

Sierra Hull and Highway 111



Bluegrass mandolin phenomenon Sierra Hull will be across North America in 2009 with her touring band Highway 111 at festivals, clubs and performing arts

centers. The band will consist of Jacob Eller on bass, formerly with the bluegrass band No Speed Limit; Clay Hess on guitar, formerly with the band Mountain Heart and past picker for Ricky Scaggs and Kentucky Thunder; Sierra's longtime friend and band mate Cory Walker on banjo; and new to the band fiddler Christian Ward, of Chris Stuart and Back Country, and instructor at Sorrento and HeHoHa music camps.

The Heartstrings consist of some of Saskatoon's most beloved bands, including members of The Cracker Cats, The Deep Dark Woods, and Old Joe and The Truth Hurts. Since its release on Sept. 6, 2007, the Heartstrings first full-length album has gained much deserved popularity. This collection of upbeat countryish tunes and dramatic eerie ballads is a colourful display of Melissa Nygren's original creations. The album was recorded independently, mostly by the man of many talents, Joseph Lorier.

The Heartstrings



Pass That Fiddle



Three dynamic, young Saskatchewan musicians - Teresa Bergen, Clint Danyluk and Jesse Zuckhan - did a great job as 'Tweeners for the 2008 Festival so we just had to bring them back for more. This young

trio will thrill the Northern Lights Festival audience with their fresh old timey sounds.



2009 FESTIVAL LINE-UP

Viper Central



Grisman, Béla Fleck and David Lindley. All six band members bring a colourful resume and a unique sense of creativity to this collaboration.

Viper Central is a six-piece acoustic string-band who take that "high lonesome sound" to new places. The band first came together through a love for such artists as Ralph Stanley, Bill Monroe, Hazel Dickens and the New Lost City Ramblers along with the more contemporary styles of acoustic innovators David

Gumby and the Pokeys



Gumby (alias Mark Gimby) is the suave voice behind it all. There is only one Gumby. Pokeys - there can be many, there can be few. They can play fiddle, spoons, bass, banjo, piano, tuba (TUBA??), mandolin, some can harmonize like the dickens. You just never know what Pokeys are going to be backing up Gumby. But you can be sure that the music is vintage, fun and imminently entertaining. Sit back, enjoy and sing along - you too can be a Pokey!

Bonnie Logan



Bonnie Logan is a Saskatchewan storyteller, singer/songwriter & old time banjo player. Her love of traditional music and stories has grown from kitchen party jams and tell-arounds into a full time career. Bonnie particularly enjoys telling humorous stories (she likes to laugh), adventuresome tales (she likes to travel) and gross stories (she has a strong stomach).

The Spinney Brothers

From the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, Canada, the Spinney Brothers are comprised of Allan Spinney, Rick Spinney, Gary Dalrymple and Terry Mumford. Brothers Allan and Rick debuted their band in 1992, showcasing a tight brother duet vocal style that was immediately recognized for its energetic and distinctive sound. The cornerstone of the Spinney Brothers' musical identity is the sound of traditional, southern-flavoured bluegrass music. Brother duet singing, backed by supportive and complimentary instrumentation, is the foundation of their tasteful and recognizable sound.



Woodbend

When it comes to blending the best of the old and new styles of Bluegrass, Woodbend offers a refreshing and energetic delivery of the music. Whether it is



a smoking traditional fiddle tune, straight-up bluegrass, a ballad or just plain fun, Woodbend brings the vitality of bluegrass music to every toe-tapping performance. Woodbend consists of Les Eberhardt on guitar, Ron Mercer on banjo and dobro, Jessi Jo Charles on mandolin, Jean Coates on bass and Terry Lawson on Fiddle.

The Lake Rats

This band is formed of area locals who live at nearby lakes and have thus named themselves The Lake Rats. Ray Isbister (Jackson Lake), Emile Lamontangue (Shell Lake), Gilles Francouer (Morin Lake) and Milton Parras (Debden) will bring their many combined years of playing experience to the stage.

Sunday Morning Gospel with Irvin Amundson



Born, raised and still residing in Park Valley, SK, Irvin is well know for his easy, relaxed way of delivering great old gospel, bluegrass and cowboy songs. One of the original members of the Baler Strings, Irvin has an unforgettable golden voice and it's easy to become an instant fan.