



The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail

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Kitty & Jared and Tori Bartfai Featured at Heartwood

Abingdon, Virginia – The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail presents Kitty & Jared and Tori Bartfai in concert on Thursday, July 10th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Heartwood in Abingdon, VA. The concert is part of The Crooked Road's Youth Music Series.

Kitty Amaral lives in Grayson County and began fiddling at age five. An outstanding classical violinist and old time fiddler, she has a unique collection of songs and tunes ranging from Southwestern Virginia and the Carolina Appalachians to Oklahoma, Ozarks, and beyond. Claw-hammer banjo player Jared Lane Boyd is from Laurel Fork, VA, and comes from a family with a history of playing old time music. Jared's grandfather, Jimmy Boyd, has been a huge influence on his banjo playing, and continues to be as Jared makes his way into the world of old time music. Kitty & Jared both have active musical schedules, and have recently been playing together as a duo highlighting each other's unique talents, repertoire, and playing styles.

Victoria "Tori" Bartfai, a 17 year-old from Cedar Bluff, VA (Tazewell County), has been pursuing her passion of playing the guitar for six years. She has studied music in New York City, and is currently studying guitar with Ben Addison. Tori enjoys playing and learning techniques from various genres including bluegrass, rock, jazz, and classical guitar.

The Crooked Road Music Series features youth music performers and showcases venues of the Crooked Road region. These events, along with open jams on the 1st, 3rd, (and 5th) Thursday of every month, are hosted at Heartwood. A complete schedule for the music series is available on The Crooked Road website at www.thecrookedroad.org and at www.heartwoodvirginia.org. The music series is sponsored by The Crooked Road, Heartwood, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway is located off I-81 at Exit 14 in Abingdon, VA, and features food, music, and craft of Southwest Virginia. Admission to the concert is free and donations will be accepted for Crooked Road Traditional Music Education Program (TMEP).

For more information on The Crooked Road Music Series call [\(276\) 492-2409](tel:2764922409) or email: info@thecrookedroad.org.

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Photos of Kitty & Jared (photo - Vickie Boyd) and Tori Bartfai (photo Tammy Bartfai) are attached.