

Press Release

Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Inc.

HILTONS Saturday, December 1st, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., the Carter Family Fold in Hiltons, Virginia will present a concert of traditional bluegrass music by Appalachian Trail. Appalachian Trail was very gracious to step in when Adam Steffey and his new group the Highland Travelers stopped performing based on unforeseen circumstances. Adam has always been a special part of the Carter Fold Family. We love him and his family. Everyone at the Fold wishes him and his group the very best. Adult admission to the concert is \$10, \$2 for children 6 to 11, and under age 6 is free.

Appalachian Trail is a union of seasoned and innovative singers, songwriters, and musicians from northeast Tennessee. The band has been invited to play at festivals across the U.S., riverboat weddings in Nashville, and regularly at the Carter Family Fold. Appalachian Trail has played corporate parties, and the band has played the Song of the Mountains public television series three times. The group's music is diversified; they chose innovative and original material to record. Ireland, Scotland, England, Russia, Sweden, Canada, Holland, and Switzerland are some of the countries that have hosted the talents of the individuals in this band, as well as coast-to-coast here at home. Taking their name from the famous Appalachian hiking trail, the group was formed in 1984. Although the group's members have changed through the years, the band is still burning new trails in the bluegrass arena over 30 years later. This band helped cultivate the careers of the likes of Adam Steffey, John Bowman, Becky Buller, and countless others. Currently based out of northeast Tennessee, the band performs as regularly as possible given that they have full time jobs in other professions. Band members Tommy and Vickie Austin and Ashley Davis recently joined Kristi Stanley's band Running Blind. Kristi is the wife of Ralph II, son of



the late Dr. Ralph Stanley, and they are the proud parents of Taylor and Ralph Stanley III.

Members of Appalachian Trail are: Vickie Austin – vocals and bass; Tommy Austin – vocals and mandolin; Allen Hughes – vocals and guitar; Glen Rose – banjo; and Ashley Davis – vocals and fiddle. If you like traditional bluegrass music, don't miss Appalachian Trail at the Carter Family Fold! For additional information on the group, check out their web site –

<http://www.appalachiantrailbluegrass.com/>.

Vickie has been playing on the Carter Fold stage since she was a little girl, and Appalachian Trail has performed many times over the years. In fact, Vickie and Joe Carter were very special buddies, and she feels like she's part of our family.

We're so proud of the songwriting award she recently won , and the Fold is always proud to welcome them back.



Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Inc., is a nonprofit, rural arts organization that was established in 1979 to preserve traditional, acoustic, mountain music. Saturday concerts have been held since 1974. The center is family-friendly, and an alcohol and drug free facility. For more information, 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 Arts*, and the *Virginia Tourism Corporation*. To access recorded information on the upcoming Saturday show at the Fold, call 276-386-6054. The Fold is on Facebook – page Carter Fold – and Twitter – @carterfoldinfo. To speak to a volunteer Fold staff member, call 276-594-0676. If we don't answer you right away, we'll get back to you in 24 hours.

