

Press Release

Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Inc.

HILTONS The Carter Music Center is proud to announce that beginning Sunday, September 8th, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., the new Ken Burns Florentine Films documentary on country music will premiere on your local PBS station. The series kicks off with a concert from the historic Ryman Auditorium and traces country music to its' humble beginnings in the early part of this century. There will be a total of eight segments each following Sunday at the same time on PBS that represent the most comprehensive documentation of country music to date. It has already received a glowing review from Rolling Stone Magazine.

The Carter Music Center and the Carter family are proud to have contributed to the making of this amazing documentary. We are honored that a documentarian of Ken Burns' stature undertook this monumental project, and we are exceedingly proud to be part of it. For more information, check out Ken Burns' work 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 – each are historic landmarks. The cabin and museum are open Saturdays at 6 p.m. until show time at 7:30 p.m. and they both reopen at our intermission. For more information on the center, go to our site on the internet – www.carterfamilyfold.org/. Partial program funding is provided by the *Virginia Commission for the Arts*, the *National Endowment for the Arts*, and also by the *Virginia Tourism Corporation*. To access recorded information on shows coming up at the Fold, call 276-386-6054. We're 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 – one of few true rural arts organizations in the U.S.

