

Press Release

Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Inc.

HILTONS Saturday, March 9th, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., the Carter Family Fold will present a concert by Jackson Cunningham and Nobody's Business – and old time band. Admission to the concert is \$10 for adults, children 6 to 11 \$2, under age 6 free. Tickets are available at the door. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Nobody's Business is a band from southwestern Virginia and northwestern North Carolina. Primarily old time, they also play traditional bluegrass in the old style, classic country, and early hillbilly music. Having performed regionally, nationally, as well as internationally, they have many collective years of carrying the music of the mountains to audiences outside our area.

Jackson Cunningham sings lead and harmony and plays guitar, mandolin, and banjo. Performing our region's music, Jackson (originally from Oregon) has played for many years with Nobody's Business, the Cabin Creek Boys, the Whitetop Mountain Band, the Whitetop Mountaineers, the South Carolina Broadcasters and with the Dixie Bluegrass Boys. He's performed for the NCTA and



the Crooked Road's Mountain Music Tour. His international tours have been in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and in the United Kingdom. An accomplished instrument maker, Jackson builds vintage style guitars and custom fiddles for musicians and music lovers all around the world.

Steve Kruger plays old time fiddle and banjo in the traditional style of southwest Virginia and the northwestern counties of North Carolina. When he's not playing with Nobody's Business, he's the fiddler for the Little Stony Nighthawks.

Jerry Steinberg plays upright bass in the traditional old time style. Jerry has played with numerous bands such as the Craig County Boys (28 years), the Camp Creek Boys, and the Cabin Creek Boys. He's also played with many musical legends – Curly Seckler and the Nashville Grass, Jimmy Martin, Mac Wiseman, Bill Clifton, Bill Grant, Della Bell and the Sullivan Family from Alabama, the Mountain Ramblers, Ted Lundy, Bob Paisley and the Southern Mountain Boys, and Charlie Bailey along with many others. Jerry has been playing since 1974.

Mac Traynham is a highly respected old time musician known primarily for his

rhythmic clawhammer banjo style. He plays guitar, harmonica, and fiddle in order to keep alive the older sound of mountain music prevalent in the Blue Ridge Mountains before the advent of modern technology. Old songs and “ancient” tunes are Mac’s specialty. He’s a teacher who has led workshops in three continents. The promotion and preservation of the traditional music of southwest Virginia led him to an active role in the area’s music program for youth – JAM (Junior Appalachian Musicians) and to teach old time fiddle and banjo. A skilled carpenter, Mac builds high-quality open back banjos, cabinets and furniture when he isn’t playing music or farming.

Fold audiences know Jackson Cunningham well from playing with the Whitetop Mountain Band for many years. In fact, all the musicians in the group have performed at the Fold with various groups through the years. Much like the Whitetop Mountain Band, Nobody’s Business knows and performs the best old time music. They also know that nothing makes a Carter Fold audience happier than keeping the dance floor hot. Bring your family and friends out for an evening of some of the best old time music around. Don’t forget to bring your dancing shoes. You’ll need them. For more information on Jackson, go to www.facebook.com/CunninghamHandmadeInstruments on the web.

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 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 programs 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. The Center is only open Saturday nights, and we are run by volunteer staff.