

The Blue Ridge Music Center
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Blue Ridge Music Center Presents
Kenny & Amanda Smith /

Bill & Maggie Anderson

Advance tickets on sale now

Galax, VA—The Blue Ridge Music Center will host the an evening of beautiful bluegrass and old-time singing and playing by two husband-wife duos this Saturday, August 29. Featured are Kenny & Amanda Smith from Meadows of Dan and Bill & Maggie Anderson from Woodlawn, Virginia. Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. The Blue Ridge Music Center is located at Fisher's Peak, Milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway (just ten miles from downtown Galax!).

Tickets for the concert are \$10 general admission (children 12 and under admitted free) and are available online at www.blueridgemusiccenter.org, by calling (276) 236-5309 or at the gate.

This concert is one of the last of the season's series of traditional music concerts at the Blue Ridge Music Center. Concerts are presented weekly. There are only two more outdoor concerts this year in the beautiful amphitheater nestled in the picturesque hills of Fisher's Peak . Playing next is Marty Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives on Friday, September 4th before Bill Kirchen / The Harris Brothers wind things up September 12, 2009.

About the Artists:

Kenny and Amanda Smith combine gutsy, heartfelt vocals, brilliant instrumental talents and a powerful, contemporary sense of song choice and arrangement into one of the most compelling new sounds in bluegrass today. Born of the personal, musical and romantic connection between Kenny and Amanda Smith, the band shares a rare sense of intimacy and cohesion where each musician feels an almost telepathic connection. Musicians call it being in the groove but whatever it's called, this band has it in spades. Originally from Nine Mile, IN, Kenny Smith is widely considered one of the most important and influential flatpicking-style guitarists of his

generation. A two-time IBMA Guitarist of the Year award winner, Kenny performed six years with the popular Lonesome River Band. Born in the small town of Davisville, WV, Amanda Smith grew up singing in church choirs and participating in talent contests at local fairs. "I always sang, my mom and dad said, even before I can remember," she says today. Joining Kenny and Amanda Smith will be Spencer Strickland on mandolin, Trent Callicutt on banjo and Zack McLamb on bass. As a whole the group is one of the most highly respected Bluegrass bands in the industry, winning International Bluegrass Music Association's Emerging Artist of the Year Award in 2003.

Bill and Maggie Anderson bring to the stage an old-time duet with guitar and dobro - story songs, bluegrass, gospel, and mountain music spiced with humor and audience appeal.

The Blue Ridge Music Center is a National Park Service facility operated by a non-profit partner, the National Council for the Traditional Arts. The Center's mission is to celebrate and honor the rich musical traditions of the Appalachian region.

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Concert seating begins at 5:30 p.m. Patrons may wish to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Picnics are permitted, but alcohol is not. Concessions are available. Pets are not permitted in the amphitheater area. Smoking is allowed in designated areas only. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held indoors in the nearby Fairview Ruritan Club.

The Blue Ridge Music Center is open for public visitation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through October. Admission to the Visitor's center is free.

Upcoming Events at the Blue Ridge Music Center:

Friday, September 4th - Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives.....\$20.00

Saturday, September 12 - Old-time Rock & Roll with Bill Kirchen / Harris Brothers.....\$15.00

Our Fall Heritage Series will be posted soon. Please visit us online.