

Press Release

Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Inc.

Saturday, April 21st, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. the Carter Family Fold in Hiltons, Virginia, will present a concert of old time music by Warren Wilson College's old time band - Jenny & the Hog Drovers with their professor Phil Jamison. Admission to the concert is \$10 for adults, \$2 for children 6 to 11, under age 6 free.

Jenny and the Hog Drovers are an old time stringband from Asheville, North Carolina that formed at Warren Wilson College as part of the college's Traditional Music Program. Band members include Maddy Mullany (fiddle), Clarke Williams (fiddle and banjo), Phil Jamison (banjo), Leo Shannon (guitar), and Landon George (bass). The band's name comes from the "drovers" who herded hogs to market from the mountains of western North Carolina during the nineteenth century. Warren Wilson College is a Work College – all students participate in a work program - & two of the band members have worked with the pigs on the college's farm.

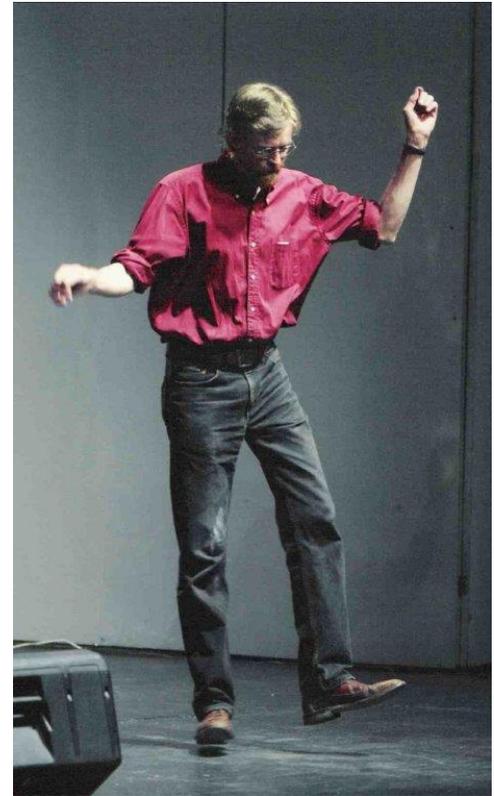


The band performs traditional music from the southern Appalachians. This includes dance tunes (breakdowns as well as waltzes), ballads, and folksongs. Several members of the band also perform traditional flatfooting. The band has played for many dances and also performed at regional concert venues and music festivals. In 2016, they won a ribbon (fourth place) in the old time band contest at the Appalachian Stringband Festival at Clifftop, West Virginia – a prestigious competition that attracts musicians from across the United States. In 2017, the band participated in a three-week tour in China. While there, they collaborated with a group of Chinese musicians from the Yi ethnic group known as Manhu (fierce tigers). On this cultural exchange, the groups traveled and performed together in the Yunnan province, Beijing, and Shanghai.

Phil Jamison is a nationally known dance caller, old time musician, and fine

flatfoot dancer. He has called dances, performed, and taught throughout the U.S. and overseas since the early 1970s. During that time, he spent more than thirty-five years as a member of the Green Grass Cloggers. His flatfoot dancing was featured in the film *Songcatcher* for which he also served as Traditional Dance consultant. For twenty-two years, he toured with Ralph Blizard and the New Southern Ramblers. Ralph was a much-loved member of the Carter Fold family who won the NEA National Heritage Award just prior to his death. Phil recently published a book called *Hoedowns, Reels, and Frolics: Roots and Branches of Southern Appalachian Dance* which was based on over thirty years of research. Having taught Appalachian music and dance (and mathematics) at Warren Wilson College for twenty-five years, Phil coordinates the Old Time Music and Dance Week at the Swannanoa Gathering. Phil and the Green Grass Cloggers did a fundraiser in the late 1970s to concrete the Carter Fold's dance floor. More than any other clogging group that ever performed at the Fold, The Green Grass Cloggers represented the best and most authentic mountain traditional, free style clogging.

The Fold will be hosting a film crew the 21st as well. Come on out and join us for some of the best traditional old time music you'll ever hear. Bring your friends, your family, and your dancing shoes. You can check out Jenny & the Hog Drovers (& Phil Jamison) on Facebook, YouTube, and on the web. It just doesn't get better than hearing old time music in the place it came from. The Fold sits at the base of Clinch Mountain – part of the Appalachian Mountains. Clinch Mountain will be historically remembered as the home of the Carter Family. Their love for the beautiful place they were fortunate enough to call home is a resounding theme of the amazing music catalog they left behind.



Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Incorporated, is a nonprofit, rural arts organization established to preserve traditional, acoustic, mountain music. For further information on the center, go to <http://www.carterfamilyfold.org>. Partial funding for programs at the center is provided by the *Virginia Commission for the Arts*, the *National Endowment for the Art*, the *Virginia Tourism Corporation*. For recorded information on shows coming up at the Fold, call 276-386-6054. The Fold can be found on Facebook – page Carter Fold – and Twitter – @carterfoldinfo. To speak to a Fold volunteer staff member, call 276-594-0676. If we don't answer you right away, we'll get back to you in 24 hours.

