rigsby & Midnight Call; 2007

**Andrea Roberts**; Educator/ Artist; 2000

**Butch Robins**; Educator, Artist; 2006

**Jim Roe**; Roe Entertainment; 2007

**Dana Romanello**; Dana Romanello & 1925, ABC Radio; 2007

**Neil Rosenberg**; Professor Emeritus, Memorial University; Author, musician; 2007

**Leah Ross**, Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion, 2009

**Scott Rouse**, Nashville Entrepreneur Center, 2000

**Carolyn Routh**; Nu-Blu, Red Squared Audio, 2013

**Daniel Routh**; Nu-Blu Bluegrass Artists, Red Squared Audio; 2012.

**Roger Ryan**, CMA of Ireland, 2008

**Jerry Salley**; Songwriter, Artist; 2011

**Sheila Selby**; Boston Bluegrass Union, 2013

**Larry Shell**, Songwriter, Publisher; 2003

**Sammy Shelor**, Lonesome River Band, 2009

**Lorraine Short**, Prime Tyme Solutions, 2008

**Aretha Sills**, CMH Records, 2003

**Roger H. Siminoff**, Siminoff Banjo & Mandolin Parts, 2008

**Earle Simmons**, SunTrust Bank, 2006

**Mark Simos**; Devachan Music, Berklee College of Music; 2002

**Cindy Sinclair**, NashCamp Music Camps, 2002

**Tommy Sivert**, Gold Tone Musical Instruments, 2009

**David Skepner**, The Buckskin Company, 2002 (deceased)

**Gene Skinner**, Great Stuff Radio Network, 2012

**Brian Smith**, Leadership Artists LLC, 2003

**Carly Smith**; International Bluegrass Music Museum, 2013

**Jessica Smith**; Artist, Songwriter; 2010

**H W. ?Bill? Smith;** 2008

**Valerie Smith;** Liberty Pike, Bell Buckle Records; 2004

**Kenny Smith,** Kenny & Amanda Smith Band, 2006

**Paul Snyder,** 2003

**Frank Solivan,** Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen, 2011

**Jean Spivey,** Old Settlers Music Festival, 2010

**Richard Spratt;** Foundation for Bluegrass Music, Educator; 2011

**Erin Stamper;** WAMU?s Bluegrass Country 2013

**Tim Stafford;** Blue Highway, Daniel House Music; 2007

**Joe Steiner,** Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association, 2006

**Larry Stephenson,** The Larry Stephenson Band, 2007

**Kipper Stitt;** Booking Agent, Aartist; 2004

**Jennifer Strickland;** Jenny Lynn Publishing; 2012

**Andrew Stokes,** McLachlan Management International, 2010

**Danna Strong,** Americana Music Association, 2011

**Chris Stuart,** Backcountry Music, 2004

**Bertie Sullivan;** Two Rivers Festival, Mississippi Bluegrass Reunion; 2003

**Ben Surratt;** The Rec Room Recording Studio; Producer; 2001

**B.J. Suter,** Colorado Bluegrass Music Society, 2002

**Iboya Takacs,** 2001

**Holly Tashian;** Barry & Holly Tashian, Poodle Paw Music; 2006

**Barry Tashian;** Barry & Holly Tashian, BarryBoy Songs; 2005

**Yvonne Tatar;** Foundation for Bluegrass Music, Summergrass, SuperGrass, Music Journalist; 2006

**Michael Tatar, Sr.;** San Diego Bluegrass Society; 2002

**Michael Tatar, Jr.**

; Artist, Educator; 2003

**Stephanie Taylor**; Middle Tennessee State University, Stephanie Taylor Law; 2007

**Wayne Taylor**; Wayne Taylor & Appaloosa, Raincoe Music, 2008

**Chris Teskey**, WAMU's Bluegrass Country, 2012

**Juli Thanki**; The 9531, freelance journalist; 2011

**Connie Jean Thiessen**; Music Journalist, Artist; 2005

**Traci Thomas**, Thirty Tigers, 2001

**Dana Thorin**, Music Caravan, 2008

**Tom Thorpe**; Educator, Dyer Switch Bluegrass Band; 2009

**Traci Todd**, CMT, 2000

**Alan Tompkins**; Bluegrass Heritage Foundation, Acoustic Music Camps; 2009

**Angelika Torrie**, European Bluegrass Music Association, 2011

**Trisha Tubbs**; SoftResources LLC, Wintergrass; 2000

**Don Tucker**, Huck Finn's Jubilee, 2003 (deceased)

**Richard Tucker**, Event Producer, 2007

**Valerie Tucker**, Educator, 2011

**Bob Turbanic**, Wheeling Park High School Bluegrass Band, 2000

**Shannon Turner**; Freelance writer/journalist, 2013

**Donna Ulisse**; Donna Ulisse & the Poor Mountain Boys, Hadley Music Group; 2010

**Jim Van Cleve**, Mountain Heart, 2009

**April Verch**; April Verch Band, April Verch Music; 2008

**Garian Vigil**; Freelance Writer, Publicist, Colorado Bluegrass Music Society; 2007

**Emilee Warner**, Crash Avenue, 2011

**Archie Warnock**, AWWW Enterprises, 2001

**Priscilla Warnock**; Brandywine Friends of Bluegrass, Delaware Valley Festival,

Photographer; 2004

**Tony Watt**; Musician, Educator, Boston Bluegrass Union; 2012

**Lucy Weberling**; Festival Yoga/ Inner Smile Productions, 2008

**Bob Webster**, 2011

**Joe Weed**; Artist, Music & Video producer, 2009

**Rebekah Weiler**; Artist, Detective; 2008

**Jon Weisberger**; Songwriter, Muscian, Journaist; 2006

**Missy Werner**; Missy Werner Band, 2013

**Pete Wernick**; Dr. Banjo, Pete & Joan Wernick, Pete Wernick & Flexigrass, Hot Rize; 2009

**Sharon White**, The Whites, 2012

**Jill Wiese**; Bluegrass Association of North Dakota, 2013

**Kristi Wilcox**; Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings LLP, 2013

**Johnny Williams**, Grass Tank Music, 2006

**Jeanette Williams**, Jeanette Williams Band, 2005

**Jay Williams**, William Morris Agency, 2001

**Kimberly Williams**; East Public Relations, The Expedition Show; 2012

**Jim Winger**, Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association, 2003

**Dwight Worden**, San Diego Bluegrass Society, 2009

**Courtney Worthen**; PineCone ? The Piedmont Council of Traditional Music, 2013

**Bob Wright**; Risky Business Bluegrass, Harbortown Revue; 2005

**Todd Wright**; merchandiser, educator, artist; 2000

**Adrienne Young**; AddieBelle Music, Little Sadie; 2004

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