

**For Immediate Release:**  
**GREY FOX BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**  
**“A Who’s Who of Bluegrass Music”**  
**JULY 15-18, 2010**

**WINNER of IBMA BLUEGRASS EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

On the Walsh Farm, Oak Hill, NY 12460  
In Greene County NY’s Beautiful Catskill Mountain Region

For the die-hard bluegrass fan, the thought of summer means making an annual pilgrimage to Oak Hill, NY where a normally quiet, out-of-the-way farm in rural Greene County is magically transformed into a community of world-class performers, exuberant fans, devoted volunteers, non-stop jamming, funky campsites, scrumptious food and booths filled with crafts, instruments and clothing. For the third week in July, the Walsh Farm is home to a colorful tent city of music, laughter, cooperation and good will!

Long-time Grey Fox fans say it is a homecoming: a cherished reunion of friends who may see each other just once a year. Newcomers are struck by how warm and welcoming everyone is as they are quickly befriended by fellow fans, volunteers, vendors and even artists. “There may be several thousand people in attendance, but it feels like a small town where you know everyone,” says Australian, Jason Nicholas, now planning his third year at Grey Fox.

The Northeast’s largest bluegrass festival moved to Oak Hill in 2008 after being held for decades in nearby Columbia County. To the new location, organizers brought all the components for which it is famous: multiple stages, hands-on learning workshops, festive foods, rustic camping, round-the-clock jamming and thousands of fans from all over the U.S., Canada, Europe and the Far East. In 2008, fans attended Grey Fox from 37 states and 14 countries.

These are the very characteristics that led Grey Fox to be named Bluegrass Event of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association. The coveted award was presented to Grey Fox producer, Mary Tyler Doub in October 2009 during IBMA’s annual World of Bluegrass Conference in Nashville, TN.

Often referred to as a “Who’s Who of Bluegrass Music,” Grey Fox is a gathering of the best of the best in bluegrass, America’s fastest growing musical genre according to a recent Simmons Research study. Grammy and IBMA award winners abound each year. “It just doesn’t get any better than this. Everybody I want to see is there. I smile so much my face hurts!” beams Mark Granger, a long-time bluegrass fan and guitar picker from San Antonio, Texas.

Grey Fox is famous for presenting a wide range of bluegrass styles—from old time and traditional bluegrass to contemporary and new grass along with some of the best dance bands in the business. Performing on the Main Stage at this year’s event are such bluegrass luminaries as Sam Bush, the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience, the Del McCoury Band, Tim O’Brien, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, the Gibson Brothers and many more.

Hot, young, rising stars at Grey Fox 2010 include the Greencards, Crooked Still, The Greensky Boys, Josh Williams, Sarah Jarosz, Rockin’ Acoustic Circus and the Hillbenders. Rounder Recording traditionalists, Dry Branch Fire Squad will continue to hold court as host band, as they have for nearly thirty years.

In addition to the Main and Dance Stages, Grey Fox offers an intimate Masters Stage and a big grin-producing Family Stage for kids of all ages. Back by popular demand is a showcase series at the Masters Stage on Friday and Saturday evenings featuring talented emerging musicians from the Northeast including the Andrew and Noah VanNostrand Band.

The Dance Tent begins filled to the brim each day with a very popular morning yoga stretch to hip live music, and continues long into the night with music by several bands from the Main Stage including the

world beat gurus, Donna the Buffalo; Kansas City's award-winning honky tonk band, The Wilders; dance lessons and performances by John Kirk & Trish Miller and music by the old-timey band, Fiddlestyx. In addition to performance venues, Grey Fox offers hands-on learning sessions at the Grass Roots Tent (with instructors such as six-time bass player of the year, Mike Bub; guitar wizard, Tony Watt; and banjoist and former Bluegrass Boy, Bill Keith). Catering to beginners, user-friendly Slow Jam Tent instructors slow down easy songs so that everyone can play along. Meanwhile, the Grey Fox Bluegrass Academy for Kids (a four-day music camp for kids age 8 and up) teaches kids to play, sing and perform bluegrass music. Pre-registration is strongly recommended for the kids' academy. Class size is limited and some classes fill up quickly. To register a child (beginning on April 1), visit: [www.greyfoxbluegrass.com](http://www.greyfoxbluegrass.com).

One of the endearing qualities of bluegrass music is that it is so accessible. Surveys find that over 60% of Grey Fox fans play bluegrass instruments. With that many pickers, jam sessions happen all weekend and workshops are well attended.

Grey Fox full festival camping tickets and day passes are available on line and by phone. Camping opens Wednesday, July 14 at 9:00 am. Day gates open at 8:00 am Thursday thru Sunday. Main Stage music: 2:00 pm to midnight Thursday; 11:00 am to midnight Friday; 11:00 am to midnight Saturday; and 10:30 am to 3:00 pm on Sunday.

Grey Fox organizers are taking full advantage of current social media trends and are marketing this year's event on Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and many online blogs as well as on its newly designed web site. A drawing for a full festival ticket is being held at the end of each month from February through June on Facebook. Winners will be announced via the internet on the first day of each month. To be eligible for the drawings, become a fan at [www.facebook.com/greyfoxbluegrass](http://www.facebook.com/greyfoxbluegrass).

The entrance to Walsh Farm is located on Greene County Route 22, Oak Hill, NY. For door-to-door directions, google 1 Poultney Road, Oak Hill, NY 12460. Oak Hill is about 20 miles west of the NYS Thruway I-87 Exits 21 (Catskill) if coming from the south and 21B (Coxsackie) if approaching from the north.

**DRIVING TIMES to OAK HILL, NY:**

30 mins West of Catskill, NY

45 mins from Albany, NY

2.5 hours from NYC

2.5 hours from Hartford, CT

3.0 hours from Bridgeport, CT

3.25 hours from Boston, MA

3.25 hours from Providence, RI

5.0 hours from Buffalo, NY

5.5 hours from Baltimore, MD

**Tickets and Information:** Day and Full-festival tickets available on line:

<http://www.greyfoxbluegrass.com> or by calling 888.946.8495.

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