Route 107

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J. W. Carpenter and Rt.107 offer some of the best of traditional bluegrass. They have been described as being energetic and entertaining with a raw backwoods style. Born in Red Rock Cove in the Clinch Mountains near Saltville, Virginia, J. W. has been greatly influenced by the music of that area, especially by the Clinch Mt. Boys and the Carter Family. J. W. credits Earl Scruggs as his biggest influence on the banjo. This ICMA featured artist and member of the ACM and the IBMA is accomplished on the banjo and guitar and also plays dobro, mountain dulcimer, upright and electric Bass,Fiddle,and autoharp. J. W. describes himself as being self-taught and credits his Grandfather as a major influence. In a recent interview, J. W. said, He (his Grandfather) played claw hammer banjo and I learned watching him. I had no formal lessons. I learned from the pickers who came by the house and watched everything they did. My Poppaw, Ted Barrett Woodrow Cooper, would play and I was there, like glue, learning. J. W. Carpenter and Rt. 107 continue to play in this traditional bluegrass style keeping the music of that area alive. His favorite venue is the Smyth County Jam in Chilhowie Virginia.JW Carpenter is a country phenomenon. Whether he's melting an eletric guitar on Hank's Tunes,strumming a slow melodic ballad on a flat top,or making a banjo sing like a choir,He puts country in country."There is a Time" is a tune that has always been beautiful and meaningful.JW,the heir apparent to the banjo kingdom ,makes it unforgetable Bruce Hodges The Night Ride WBRF 98.1 Galax VA

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