

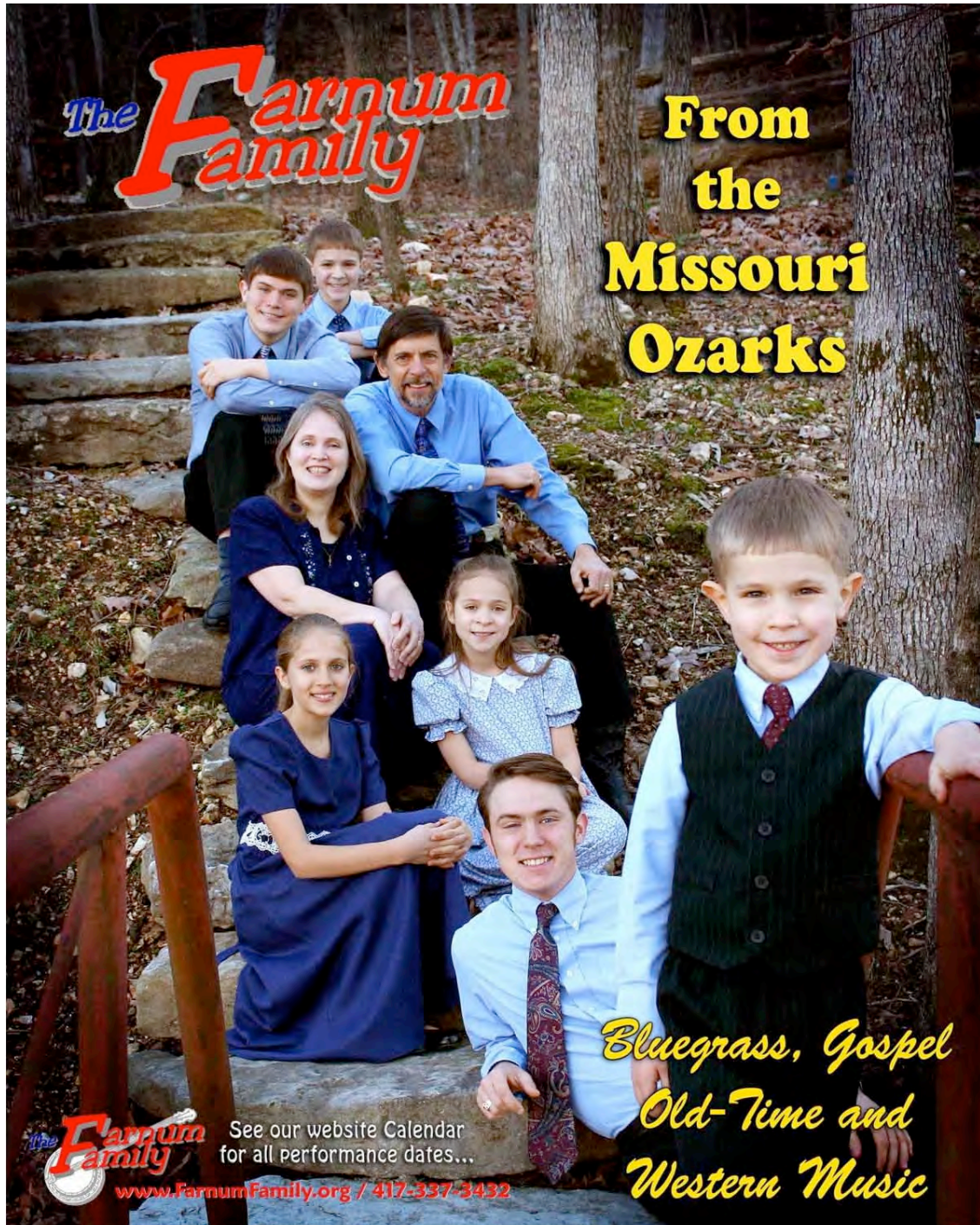
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Galena, Missouri – January 2012

... at Silver Dollar City



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The Farnum Family, from Galena, Missouri, consists of six children with dad and mom all performing American and European-originated folk music from the early 1800's thru mid-1900's and beyond. With influence gleaned from bluegrass, folk, gospel, Irish, old-time standards, and cowboy & western, their diverse blend of music is styled in an acoustic string-band fashion – with 5-string banjo, fiddle, guitar, mandolin and upright bass, supported by piano, penny whistle and occasional Bodhran, washboard, resophonic slide guitar and harmonica. Their homespun and entertaining presentations – whether for music festival, theater concert, church congregation, school assembly or RV Park – is suitable for all ages.

