

Press Release
Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Inc.

HILTONS - Saturday, June 2nd, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., the Carter Family Fold in Hiltons, Virginia, will present a bluegrass concert by the Kody Norris Show. Admission to the concert is \$10 for adults, children 6 to 11 \$2, under age 6 free.

Always maintaining a sharp, professional appearance complete with rhinestone suits and cowboy hats the Kody Norris Show gives a bluegrass fan one of the most solid, entertaining, and animated performances they will ever experience. Performances of the Kody Norris Show are reminiscent of the performances of traditional bluegrass artists – yet Kody brings his own special, distinct flair to the music. Kody is backed by one of the most high-energy bands in bluegrass today. Kody has been fortunate to not only entertain crowds at bluegrass festivals but at venues such as the Kentucky Center, the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., and the University of Chicago Folk Festival. The band works regularly on the Cumberland Highlands Show – a weekly, highly acclaimed program on the RFD TV network. Kody is celebrating his 10th season with his band this year. During the past ten years, he has released over 15 albums. Heartfelt gospel music is part of Kody’s show. The group’s recent release of *There’s a Man Coming for Me* showcases some of the band’s tight harmony vocals in both their original and their traditional material.



Kody Norris headlines the Kody Norris Show with his strong lead vocals and solid guitar playing. Kody has actually played at the Fold from the time his career began. Growing up alongside Rita’s boys, the two families were well acquainted and shared many of the same friends and family ties. He’s backed by Mary Rachel Nalley on fiddle, Josiah Tyree on banjo, and Tyler Wiseman on upright bass.

Playing from the age of ten, Mary Rachel also plays mandolin. She grew up in Kentucky where her family ran a weekly bluegrass jam. Mary Rachel first began her bluegrass career with the all-girl band Hazel Holler, later joining King's Highway and finally Larry Sparks and the Lonesome Ramblers before joining Kody's band. Now a musical instructor, Mary Rachel wears many hats for the Kody Norris Show.



Josiah Tyree began playing banjo at an early age, winning his first contest for the clawhammer banjo in 2013. He would win many more. First learning to sing in the church where his father was Assistant Pastor, Josiah handles the tenor and baritone vocals and the banjo picking for the Kody Norris Show.

A newcomer to professional bluegrass, Tyler Wiseman can trace his interest in music back to age 7. He plays piano, guitar, and the upright bass. Tyler takes care of the baritone vocals for Kody's show and plays doghouse bass. Growing up in Elizabethton, Tennessee, Tyler saw many famous musicians perform at one of the area's first and biggest bluegrass festivals – Slaguel's Pasture.



Check out the group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thekodynorrisshow. If you like your bluegrass traditional and you aren't already a fan of the Kody Norris Show, you will be when you hear them. Their show takes you back to a time when bluegrass greats Bill Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs, and the Stanley Brothers set a high bar for all the bluegrass musicians that would follow them. The Kody Norris show exemplifies all that traditional bluegrass music stands for. Don't miss their show at the Carter Family Fold. The Fold is proud to welcome Kody back.

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Carter Family Memorial Music Center is a nonprofit, rural arts organization established to preserve traditional, acoustic mountain music. The center is a family-friendly, drug and alcohol free venue. In addition to the performance area, we maintain the Carter Family Museum and the A.P. Carter birthplace cabin. Both the cabin and the museum are historic landmarks and are open from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and later at performance intermission on Saturdays. For more information on the center, go to our site on the internet – www.carterfamilyfold.org/. Partial program funding for our shows is provided by the *Virginia Commission for the Arts* the *National Endowment for the Arts*. and technical assistance are provided by *Virginia Tourism Corporation*. To access recorded information on shows coming up at the Fold, call 276-386-6054. We 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.