



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, Illrd 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 Larry Norfleet, providing 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 hard driving banjo while also adding lonesome fills and exciting leads with the dobro or joining in on a twin fiddle 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; and newest full-time band member, Gil Benson, who has long been one of the most respected fiddle players in the region. Gil can make you want to cry with a melody so pretty one minute, then crack into a blazin' foot stomping bluegrass tune the next, all with masterful instrumentation.

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.

SPBGMA  
NOMINATED  
ALBUM OF THE  
YEAR 2017



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



*"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!"*

# BRANDED BLUEGRASS EARNS NINE 2017 SPBGMA AWARD NOMINATIONS

One of the 43rd Annual SPBGMA Bluegrass Music Awards most nominated bands this year is BRANDED BLUEGRASS. When Larry Norfleet, lead singer and guitarist for the band answered the phone early on the morning of December 15th, that news was not what he expected to hear. Though he was looking forward to attending SPBGMA, performing some showcases, hanging out with his Wilson Pickins Promotions team, he never imagined he would have such a personal reason to attend the awards show. Well...he still didn't...he had NINE.

Here is the list of the associated nominations for Branded Bluegrass and it's band members:

Bluegrass Songwriter of the Year  
Larry Norfleet

Bluegrass Album of the Year  
"Most Welcome" by Branded Bluegrass produced by Clay Hess on Hayes Studio and Productions

Bluegrass Bass Fiddle Performer of the Year  
Mike Martin

Bluegrass Mandolin Performer of the Year  
Tristen Norfleet

Bluegrass Banjo Performer of the Year  
Jesse Norfleet

Bluegrass Fiddle Performer of the Year  
Gil Benson

Male Vocalist of the Year (Overall)  
Larry Norfleet

Bluegrass Gospel Group of the Year  
Branded Bluegrass

Bluegrass Song of the Year  
"Mountain Song" by Branded Bluegrass on Hayes and Productions



This is the first time being nominated for the Indiana-based bluegrass band. The members of Branded Bluegrass are very grateful and wish to thank all of the folks that voted, enjoy their music, request it from their favorite stations, the radio programmers that have been playing the records and hope to continue making music and making you all proud for a very long time.



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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.

CALL ME TO BOOK BRANDED BLUEGRASS TODAY!



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