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Nashville, TN (June 3, 2013) ? Artists have been selected for the ?**Bluegrass Ramble?** showcases, which will take place at seven different venues throughout downtown Raleigh, North Carolina during the **International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA)?s World of Bluegrass 2013** event, **September 24-28**.

Selected by the IBMA Showcase Selection Committee, the Bluegrass Ramble Showcase artists are: **Dave Adkins & Republik Steele; The Bankesters; Breaking Grass; Travers Chandler & Avery County; Kristy Cox & Calder Highway; Cumberland Gap Connection; Detour; Bill Evans; Bradford Lee Folk & The Bluegrass Playboys; Front Country; Grasstowne; The Gravy Boys Band; Todd Grebe and Cold Country; Growling Old Men; Henhouse Prowlers; The Honey Dewdrops; Kathy Kallick Band; Kickin? Grass Band; Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellys; Red Wine; Kevin Richardson & Cuttin? Edge; Southern Raised; Johnny Staats & The Delivery Boys; The Steel Wheels; The Stray Birds; Nora Jane Struthers & The Party Line; The Toy Hearts; Wildfire; Jeanette & Johnny Williams and Wood & Wire.**

IBMA?s ?Bluegrass Ramble? showcases, produced by Ben Surratt and Cindy Baucom will take place from 6 pm - 2 am on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 24-25 on seven stages, and on six stages from 10 pm - 2 am Thursday ? Saturday, Sept. 26-28.

?In recent years privately hosted showcases during the World of Bluegrass event have become so popular that they have conflicted with our official showcase schedule,? **IBMA Executive Director Nancy Cardwell** said. ?Rather than compete with our own members, we?ve decided to join forces this year, presenting official showcase bands several times during the week and also making room for co-sponsor hosted bands in line-ups.?

?Bluegrass Ramble? showcase co-sponsors confirmed so far include **MerleFest, Pinecastle Records, Jordan Entertainment, IBMA Foreign Affairs, SteelBridge Insurance, Mountain Home Records, Class Act Entertainment, Christmas in the Smokies, John Boy & Billy, Inc., the Foundation for Bluegrass Music, Folk Alliance International, Outer Banks Bluegrass Festival** and **Quicksilver Entertainment**, with several more sponsors pending.

?World of Bluegrass will be a week-long live bluegrass experience, with lots of bands playing every night,? Cardwell continued. ?If you miss a showcase band on Tuesday night, there?s a good chance you?ll be able to catch that same band on Wednesday or later in the week. In addition to conference attendees, we expect a lot of local interest in showcase wristbands?for

bluegrass fans in the Raleigh area who work until 5 p.m. and want to come out in the evenings to hear some great bluegrass music.?

The ?Bluegrass Ramble? showcases will be held in the following venues:

- **Lincoln Theatre:** 430 S. Dawson Street, www.lincoltheatre.com [2].
- **Longview Center:** 118 S Person Street, <http://unitytriangle.org/about-unity/weddings-downtown-raleigh/> [3]
- **Tir Na Nog:** 218 S. Blount Street, <http://www.tnnirishpub.com/> [4]
- **Pour House Music Hall:** 224 S. Blount Street, <http://www.thepourhousemusicall.com/> [5]
- **Kings:** 14 W. Martin Street, <http://kingsbarcade.com/> [6]
- **The Architect:** 108 ½ E. Hargett Street, <http://www.architectbar.com/> [7]
- **Raleigh Convention Center stage:** 4th floor ballroom <http://www.raleighconvention.com/about/facilities/ballroom> [8]

Admission to showcases is available to both IBMA Business Conference attendees (with ID) and to the general public, via ?Bluegrass Ramble? showcase wristbands or a per-venue, per-night fee at the door. Additional details on the ?Bluegrass Ramble? showcases are available at www.worldofbluegrass.org [9] .

Those interested in co-sponsoring a ?Bluegrass Ramble? showcase can contact Nancy Cardwell at IBMA: (615) 256-3222 or 888-GET-IBMA. Email Nancy at nancyc@ibma.org [10].

IBMA?s World of Bluegrass 2013 event consists of three main parts: the **Business Conference**, which runs Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 24-26, the **24th Annual International Bluegrass Music Awards**, scheduled for Thursday evening, Sept. 26, and the music festival ? newly re-named **Wide Open Bluegrass** ? which takes place Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27-28.

IBMA ? the International Bluegrass Music Association ? is the professional trade organization for the global bluegrass music community. The organization?s three-year stay in Raleigh is the result of a partnership with **The Greater Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau**, **PineCone?The Piedmont Council of Traditional Music**, the **City of Raleigh** and a local organizing committee.

For more details and to purchase tickets/register for World of Bluegrass 2013, IBMA Awards, Wide Open Bluegrass weekend festival and Bluegrass Ramble showcase passes, lodging and camping options, and more, visit www.ibma.org [11] or call 1-888-GET-IBMA. To purchase festival tickets, go to ETix.com or call 8888-GET-IBMA.

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