

Lonesome Meadow



You won't believe your ears when you listen to **Lonesome Meadow**, the family band from Westerville, OH. Their Kentucky roots shine through in their rich sibling harmonies and amazing instrumentation. In just a few short years, they have amazed audiences from Michigan to Florida when they cut loose on classics like Foggy Mountain Breakdown or play waltzes like Ashokan Farewell. And not only do they play traditional bluegrass so well, but they also perform their own original bluegrass tunes.

Anne Marie moves audiences with the raw emotion she draws from the fiddle, from sweet to sad to thrilling. She also adds mandolin to the group with a prowess that had a luthier in Harlan, Kentucky give her a custom instrument as a gift "just to hear her play it." **John** plays the guitar with a skill strongly influenced by Tony Rice and Steve Kaufman. He has an impressive mastery of the guitar neck that has him playing blues influenced original breaks like his heroes. **Gary** plays banjo with a skill way beyond his years. He has remarkable tone and timing that sets him apart. **Mark** (a.k.a. Dad) backs them up on the bass.

If, instrumentally, they are so remarkable, then imagine adding voices that blend like only siblings can. Anne Marie has a voice so sweet and clear that it brings tears to your eyes when she sings songs like Wayfaring Stranger. John has a voice well suited to bluegrass lead. Gary surprises everyone with a rich bass lead and harmony. This surprising combination lets them choose any combination of lead and harmonies well suited for a variety of bluegrass songs.

Members of Lonesome Meadow are:

- Anne Marie Jackson (18 years old) - Fiddle, Mandolin, Lead and Harmony Vocals
- John Jackson (16 years old) - Guitar, Lead and Harmony Vocals
- Gary Jackson (14 years old) - Banjo, Lead and Harmony Vocals
- Mark Jackson (Dad) - Bass

"The best kept secret in central Ohio" - Rich Baker, host of WOSU radio program Bluegrass Ramble
"[Gary] plays the fire out of that banjo!" - Jerry Blanton, WTUK-FM 105.1

Accomplishments:

- Their 4th CD, *Carry Me Away*, released June 2010, was recorded at Dark Horse Recording in Franklin, TN and includes guest Rob Ickes and features many originals as well as a Tom T & Dixie Hall/Johnny Williams song
- **Winners of the 2010 South Carolina State Bluegrass Band Competition at the RenoFest Bluegrass Festival (2010)**
- Placed 2nd at the KSMU Youth in Bluegrass Band Contest in Branson, MO (2010)
- Placed 3rd at the Mountaineer Opry House Bluegrass Band Competition (2010)
- Placed 9th at the SPBGMA Bluegrass Band Competition (2010)
- Placed 3rd at the 2009 RenoFest Bluegrass Festival (2009)
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- Gary was sponsored by Bishline Banjos and received a customized Midnight Moon banjo (2008)
- Anne Marie was given a custom mandolin by a luthier in Harlan, Ky (2008)
- Signed with MasterShield Records for the release of their 3rd CD, *Keepin' the Music Alive* (2008)
- Their 2nd CD, *Goin' to Town*, was released in 2007
- Their 1st CD, *Finally*, was released in 2006
- Won various other awards at the 2009 Smoky Mountain Fiddler's Convention and 2007 Mountaineer Opry House Bluegrass Band Competition, among others

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