



Branded Bluegrass is a band from central Indiana with a catalog of music deeply rooted in traditional bluegrass and gospel, with a flair for some contemporary bluegrass, classic country and even a little bit of rock 'n roll now and then. Audiences are sure to enjoy their diversity, tight harmonies, energetic stage show, and charismatic personalities.

Band members have resumes including time spent playing with distinguished bands and artists such as Jimmy Martin, Marty Raybon, Doyle Lawson, James Monroe, IIIrd Tyme Out, Mac Weisman, just to name a few. Branded Bluegrass is inspired by traditionalists including Flatt and Scruggs, Bill Monroe, Jimmy Martin, and Larry Sparks, as well as newer bluegrass acts like Blue Highway, NewFound Road, The Lonesome River Band.

Branded Bluegrass is made up of Derek Dillman on banjo. Derek was Jimmy Martin's last banjo player and is a drives the five string like no one's business. Eight time Indiana state fiddle Champion and 2 time Kentucky fiddle Champion, Albert Swain joins the band on fiddle. Larry Norfleet provides a powerful rhythm on guitar, as well as lead vocals and a defined songwriting prowess that he lends to the band's recordings. Jesse Norfleet, adds his lonesome fills and exciting leads with the dobro and also joins in on a twin fiddle or banjo now and again. Tristen Norfleet, who plays numerous instruments, offers his mandolin skills with some great chops and Monroe like leads. Mike Martin drives the boys on doghouse bass and sometimes plays the mountain dulcimer.

Their newest release, **Most Welcome**, was recorded and produced by Grammy award winner, Clay Hess. It was released in May 2016 and contains a wonderful selection of songs. The originals on this album get a great response when they perform them live. **Most Welcome**, is a great story between a father and son while, **She Is The Best**, shows the love for moms. Clay said the gospel original, "Judgment Day," is "very good and the gem of the CD".

Their debut album, **Simple Days**, was recorded and produced by Randy Jones of the Lonesome River Band and was released in 2011 featuring 3 original tracks and some well arranged covers. It has received many great reviews and radio airplay across the USA and other countries.

Jack Davis of Central Indiana Bluegrass Association stated, "It's always good to see Branded Bluegrass play!"

**NEW
RELEASE**



"At Winding Creek Bluegrass Festival, we consider Branded Bluegrass our "house band" as we will ask them to come back each year. When these boys take the stage they bring a lot of energy and are crowd pleasers. If you are looking for a solid Bluegrass band for a festival we certainly recommend Branded Bluegrass!"



During shows it isn't uncommon for the guys to show off their talents, often switching up instruments without missing a beat. The boys are talented vocally as well! You won't get bored listening to one guy sing all the time as they switch up and sing different parts, while maintaining tight harmonies.

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