Dad (aka Norm) is the bandleader, picks the five-string banjo & rhythm guitar, sings lead and harmony vocals, and has nearly 40 years of stage experience under his belt. His musical credits include five seasons at Silver Dollar City, three at The Roy Clark Theatre and seven aboard the Lake Queen paddle wheeler (often accompanied by his lovely and talented wife, Trish). At the 2012 Grand Lakes Festival he placed 2nd in the banjo competition.

Mom (her friends call her Trish) is the pianist for the group, is featured on lead and harmony vocals, and also plays the pennywhistle. She grew up playing music in church, for recitals, school concerts and 4-H programs. In 1987 she first performed in Branson playing the ragtime piano for the Vaudeville Show at the Shepherd of the Hills, later joining Norm on his Lake Queen cruises. They married in early 1988, and played music as a duet...

In July 2003, their two oldest sons, Daniel and Benjamin, began taking music lessons. It wasn't long before they were able to do a song or two with Dad and Mom, and eventually became a full-time part of the band. Their younger sister, Hannah, followed suit in November of that year, and have been playing together ever since!

Daniel, at 20, is doing a great job on the upright bass and lead vocals. A fan of Josh Groban, Tim O'Brien, Marty Robbins, the Bar-J Wranglers and Sons of the Pioneers, his rich baritone voice is featured on many songs. Daniel is also our “Regency Dance” caller and instructor, always available for the occasional English Country Dance, Virginia Reel, Patty Cake Polka and many more.

Benjamin, at 18, makes his mandolin ring as he plays rhythm, melodic fills and intricate lead. His skills on the mandolin are exceptional playing bluegrass, Irish or Texas Swing. He took 2nd Place at the 2012 Grand Lakes Festival. He also plays the guitar and harmonica... and sings just enough harmony to be dangerous!

Hannah, at 15 years old, handles a good percentage of the instrumental leads for the family band, and has a confident style playing bluegrass, gospel, Irish or Texas swing. She also sings some sweet gospel & bluegrass songs, plus harmony. Hannah takes fiddle lessons from World Class & State Champion fiddle player Ricky Boen, with the *Sons of the Pioneers*. In her own right, she is also an award-winning fiddler placing 4th at the 2011 & 2012 Branson Fiddle Fests, 2nd at the 2012 Grand Lakes American Heritage Music



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Festival in Grove, Oklahoma, and 3rd in the Walnut Valley Old Time Fiddle Championship in Winfield, Kansas!

Nathaniel, now 13-years old, joined the group in August of 2006 singing some gospel and specialty numbers, and is learning to play the lap-slide resophonic guitar. He often adds Ozark percussion on spoons, washboard and the Irish Bodhran.



On the Medicine Wagon Stage @ Silver Dollar City – 2007

Maggie, at 9-years old, sings lead and also plays the fiddle, placing 3rd in the 2012 Branson Fiddle Fest! With her big sister, Hannah, the two are featured on some sweet fiddle duets.

And 7-year old Matthew often makes his stage appearances with sister Maggie, both singing on gospel & novelty tunes.

An award-winning family band, since forming in 2004 they have played venues in Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania,

Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and many times in their home state of Missouri. Besides their many church dates, they enjoy performing fairs, festivals, historic theatres, RV Parks, assemblies and other family oriented venues and special occasions. They average over 100 live performances per year and hope to eventually go into “full-time” music!

They were first invited to play at Silver Dollar City's (Branson, Missouri) Bluegrass & BBQ Festival and Southern Gospel Picnic in 2006, and have been invited back every year since for similar festival events. They have also enjoyed 3 concert appearances at the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View, Arkansas. By a special recommendation, the entire Farnum Family was awarded a scholarship to attend the O'Flaherty Irish Music Retreat in Midlothian, Texas in October of 2009 and again in 2011. In 2012 the whole family traveled to the Rio Grande Valley for a 5-week music tour for the Winter Texans, and plans to return again in 2014. They've also made two trips “out west” (2011 & 2012) to Cody, Wyoming to perform for the July 4th Stampede Parade celebrations and area churches.

