



Silver Dollar City's *Bluegrass & BBQ*: Top Bluegrass Event Brings the Heat! May 7 – 25

(Branson, Mo. 3/2015) **One of the nation's top bluegrass events, Silver Dollar City's *Bluegrass & BBQ* brings the heat, from the hottest bands in bluegrass to the slow-smoked barbecue, May 7 – 25 at the Branson, Missouri theme park.** More than 40 bands perform on multiple stages throughout the park, with international award-winning musicians, fan favorites and chart-climbing new bands coming for the festival, named **Bluegrass Event of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association.**

Award-winning performers include Rhonda Vincent, described as the “**Queen of Bluegrass Music**” by the **Wall Street Journal** and 7-time IBMA Female Vocalist of the Year, performing with The Rage, the most awarded band in bluegrass; **Balsam Range**, winners of the 2014 IBMA Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year; **Blue Highway**, with 15-time IBMA Dobro Player of the Year and 2014 Songwriter of the Year; and the **Grascals**, two-time IBMA Entertainer of the Year.

Newer artists include Flatt Lonesome, Driven, The Lindsey Family, The Baker Family and The Willis Clan, featured on America's Got Talent. **Unique artists include The Kruger Brothers**, bluegrass musicians from Switzerland, whose repertoire ranges from traditional bluegrass to Bach to R&B songs.

Silver Dollar City's Bluegrass & BBQ “presents more bluegrass bands on multiple stages to more new audiences than any other event in the nation,” said Nancy Cardwell, IBMA Executive Director 2012-14, who also cited the park's annual **Youth in Bluegrass band contest**, set for May 23, with encouraging young bluegrass musicians.

Another top feature is the barbecue, and ***The House of BBQ* serves up a flavor feast from St. Louis-style ribs and smoked chicken to Texas brisket and pulled pork – direct from large outdoor charcoal grills and a custom-made 9-foot smoker.** An all-you-can-eat BBQ rib feast is featured on the Square each afternoon with fall-off-the-bone smoked ribs, plus SDC's famous 18-hour smoked brisket, along with smoked pork, chicken and sausage.

Silver Dollar City is open daily during Bluegrass & BBQ, May 7 – 25, except for Tuesdays, May 11 & 18. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sunday, May 24). For information and performers' schedules: 800-831-4FUN(386), or www.silverdollarcity.com.



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