

Monroe Jamison Memorial Bluegrass & Old Time Music Weekend

Saturday, Aug. 8

12:00 p.m. Dale Jett & Hello Stranger
 1:00 p.m. Jonny & The Jam Busters
 2:00 p.m. Lost & Found
 3:00 p.m. Dale Jett & Hello Stranger
 4:00 p.m. Jonny & The Jam Busters
 5:00 p.m. Lost & Found

Sunday, Aug. 9

12:00 p.m. The Wolfe Brothers
 1:00 p.m. The Sheets Family
 2:00 p.m. The New Ballards Branch Bogtrotters
 3:00 p.m. The Wolfe Brothers
 4:00 p.m. The Sheets Family
 5:00 p.m. The New Ballards Branch Bogtrotters

Weekend Pass \$5; children under 12 free.

Weekend passes will be sold at the Abingdon Visitor's Center, Festival Office, and at the gate. Tickets will be exchanged at the Event Tent for a wrist band that will be good for the entire weekend. Patrons with wrist bands may come and go as they wish during the weekend.



Dale Jett & Friends

• **Dale Jett & Hello Stranger:** The grandson of A.P. and Sara Carter of the original Carter Family, Jett will be joined by wife Teresa and his long-time friend and musical partner Oscar Harris. The Carter Family influence is evident as they continue the "unbroken circle" of music, but they also add an eclectic mix of original tunes and songs from other songwriters.

• **Jonny & The Jambusters:** "We folklorists are always casing the countryside in search of that proverbial diamond in the rough. Alan Lomax famously discovered Leadbelly in a Louisiana prison. The Seeger family's housekeeper turned out to be none other than Elizabeth Cotton. Chuck Perdue met John Jackson by chance in a Virginia gas station. And I found mine working behind the deli counter of a Food City outside of Pound, Va...." So begins the saga of Jonny Clutch, alter ego of Virginia State Folklorist Jon Lohman, who in 2007 assembled a veritable "who's who" of artists from along The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail for a recording that, as Jonny says, is more fun than...well, we can't really tell you what Jonny said. Don't miss the group's first performance at the Virginia Highlands Festival. Available for sale will be copies of *It Takes One To Know One*



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Below are members of
The New Ballards Branch Bogtrotters



Lost & Found





**Above:
The Wolfe
Brothers**



**Left:
The Sheets
Family**

featuring Wayne Henderson, Spencer Strickland, Gerald Anderson, Emily and Martha Spencer of the Whitetop Mountain Band, teen sensations Houston Caldwell and Courtney Borroughs of Broken Wire, Uncle Leon Frost, and many more. Knowing Jonny, it's no-telling who might join him on stage this go-round.

• **Lost & Found:** These Rebel Recording artists tour throughout the U.S. and Canada, their shows fueled by exceptional instrumentation and tight vocal harmonies. A signature sound combined with original material has produced such classic tunes as "Love of the Mountains," "Wild Mountain Flowers for Mary" and "Johnston's Grocery Store," a number one song in *Bluegrass Unlimited's* National Survey. Led by veteran bluegrass musician Allen Mills on bass fiddle and vocals, the band also includes Ronald Smith, banjo and vocals; Scottie Sparks, guitar and vocals; and Scott Napier, mandolin and vocals.

• **The Wolfe Brothers:** Although The Wolfe Brothers first formed in the 1970s, the group re-established their unique old time sound in the 1990s. Featuring three vocalists, the band's repertoire ranges from rarely heard traditional songs and tunes to their own original material. The band has recorded five projects. Their most recent recording, *Old Virginia Hills*, was released in April 2007. Founding members include Jerry Correll (fiddle) and Dale Morris (banjo, guitar), joined by Casey Hash (guitar, accordion) and Donna Correll (bass); all reside in Grayson County, Va.

• **The Sheets Family:** Exquisite mother-daughter harmonies and husband-wife duets characterize this trio from Vilas, NC, whose members include Randy Sheets on banjo, Debra Jean Sheets on guitar, and daughter Kelly Sheets on fiddle. Original songs dealing with community,

friends and changing times combine with familiar music of the southern mountains for a mix both traditional and contemporary.

• **The New Ballard's Branch Bogtrotters:** Around for more than a dozen years, The Bogtrotters remain a leading force in carrying the traditional music of the Virginia/Carolina Blue Ridge in this new millennium. Hailing from Galax, Va., the band takes its name, in part, from the original Bogtrotters of the 1930s, and from the home of band leader Dennis Hall, who lives on Ballard's Branch. The group is a six-time first-place winner in the Old Time Band contest at the prestigious Old Fiddlers Convention in Galax. Original members include Dennis Hall on guitar, Dallas Hall on mandolin, and Peco Watson on clawhammer banjo. 🌿

Music Workshop

Traditional Mountain Music (Wednesday, Aug. 5: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.) Rhody Jane Meadows will lead this hands-on workshop at the Jubilee House Retreat Center in Abingdon. She will demonstrate a variety of instruments including spoons, bones, gourd shakers, washboard, and a washtub bass. Meadows is the activities director at John M. Reed Home, Limestone, Tenn. She has a master's degree in Appalachian Studies, which she taught at Appalachian State University. Registration and deposit required by Aug. 3: 276-619-0919 or e-mail info@jubileeretreat.com. \$12 donation suggested. Lunch will be served. 🌿