Norm Farnum Family

A favorite scripture reference which embodies their music performances and ministry is Colossians 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

The Farnum Family

Comments & Reviews from our varied audience from emails and
Mail Bag page of our family website: www.FarnumFamily.org

The Ozark Arts Council and Buffalo River Concert Association recently presented The Farnum Family at the **Lyric Theater** in Harrison Arkansas. A large crowd came out on the night of the worst ice storm to hit the Midwest in years. Norm and his family arrived on time and gave a great performance of bluegrass, gospel and old time music. The crowd gave standing ovations to the younger members of the group to encourage them to continue while the older members were masterful on their instruments. Together the Farnum Family is a joy to watch and have found new fans in North Arkansas.

– Joe Golden, Executive Director / Ozark Arts Council / Harrison, Arkansas

Thank you so much for the wonderful entertainment yesterday. Everyone at the Gray/Campbell Farmstead board meeting said they loved having you and your family there. Jane, our president, says your oldest son is the next Garth Brooks. I don't know if you think that is a compliment or not, but she meant it for one. She thinks he is special! Thanks again. I am looking forward to hearing you again soon. Let me know where you will be. God bless.

– Wanda Martens / Gray-Campbell Farmstead Historic Site
Nathaniel Greene Park, Springfield, Missouri

Just a note to say Thank You for helping us at the concert... and wanted to let you know that \$1,000.⁰⁰ was raised and presented to the Pregnancy Care Center for the Abstinence Program. Please pray that the books that will be purchased and given to school children will change the attitudes of their families if they are wrong & reinforce them if they believe God's way is right... Sincerely in Christ,

– Pastor Danny Hill / Faith & Hope Free Will Baptist Church / Aurora, Missouri

Dear Folks - What a great time we had last Saturday night as you graced our stage with your family. We enjoyed every minute, and the audience did, too. Diana said you were also wonderful guests at her [Prairie Crossing Bed & Breakfast](#). Thank you for coming and sharing your time with us. Enclosed is a video of the program that night and also CD's that I told Daniel I would send to him. He has a promising future with that rich voice of his.

– Darrell & Joyce Albright / Jay & Stephanie Gehring
[Pretty Prairie Civic Theater](#) / Pretty Prairie, Kansas

Dear Norm, Trish & Family - We thoroughly enjoyed your participation in our Hillbilly Party the other night (*the 12th*). The [Homestead Pickers](#) are a hard act to follow, and you did great! To walk in "cold turkey" and pull it off like you did was exceptional! Thank you so much!

– Sue Alkire / [America's Best Campground](#) / Branson, Missouri

Hi Friends - We certainly do appreciate you coming and participating in our *Music Opry Live* concert series. Everyone had very positive words to say about you guys; you did a superb performance and I was impressed with your whole family. I have a spot in my heart for the young folks who take on this big step in the music business. You will go far in your profession

and we wish you the most of success in the future... and you are definitely invited to come back when you can to perform again.

– *Eric Lewis, President / [George D. Hay Society](#) / West Plains, Missouri*

Norm Farnum Family, "Our Thanks to You. We just can't say enough how much it meant!" / We enjoyed your music very much. We appreciate your taking time to come to our church and sing for us (Northwest Stars). Thank you so much.

– *Bessie Snodgrass / Northwest Baptist Church / Springfield, Missouri*

Hi Norm & Trish: Thanks for doing such a great job at the ([Cass County Fair](#)) Gospel Show and Bluegrass Festival! Everyone really enjoyed your performance. I personally had a great time and enjoyed everything you played. I really liked that you did the seldom-heard second (and 3rd & 4th) verse of "Grandfathers Clock" which is one of my favorite songs. Thanks also for playing along and being a good sport with all the banjo player jokes! Thanks.

