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The Canadian all-woman band **Oh My Darling**, who took part in the **10th Bühl International Bluegrass Festival** last year (see the EBB for 10 May 2012) will soon begin a seven-week tour of Europe, including Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

The **Maiden City Festival** in Londonderry/Derry city, Northern Ireland, has included a day devoted to bluegrass and old-time music since the year 2000 - when the **Blue Grass Boogiemmen** (NL) were at the top of the bill. In the last few years this has extended to a second day, and the number of bands and musicians involved has increased. The next Maiden City Festival takes place August 3-4.

Lilly Drumeva, founder of **Lilly of the West** bluegrass band of Bulgaria will be in the United States from August until November 15th on a Fulbright scholarship. She will be writing about and exploring the history of bluegrass music in Bulgarian for the first time. Drumeva will visit Nashville, and parts of Kentucky, as well as perform at World of Bluegrass in Raleigh in September.

The Sons of Navarone, from Belgium, have a new guitarist in Yves Aerts.

The 5th annual **Banjoree** will take place in Wendland, Germany September 13 through 15. For more information visit www.banjoree.com ^[2].

The France Bluegrass Music Association announced their **Winter Bluegrass Weekend** will take place November 8 through 11 in Vichy.

Down and Out Bluegrass Band from the Belfast area of Northern Ireland have announced their first album *Lowering the Tone* will be released soon online, and at their upcoming shows.

Look for an increased international presence at World of Bluegrass in Raleigh this September with three nights of band showcases, a "Foreign Affairs" booth in the exhibit hall, and more!

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