

ACOUSTIC Endeavors

From the Blue Ridge... with an edge.

Warren Amberson

As a founding member of Acoustic Endeavors, Warren's many talents are a focal point of the group. His keen song writing is a staple of the Acoustic Endeavors repertoire. He is truly a pleasure to watch on stage and in an informal setting as well. Warren lends superb lead and harmony vocals and his solid bass playing provides the heartbeat to the band's sound. Professional credits for this Roanoke, VA native include: starting the first U.S. Army bluegrass band, performing professionally for 10 years in Europe, student band director at E.T.S.U. under the direction of Jack Tottle, and playing many prestigious stages including the Ryman Auditorium.

Kelly Green

Kelly, also a founding member and primary songwriter of Acoustic Endeavors, hails from Omaha, NE. She grew up in a musical family playing at home with her sister on fiddle, mom on guitar and dad on bass. Also notable are the original songs which she contributes to the repertoire. A veteran of many stages throughout the world, Kelly adds her beautiful lead and harmony vocals to the group. She is one of the back bones of the group with her rock solid rhythm guitar. An alumna of the E.T.S.U. bluegrass program, she was also a student band director.

Dewey Peters

Dewey, "the doctor" as we like to call him, was a welcome addition to the group when he joined 5 years ago. Dewey lends his lead and rhythm guitar to the Acoustic Endeavors sound and adds a new twist to each song with a lead guitar that alternates between subtle melody and blistering licks. Dewey has been a staple musician around his home in the Roanoke, VA area for over 20 years. All of the tracks for Sneak Preview were recorded in Dewey's studio, The Tune Dungeon. Over the years he has put together a top quality 16 track digital recording studio - a big reason why Sneak Preview sounds as good as it does!

John Lawless

John joined the band on banjo in 2000. Many in the bluegrass industry will know John through his work with AcuTab Publications, but may not know that he is a fine picker as well. AcuTab publishes books of tab transcriptions from the playing of popular bluegrass artists as well as instructional videos. John has played and performed in and around the Roanoke, VA area for many years and prior to that in the Tidewater area of VA where he grew up.

Billy Hurt

Joining the band in early 2004 is Roanoke fiddler, Billy Hurt. A native of Franklin County, Billy started playing at the age of eight, inspired by the fiddling of old time music icon, Clark Kessinger. In addition to stints with numerous SW VA bands, Billy played fiddle, guitar and mandolin in the last band that country legend Jim Eanes had before he passed away. We welcome the sound of Billy's fiddle in Acoustic Endeavors.

"A band with a refreshingly unique, solid, and engaging sound that wears well with repeated listening. Kelly Green and Warren Amberson sing and play their compositions with assurance and conviction; Greg Honeycutt, John Lawless, Dewey Peters provide just the right instrumental touches to further define the group's individuality. Nice music!!"

Jack Tottle, E.T.S.U.