

Ralph Blizard, prize winning fiddler from Blountville, Tennessee with Phil Jamison, John Lilly, and John Herrmann form the New Southern Ramblers with string band music at its best.



James "Sparky" Rucker, Lexington, Kentucky, is a leading performer and commentator on African-American folk culture. Known for his deft abilities as a singer, historian, folklorist, storyteller, and down-home humorist, he tours internationally and has numerous record releases.

J. Odus Maggard of Kingsport, Tennessee, formed his first band in 1934, The Southern Melody Boys. He plays the picking style that has become standard in bluegrass music. Odus will be accompanied by **Lois Fuller** on the guitar.



Melvin Wine is one of the grand old men of old time fiddling from Copen, West Virginia. A National Heritage Award Winner, he plays tunes that have come down from his great-grandfather.

Mary Jane Queen is a ballad singer and banjo picker from Jackson County, North Carolina. She won the Folk Heritage Award in 1993 and played for the opening of the North Carolina Museum of History in April of 1994.



Schedule

Friday, October 28

5:00-7:00 pm **BOOK SIGNING and RECEPTION** –
Berea College Bookstore

With authors *Loyal Jones and Warren Brunner for
Appalachian Values

7:30 pm–**CONCERT** –
Phelps Stokes Chapel

Mary Jane Queen, The Cumberland Rangers, Melvin Wine, Ralph Blizard and the New Southern Ramblers, Cari Norris, J. Odus Maggard and Lois Fuller, Elaine Purkey, Sparky Rucker

****Presentation of the Red Foley Memorial Music Award**

10:00 pm–**SQUARE DANCING** –
Activities Room, Alumni Building

Led by John Ramsay and Phil Jamison. Music by Ralph Blizard and the New Southern Ramblers

Saturday, October 29

PERFORMANCES –
Activities Room, Alumni Building

- 10:00 am Melvin Wine
- 10:30 am Mary Jane Queen
- 11:00 am The Cumberland Rangers
- 11:30 am J. Odus Maggard and Lois Fuller
- 1:00 pm Cari Norris
- 1:30 pm Ralph Blizard and the New Southern Ramblers
- 3:00 pm Elaine Purkey
- 3:30 pm Berea Students
- 4:00 pm Open Stage, led by Jim Gage

WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIUM –
Alumni Building

- 10:00 am **DULCIMER WORKSHOP** – *Barton Room*
Led by Betty Smith
- 10:00 am **BANJO WORKSHOP** – *Taylor Room*
Led by J. Odus Maggard and Cari Norris
- 11:00 am **GUITAR WORKSHOP** – *Barton Room*
Led by Al White
- 11:00 am **FIDDLE WORKSHOP** – *Taylor Room*
Led by Ralph Blizard and Melvin Wine
- 2:00 pm *****Symposium** – *Activities Room*
"Civil War Music," Sparky Rucker

of Events

Saturday, October 29

7:30 pm—CONCERT –
Phelps Stokes Chapel

Sparky Rucker, Elaine Purkey, J. Odus Maggard and Lois Fuller, Red Foley Memorial Music Award Winner, Cari Norris, Melvin Wine, The Cumberland Rangers, Mary Jane Queen, Ralph Blizard and the New Southern Ramblers

10:00 pm—SQUARE DANCING –
Activities Room, Alumni Building

Led by John Ramsay and Phil Jamison. Music by Ralph Blizard and the New Southern Ramblers

Sunday, October 30

9:00 am—CONCERT of RELIGIOUS MUSIC –
Activities Room, Alumni Building

Led by Betty Smith

2:00-4:00 pm—CONCERT –
Phelps Stokes Chapel

Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys

*Loyal Jones, a native of Cherokee County, North Carolina, recently retired as Director of the Appalachian Center at Berea College. He organized the annual Celebrations of Traditional Music for 20 years. Jones is widely published on Appalachian life, values, religion, humor, and music.

Warren Brunner is a highly respected photographer who lives in Berea, Kentucky. Now retired, he describes his widely published images of Appalachia as "mountain pictorials."

**Established in 1970, the Red Foley Memorial Music Award recognizes talented Berea College students for their musical contribution to the social life of the campus community. The award was established in memory of country music star Red Foley, who attended the Berea Academy.

***A Symposium on "Civil War Music" by James "Sparky" Rucker will focus on the American Civil War and its impact on the different regions of our country. The stories and songs from the Civil War era give an account of the major events and the poignant story of the tragedy of the Civil War.

Ralph Stanley, Coeburn, Virginia, is a bluegrass music legend with a career that spans more than four decades with his Clinch Mountain Boys and includes more than 150 albums. Stanley has been nominated for three Grammy awards, the most prestigious honor handed out in the American music industry. All three nominations recognize work on "Saturday Night and Sunday Morning," an album released in 1993.



Elaine Purkey is a singer and songwriter from Chapmanville, West Virginia. She sings traditional songs and songs she writes about social issues of the time.

The Cumberland Rangers, a string band from east central Kentucky, came together in 1963. For 10 years they had a fifteen-minute radio show everyday. They play old-time fiddle tunes, parlor songs, native Kentucky ballads, and gospel songs. Today's band includes Gilbert Thomas, Buddy Grant, Grady "Buzz" Brezeale, Wanda Barnett and Earl Barnes.



Cari Norris, Nicholasville, Kentucky, grew up hearing the music of the Appalachian mountains from her grandmother, Lily May Ledford. She plays clawhammer banjo in her grandmother's style, sings, and plays guitar and dulcimer.