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Abingdon Crooked Road Music Fest Highlights Heritage Music

Abingdon, VA- The 3rd annual Abingdon Crooked Road Music Fest takes place from September 25-28, 2014 at Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway in Abingdon. The four-day festival will feature the musical heritage of Southwest Virginia, home to The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail. The festival includes performances and workshops that highlight the wide variety of heritage music styles that are vibrant in the region, including old time string band music, hard driving bluegrass, ballad singing, gospel, and more.

The Smyth County Jam and the Allen Hicks Jam, two of the most popular jams along the entire Crooked Road, will feature some of the area's finest musicians on Thursday evening, September 25. The hard-driving bluegrass sounds of Raisin' Cain and Hollow Ground will be featured in concert Friday evening, September 26.

A full day of performances and workshops will be presented on two stages on Saturday, September 27, including a workshop by guitar masters Claiborne Woodall and Wyatt Rice, and a workshop exploring the production of Close Kin: Our Roots Run Deep, a landmark recording project that brought together some of the region's most talented youth performers of traditional music. The Saturday lineup also includes the Blue Ridge Entertainers, Wayne Henderson & Helen White, Close Kin, Johnny Williams & Friends, [Wyatt Rice](#) & Claiborne Woodall, and the [Dry Hill Draggers](#). The high-energy [Darrell Webb Band](#) will close out the day's music with a concert on the lawn from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

The festival closes with Heartwood's Sunday Gospel Brunch with music by guitarist and singer Ron Ireland performing from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 28.

All festival events take place at Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway off I-81 at Exit 14 in Abingdon, Virginia. Heartwood features food, music, and craft of Southwest Virginia.

For more information on the performers, the full schedule, and to purchase tickets: visit <http://www.abingdon-crookedroadmusicfest.com/> or call the Abingdon Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 435-3440.