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## "Music Education for Kids program offered at no charge"

Huck Finn Jubilee Bluegrass Musical Festival is dedicated to our youth!

ONTARIO, California (Monday, February 29, 2016) – The Huck Finn Jubilee Bluegrass Music Festival, produced by the Greater Ontario Convention & Visitors Bureau, is committed to keeping traditional Bluegrass alive by passing it on to youth. "This year we are proud to announce the partnership with the Folk Music Center in Claremont, California to provide the *Music Education for Kids* program during the 3-day event in June" said Michael Krouse, President and CEO. "We are dedicated to connecting kids with bluegrass music and look forward to the progression that two days of music lessons can make." The Huck Finn Jubilee Bluegrass Music Education for Kids is a free 2-day camp-style learning program held annually during Huck Finn Jubilee Bluegrass Music Festival at Cucamonga – Guasti Regional Park in Ontario, California. The program is open to children ages 8 – 16 offering instruction to play, sing and perform Bluegrass music. Each day contains sectional instruction with their instrumental teacher; and ensemble sessions with the entire group. The grand finale is a "Jubilee Jam" on Sunday afternoon. Kids will have fun, learn a lot, grow in confidence and make friends that can last a lifetime.

The talented and experienced instructors are local and part of the music education programs at the Folk Music Center in Claremont, California. Over 185 years of combined experience is amazing.

**FIDDLE**: Diane Messenger 30 years performing and teaching (fiddle, violin, piano and voice)

**BANJO:** Kent Besocke 38 years performing and 25 teaching (banjo, guitar)

BASS: Roy Durnal 45 years performing and 15 years teaching (bass, drums, ukulele

**GUITAR**: Mike Kreivis 24 years performing and 16 years teaching (guitar, dobro, slide guitar,

mandolin, ukulele)

**MANDOLIN**: David Millard 50 years performing and 30 years (mandolin, guitar and bass)

Each class is made up of ten students each, which provides individual attention and develops comradery amongst the students. All students should bring their own instruments, however a few instruments are on hand to borrow and should be reserved in advance. Classes are scheduled on Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12 from 10:00am – 3:30pm daily. Children 12 and under are free to attend the Huck Finn Jubilee Bluegrass Music Festival. Registration is done on line at <a href="https://www.HuckFinn.com">www.HuckFinn.com</a> and is open on March 1, 2016 when tickets go on sale.

## **About HUCK FINN JUBILEE Bluegrass Music Festival**

Huck Finn Jubilee Bluegrass Music Festival is a 3-day music festival, held on the second weekend of June annually, celebrating Bluegrass - America's genuine roots music. Founded in 1975 by the Tucker Family, the Huck Finn Jubilee Bluegrass Music Festival continues to evolve and has become a premier 3-day showcase of traditional Bluegrass and Jam grass music. This family-friendly event is a community of music-driven campgrounds with endless pickin' parties, music workshops and instrumental roots education for all ages, outdoor recreation and Tom Sawyer Island dedicated to all day kid's activities.

Huck Finn Jubilee Bluegrass Music Festival, produced by the Greater Ontario Convention & Visitors Bureau (a non-profit 501c 3), supports the cross-pollination and belief in the evolution of this music while honoring its rich history. This unique festival showcases an array of musicians spanning across local, regional, and national Grammy nominated and award-winning bands alike. Huck Finn Jubilee is committed to presenting exceptional headlining musicians as well as emerging artists dedicated to creating sounds for the future while preserving the deeply imbedded roots of Bluegrass. Bluegrass music tells a story and narrative of the lives of the everyday American people. For more information visit <a href="https://www.huckfinn.com">www.huckfinn.com</a>





