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Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival

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Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival will take place July 17-20 on the Walsh Farm in Oak Hill (Greene County), N.Y., in the beautiful Catskill Mountains region. Headliners of this year's four-day festival include Hot Rize, David Grisman, Jerry Douglas, Red Knuckles, Sam Bush, Del McCoury, Tim O'Brien, Michael Cleveland, Gibson Brothers, Uncle Earl, The Greencards, Infamous Stringdusters, plus many more!

We're easy to get to – just a half hour from I-87 (Exit 21) at Catskill. Drive time from Hyde Park to Oak Hill is 1 hour and 15 minutes. For door-to-door directions, use 141 Route 22, Oak Hill, N.Y. 12460.

For full details and tickets visit www.greyfoxbluegrass.com or call 1-888-946-8495. We hope to see you there. Many thanks to everyone at HVBA for helping to spread the word about our new home.

Norwich Family Bluegrass Festival/Mike and Maryann Tirella

The Norwich Family Bluegrass Festival will take place July 24-27 at the Chenango Fairgrounds in Norwich, N.Y., featuring the James King Band, Dan Paisley & the Southern Grass, Dave Nichols & Spare Change, Bill & Maggie Anderson, Smokey Greene, Plexigrass, Carolina Sonshine, Nearly Brothers, Dean Sapp & Hartford Express, Blue Ridge Mountain Boys, and Angelica Grim & High Action. The event offers camping, free workshops, food and craft vendors, rain or shine audience tent, and restrooms and hot showers on the grounds. For information, contact Mike and Maryann Tirella at (518) 783-3154 or cabinfevertirell@aol.com or Tom and Cheryl Doerfel at (716) 592-5516 or thedoerfels@yahoo.com or visit www.norwichfamilybluegrass.com.

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About the Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association

The Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association was founded in 1994. Chartered as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit arts and educational organization, it promotes bluegrass and related acoustic music in the Hudson Valley. Annual membership is \$15. To join or learn more, visit www.hvbluegrass.org.

The Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association Presents

James King and the James King Band



**7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 15, 2008
United Methodist Church, Hyde Park, N.Y.**

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The James King Band

James King

Rounder recording artist James King remains one of the leading voices in traditional bluegrass. *USA Today* has compared him to the great Carter Stanley. The James King Band was named Emerging Artists of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association in 1997.

James King was born on Sept. 9, 1958, in Martinsville, Va. His father, Jim, and his uncle, Joe Edd, were both musicians of note. One of James's main mentors was the late Ted Lundy. Following a stint in the Marine Corps, King relocated to Wilmington, Delaware, where he started a band with Ted's sons, T.J. and Bobby.

The Lundys introduced King to legendary bluegrass DJ Ray Davis who paired King with Ralph Stanley for two 1980s releases on his Wango label, *Stanley Brothers Classics* and *Reunion* (also with George Shuffler). In 1988, King released his first record under his own name, *James King Sings Cold, Cold World*. Dudley Connell of the Johnson Mountain Boys and a band of bluegrass all-stars backed King on 1994's *These Old Pictures* and 1995's *Lonesome and Then Some*. The title track of the 1998 release *Bed by the Window* was nominated for the IBMA's 1999 Song of the Year award.

The year 2002 witnessed the release of King's *30 Years of Farming*. In 2005 Rounder released *The Bluegrass Storyteller*. On May 20 Rounder will release *Gardens in the Sky*, King's first collection of all-gospel material.

Eugene Crabtree

In a 1995 review of *Festival Style*, Eugene Crabtree's recording with mando player and singer Vernon Hughes, *Bluegrass Unlimited* praised him as an aggressive picker and said his playing can "leave you breathless, but he doesn't sacrifice power for speed."

Kevin Prater

Born in Grundy, Va., Kevin now makes his home in Pike County, Ky. Kevin has been with the James King Band for more than nine years and has more than 20 years of experience playing with such bands as the Elkhorn Grass, the Timmy Cline Band, Jerry Williamson and Redwing.

Johnny Ridge

Johnny Ridge began playing fiddle when he was 10. Groups he has played with include the Bass Mountain Boys (for 16 years!), the Bluegrass Reunion, and Pete Corum & Rising Sun. He and his family reside in Mebane, N.C.

John Wade

John Wade has been playing the bass guitar since age 14. He worked five years for country artist Billy Crash Craddock as band leader and bassist. He has played with several bluegrass artists including Summer Wages, Stoney Runn, Stoney Ridge, Lou Reid and Carolina and the Lonesome River Band. He has also performed onstage with Tony Rice. He lives in Cary, N.C.

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Babicz Guitars

Babicz Guitars USA, a developer of patented innovative guitars and technology, has recently opened its first official "factory-authorized showroom" in Fort Wayne, Ind. The facility, located in the historic "Landing" area of downtown Fort Wayne, features more than 12,000 square feet of showroom, display, and office space. In addition to showcasing products, the Fort Wayne location will also handle many of the company's domestic and international distribution operations. Babicz Guitars USA produces patented performance-based, innovative, and licensable musical instrument technology including the Variable Set Neck, Torque Reducing Split Bridge, and Lateral Compression Soundboard. Founded by guitar industry veterans Jeff Babicz Sr. and Jeff Carano in 2003, the company maintains its corporate headquarters in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

To date, Babicz Guitars has received numerous patents, awards, and five-star reviews from the industry's most prestigious publications. Its technology is used by such celebrated musicians as Foreigner, Todd Rundgren, the Pretenders, Greg Allman, Black-Eyed Peas, Robert Randolph, Kansas, Pat Travers, the Outlaws, Umphrey's McGee, Porcupine Tree, Mike Kineally, and Adrian Belew, among many others. For more information, visit www.babiczguitars.com.