

The Blue Ridge Music Center

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Blue Ridge Music Center Presents

Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives /

Dale Jett & The Carter Family Trio in Concert

Advance tickets on sale now

Galax, VA—The Blue Ridge Music Center will feature a very special concert of country, old-time and bluegrass music this Friday, September 4, 2009 with Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives and Dale Jett & The Carter Family Trio. 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 \$20 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 outdoor amphitheater concerts at the Blue Ridge Music Center, nestled in the picturesque hills of Fisher's Peak. The series will wind up September 12 with a night of beach music and rock and roll with artists Bill Kirchen and The Harris Brothers.

About the Artists:

Marty Stuart is making the best music of his life. Stuart is picking his guitar and mandolin and singing with unprecedented authority and has won many accolades including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Americana Music Association (2005). In concert, the band will perform original songs, country music classics, bluegrass breakdowns and gospel numbers backed by his band The Fabulous Superlatives.

Stuart grew up in Philadelphia, Mississippi and was a boy with a mandolin and a dream. Even on the family's small, black-and-white set the stars' costumes sparkled and dazzled, exerting a magnetic pull on a small-town kid with big ambitions. Stuart joined Lester Flatt & the Nashville Grass at age 13 and had two ambitions. He wanted to play on the Grand Ole Opry and he wanted to buy a suit like Ernest Tubbs. He would soon do both. Stuart went on to become a guitar player in the Johnny Cash Band, a songwriter, an arranger and a producer. He went on to play with and be

influenced by the best of the best including: the Del McCoury band, Vassar Clements, Doc Watson, Travis Tritt, Steve Earle, Pop Staples, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Merle Haggard and too many others to mention. Now with his own group, the Fabulous Superlatives, Stuart has found just the right musicians to compliment his musical vision and sound and they have been on the road ever since. The band's appearance this Friday, September 4th will be a first at the Blue Ridge Music Center's outdoor amphitheater in Galax.

Singer and musician, Dale Jett is a native of Southwest Virginia. He is a third generation member of the legendary Carter Family. The son of Janette Carter, the grandson of A.P. and Sara Carter, his roots have been heavily steeped within the heart of his family's musical heritage. Growing up within the Carter Family, Dale has been influenced by many musicians and styles of music. He began playing guitar in his late teens when Elizabeth Cotten taught him his first chords - left handed, upside down. Later, he added his own style of Autoharp playing to his repertoire. But, it is ultimately his voice that arrests you. It is powerful and compelling, yet at the same time, delicate and haunting.

Like his grandfather, Dale is a "collector" of songs. His dedication to the preservation of traditional music, the love of Carter Family songs, and his admiration of other songwriters are evident in his performances. His choices are eclectic; his performances and recordings encompass a unique combination of traditional songs blended with a mix of others that extend the boundaries of conventional country. Whether playing an original tune, or that of others, his music will ring true to the soul. Dale helped emcee and performed at the Carter Family Fold for over 30 years, along with his wife, Teresa, and long time friend, Oscar Harris.

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.

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