– *Mark Randall, [City Administrator / Cass County Fair](#) / Pleasant Hill, Missouri*

It was great to meet you and your family. Hope to see you all again soon!

– *Ken Fleming, Director / [O'Flaherty's Irish Music Retreat](#) / Midlothian, Texas*

Dear Farnum Family, We would like to thank you for coming to the Crane Presbyterian Church. Your musical message was enthusiastic and uplifting for our congregation. I believe your family has accomplished a rather unique goal. You provided something for everyone. The instruments were varied, the style of music constantly changing and, of course, the vocals were wonderful. God has blessed your family with amazing talent. Thank you for sharing with us!

– *Connie Webb, Volunteer / Crane Presbyterian Church / Crane, Missouri*

Just wanted you to know that I received your CD's and played *Turkey in the Straw*, *Battle of New Orleans* and *Blackberry Blossom*. I want to thank you for promoting the old time, traditional music. This is the kind of music that is the backbone of our country and represents the morals that we all need to hold on to if our country has any chance to turn from the moral decline that we've seen for the past several decades. God Bless you in your music ministry.

– *Brent Mullikin / [WFLE 95.1 FM](#) / Flemingsburg, Kentucky*

I want to recommend the Farnum Family to you. They sang for the Vinita Church of the Nazarene morning worship service (June 6th) and everyone gave glowing comments and remarks. More than one of our members stated, "That was as good as Branson." / I really must agree. The family is very talented, but the performance goes far beyond raw talent to a well rehearsed and well designed program. They have just the right balance of folk-instruments and traditional musical style, but in new and fresh arrangements. It was a worship service, not just a performance. The time passed quickly, and everyone was sad it was over. / We hope that the Farnum Family will have another tour through our area so we can have them again!

– *Pastor David Stevens / Church of the Nazarene / Vinita, Oklahoma*

Y'ALL WERE FABULOUS! Many compliments to me about your show!

– *Holly Smith / Winter Texan Expo / McAllen, Texas*

Comments Received from our 2012 Rio Grande Valley Tour

We recently had The Farnum Family to entertain at Valley View Estates in Mission, Texas. They performed a 90-minute exceptional show that was very well attended & applauded. We will definitely have them back again.

– Birdy Selleck, Entertainment Director / Valley View Estates / Mission, Texas

I'd love to book you back for next year: the first to be booked back by popular demand!! Thanks for a great job.

– Peggy Salinas, Activity Director / Winter Haven Resort / Brownsville, Texas

We thoroughly enjoyed your performance tonight and we want you back next year! Many of us who know Jesus as our personal Lord & Savior could see His mighty hand on your family. Thank you all for sharing such a precious gift with us!

– Jess Jessup, Activities Club President / Palm Gardens RV MH Park / Harlingen, Texas

I want to take a moment to thank you for the wonderful show you and your family performed here at AmeriCana RV Resort last week (January 22nd). Our guests are still talking about the great quality entertainment your family provides. Everyone was truly amazed at the talent displayed by your children. Your kids were extremely well behaved, sociable and brought out the grandparent in all of the guests. Your show was filled with wonderful singing, beautiful instrumentals and belly-laugh humor. The spontaneity of the interactions between family members was 'real world' funny and brought back memories of raising our own families.

– Dave Bowman, Activity Director / AmeriCana RV Resort / Mission, Texas

Besides the generous applause, additional comments reportedly heard during intermissions and after performances included:

*“Amazing!” “Benjamin can really pick!” “Daniel is super-talented and a great singer.”
“Hannah is amazing on that fiddle!” “Musical talent flows through their veins.” “Loved
the kids.” “Wholesome family entertainment.” “What talent!”*

American Heritage Music

Some comments from our School Assembly audiences...

"We really enjoyed the (*American Heritage Music*) program."

– *Bob Stackhouse, Principal, Athletic Director / Cunningham Grade School / Kansas*

Your child might be asking for more music lessons! On Friday (January 23rd) we were awed by the performance of the Farnum Family. The family consists of six children, four of which performed for us. The youngest are only three and four, so they are not performing yet. Piano, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, and upright bass combined to present bluegrass, gospel, and western music. We learned some things about American music and the instruments, while enjoying the music. The family has performed in the Branson, Missouri area for years. We were their first school visit and a very appreciative audience. You can check their web site out and enjoy some of their music at www.FarnumFamily.org.

