

Press Release
Carter Family Memorial Music Center, Inc.

HILTONS Saturday, June 25th, 2022 , at 7:30 p.m., the Carter Family Fold in Hiltons, Virginia will present a concert of traditional bluegrass music by Appalachian Trail. Adult admission to the concert is \$10, \$3 for children 6 to 11, and under age 6 is free. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Appalachian Trail is a union of seasoned and innovative singers, songwriters, and musicians from northeast Tennessee. The band has played at festivals across the U.S., riverboat weddings, and regularly at the Carter Family Fold. Appalachian Trail has played corporate parties, and they have been featured on the Song of the Mountains public television series three times. The group's music is diversified; they chose both 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 nearly 40 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. Working with other bands in the area, they regularly fill in when needed by other groups and often play local churches and community events.

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 it feels like she's part of our family. We're so proud of our longstanding friendship with Appalachian Trail and equally proud to welcome them back to the Carter Fold stage.

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. For more information on the center, go to our site – www.carterfamilyfold.org/. Program support is provided by *Virginia Tourism Corporation*. We can be found on Facebook – page Carter Fold – and Twitter – @carterfoldinfo. We can also now be found on Instagram thanks to new volunteers Sydney & Mandy who are helping us to expand our social media presence. To speak with a volunteer staff member, call 276-594-0676. If we don't answer you right away, we'll get back to you in 24 hours.