



Southeast Michigan Bluegrass Music Association

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Southeast Michigan Bluegrass Music Association to host Blissfield Bluegrass on the River 2019

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The Southeast Michigan Bluegrass Music Association is proud to announce the date and main stage bands for the Blissfield Bluegrass on the River community festival. The Blissfield Rotary Club is the co-presenting sponsor. This is the 9th year of the festival that features area bands, local vendors, and local sponsorship. There is no admission charge due to local sponsorships and cooperation from the City of Blissfield. The festival presents bands from a main stage, additional acts on a side stage, craft vendors, lost arts demonstrators, a jam area, and the “Kiddie Corner” featuring “Fiddling Dixie with Friends.” Attendance has increased each year, and the Association is expecting record attendance in 2019.

The festival will be held at Bachmayer Park in Blissfield, Michigan on August 17, 2019. The featured band this year is Kim Robins and 40 Years Late. Her band includes well-known Michigan musician Kyle Estep. Other bands performing on the main stage are: The RFD Boys, Calabogie Road, Band of Brothers, Red White and Bluegrass, and The Waynewood Boys.

Born into a musical family and singing from the age of five in church and in her father’s band, Robins was influenced largely by the music of Connie Smith, Loretta Lynn, Buck Owens, Ray Price, Bill Monroe, and Barbara Mandrell. She was an original member, and the youngest, of the Little Nashville Opry in Nashville, Indiana. Her mother encouraged her to practice daily and sing loud paid off as she traveled all over the country, opening for legends such as Loretta Lynn, Conway Twitty, Barbara Mandrell and The Oak Ridge Boys. In 2017 and 2015, Robins was nominated for an IBMA Momentum Vocalist award and in 2016, Kim signed with Pinecastle Records for the release of her sophomore CD, titled “Raining in Baltimore.” Robins is enjoying the success of Raining in Baltimore on radio stations across the globe including being listed as one of the top artists played on Sirius XM Bluegrass Junction in 2017

The Southeast Michigan Bluegrass Music Association was formed in July of 2014 to serve the bluegrass community in the greater southeast Michigan area, and is a 501(c)(3) and a Michigan non-profit entity. Hosting this community event is another step in our mission of: “Working Together to Preserve and Promote Bluegrass Music”.

The Association needs additional sponsorship to continue the Festival. Contact us from the Festival website: www.blissbluegrass.org.

The Association thanks the Blissfield Rotary and the Blissfield Village Council for making continuing the Festival possible and invites the entire community to join us in Blissfield on August 17th for a day of music and community fellowship.

Please check the festival website – blissbluegrass.org – for more information as it becomes available.

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