



New act headlines at Pickin' on the Plains

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Named by the *New York Times* as one of the best new acts in bluegrass, Dailey and Vincent are the headline act at this year's Pickin' on the Plains.

They will play special 1 1/2 hour concerts at 8:15 p.m. Friday and 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Darrin Vincent, a mandolin, bass and guitar player and singer, began his musical career at age 6 with his family band, the Sally Mountain Show. Before teaming up with Dailey, he played for 10 years with Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder. He has five Grammy awards and eight Bluegrass Association awards.

Jamie Dailey, who also sings and plays bass and guitar, has been lead singer and guitarist for Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, which won 13 association awards during his time. He has also recorded with Dolly Parton and Rhonda Vincent, Darrin's sister.

Dailey and Vincent met in 2001, but it wasn't until 2008 that the pair released their first, self-titled album, which won Album of the Year from the International Bluegrass Music Association.

They are joined by Christian Davis on bass vocals and guitar; Joe Dean Jr. on bass vocals, banjo and guitar; Jeff Parker on harmony vocals, mandolin and guitar; and Jesse Stockman on fiddle.

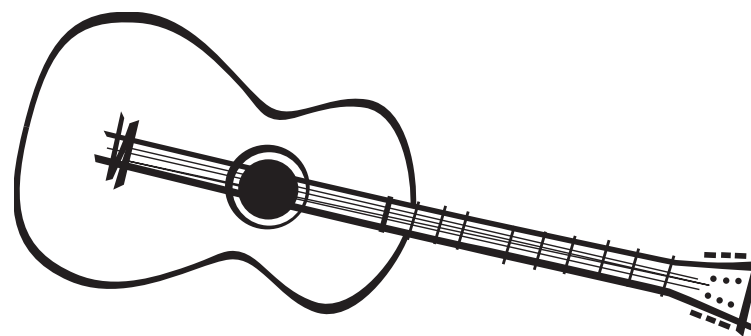
Last year Cracker Barrel restaurants commissioned the group to record an album of the old Statler Brothers hits. Dailey and Vincent reworked the old pop country songs for acoustic strings and their particular brand of harmonic vocals, resulting in an album that debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Bluegrass charts and made it into the top 20 on the country charts.

Committee member Jo Booth was in awe after watching the band perform at the Walnut Valley Festival at Winfield.

"I was just mesmerized through the whole show," she said. "I couldn't believe the time went so fast. They were awesome."

Blake McLemore, of the Colby Bluegrass band The McLemores, agreed.

"It was the best concert of any kind I've ever been to," he said. "The music they make is incredible and they're great entertainers."



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