– *Article by Kathy Hartley / Cunningham Grade School / Kansas*

Thanks for coming to our school. The students have talked and talked about your performance. Everyone liked the way you emphasized each instrument and each player. You shared just the right amount of info with our audience. What a great concert!

– *Beck Stafford, Music Teacher / Angier Elementary School / North Carolina*

I loved your songs. I liked *Ghost Riders* and *Turkey in the Straw*. I loved it! I was at Angier Elementary School. I am 11 years old.

– *Dakota Williford / Student - Angier Elementary School / North Carolina*

I thoroughly enjoyed your performance at our school today. I wish you the best during your travels and can only imagine what great memories your children will have from all your adventures. Good luck and come back again.

– *Leigh Grainger, Media Coordinator / Angier Elementary School / North Carolina*

Dear Farnum Family - Thank y'all for making time for our schools in North Carolina. In a world where prayer & God are being pushed out of the school systems, it was so uplifting to have even a little of God's word in song... and look forward to your family's next visit.

– *Hope Gutierrez, Parent / Angier, North Carolina*

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February 22, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

We have been acquainted with the Farnum family for several years since we first saw them and listened to them perform at Silver Dollar City in Missouri. My wife and I do the scheduling of the movies and the live events at our Civic Theatre and we are always looking for new talent.

We were immediately impressed by their considerable talent and stage presence. We went back again to listen to another performance of theirs and after we listened again, we asked them if they would consider coming to our Civic Theatre. Their impeccable family harmonies were exactly what we were looking for in our town.

Our town likes Bluegrass, Gospel and Old Time music which is exactly what the Farnum family provides. Their children from the oldest to the youngest are very talented and the whole family provides a wonderful evening of entertainment. They have performed twice on our stage and are scheduled for two more programs in the future.

We highly recommend this family group for any venue, both large and small. They present a clean family show that anyone can attend. They are presenting and preserving a great part of American music.

Sincerely,

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Carl Adkins and I am the Music Director at the Ozark Folk Center State Park in Mountain View, Arkansas. Our park mission is dedicated to the preservation of the music, crafts and folklore of the Ozarks region. We strive to bring in acts that represent the best in authentic folk music traditions.

The Farnum Family, led by Norm Farnum, performed here at the Ozark Folk Center on August 14 of last year. They played a very professional show to an audience consisting of a large percentage of our regular attendees, and were very well received.

I would recommend them as a group that was well organized and fully prepared, which makes presenting them a pleasure. I would appreciate you giving them your full consideration.

Carl Adkins

Carl Adkins
Music Director
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February 22, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of The Farnum Family Band of Galena, Missouri. The group is well known to me, as I have booked them for performances at Silver Dollar City on a number of occasions.

The Farnum Family was included in our Bluegrass & BBQ Festival in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and they are scheduled to return in May of 2010. They also served us during our Southern Gospel Picnic Festival of 2006 & 2008, as well as our American Heritage Crafts & Music Festival in 2007.

I recommend The Farnum Family as ambassadors of the rich musical heritage of Missouri. I know the group to be accomplished both instrumentally and vocally, and they are entertaining on a professional level. This group is also flexible and sensitive to the needs of the promoter.

Yours truly,

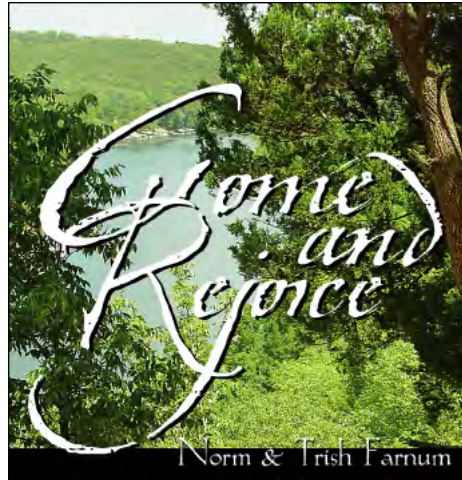
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