

- Green Mountain Bluegrass Band -

The Green Mountain Bluegrass Band is a five piece bluegrass band headquartered in Eugene, Oregon. The Green Mountain Bluegrass Band is a traditional bluegrass band, meaning that they play bluegrass music reminiscent of the masters. Staying true to the roots of bluegrass music set forth in the 40's, 50's and 60's, their music reflects their soul, their spirit, and their talent!

The Green Mountain Bluegrass Band is a band, formed from old friends. Four of the five members have played bluegrass music together for the last decade. With a hard driving 5 string banjo being the catalyst for their sound, Green Mountain Bluegrass melds a quintet of some of the Southern Willamette Valley's best players. As an entity, they coalesce to present a caliber of bluegrass music that displays raw drive rarely seen from a regional band. Watching them on stage, it's evident that they like to have fun, and they know what they're doing. They like to share their artistry, enthusiasm, and collective talents, as a team, with bluegrass fans throughout the Pacific Northwest, and around the United States.

The band consists of: **Dennis Berck**, rhythm guitar/lead and harmony vocals; **Mike Bray**, acoustic upright bass/lead and harmony vocals; **Gary Dunbar**, lead guitar/lead and harmony vocals; **Chuck Holloway**, 5-string banjo/lead and harmony vocals; and **Tyler Lynn**, mandolin/lead and harmony vocals.

Dennis Berck is originally from Nebraska. He presently calls Eugene, Oregon, his home. Dennis is a veteran of the Knott Brothers, The Berck-Pearce Band, and McKenzie Crossing. Dennis aptly sings tenor, high baritone, and lead in the ensemble. Dennis' strong rhythm guitar and superb singing abilities are an integral part of this band's unique sound. When Dennis isn't picking and grinning, he operates his own business repairing fretted instruments.

Mike Bray presently is living in Eugene. He toured the road as a bass player with Warner recording artist "Alexis" for a year and played for a number of years with a local Eugene, OR, country band called "Bump in the Road." Mike keeps a steady beat for the band with his rock solid bass playing. Mike is the gracious host at one of Eugene's local sports bars when he's not out performing with the band. Mike can generally be seen playing at the weekly bluegrass jam every Tuesday night at Sam Bond's Garage.

Gary Dunbar is an undergraduate student in Cultural Anthropology at the University of Oregon. Gary, who also performed in "McKenzie Crossing," is our fine lead guitarist and a multi-instrumentalist. He also does a fabulous job at singing lead, tenor, and baritone. Gary took FIRST place out of about 75 contestants from throughout the Pacific Northwest in a flat-picking contest at the Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival in Cashmere, WA, in 2006. When he's not out playing music, Gary is studying at the University of Oregon. Gary can generally be seen playing at the weekly bluegrass jam every Tuesday night at Sam Bond's Garage.

Chuck Holloway is originally from Southern California, and settled in Oregon in 1985. Chuck is the 5-string banjo player, and is a multi-instrumentalist. He is a former president of the *Oregon Bluegrass Association* and has played with a plethora of regional bluegrass musicians. Chuck's traditional bluegrass music roots keep the band steeped in a traditional sound. When he's not performing, he teaches guitar, mandolin, and 5 string banjo at the John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts in Eugene, OR, and does computer work and interior house painting on the side. Eleven years ago, Chuck founded the weekly Tuesday night bluegrass jam at Sam Bond's Garage, and can be seen playing there weekly

Tyler Lynn lives in Roseburg, Oregon. Tyler was a founding member of the "The Cascade Colonels." He sings lead and baritone in the current ensemble. Tyler is our mandolin player and is also a multi-instrumentalist. Tyler also performs gospel music with his wife in the "Lynn Family Band." When Tyler is not out playing, he is a faculty member of Roseburg High School where he teaches Spanish.

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