

# Headliner band returns for second year

Named by the *New York Times* as one of the best new acts in bluegrass in 2009, Dailey and Vincent will be performing for a second year at Pickin' on the Plains.

They will play a special 1 hour, 40 minute concert at 9:20 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. The duo was also named Vocal Group of the Year and

and Entertainer of the Year by the association in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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.

Cracker Barrel restaurants commissioned the group to record an album of 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 said she 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 bluegrass band Driven, 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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Darrin Vincent (left), shown here with bass vocalist and guitar player Christian Davis, met Jamie Dailey in 2001 but the two didn't get their band together until 2008. The band played the Pickin' on the Plains festival for the first time last year.

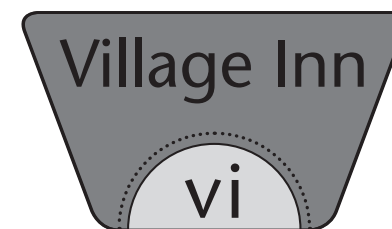
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