



HERITAGE

KEEPING THE BLUEGRASS TRADITION

Donald Warthan, Guitar and Vocals: Donald has been playing and singing since the age of eight, buying his first Gene Autry guitar from the proceeds of seed sales. In 1980, Donald was honored to be named the Virginia Folk Music Association's Male Soloist of the year. Donald founded Heritage in 1984 and has produced 4 CD's for Heritage. Donald has been widely respected in the Bluegrass Community for his decades of musical contributions to help promote the genre. His strong and distinctive vocal style and warm personality make him recognizable on and off stage. Donald currently resides with his wife Carol in Providence Forge, Virginia

Kevin Phillips, Guitar and Vocals: Kevin grew up in the Falling Springs area of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and began playing music at the age of 10 in his father's band, "The Sun Valley Boys". Kevin has played with a number of Bluegrass Bands over his impressive career. Kevin is known by many in the Bluegrass Community for his strong rhythm and lead guitar work, impressive lead and harmony vocals and awesome showmanship! Serving as the band's front man, Kevin has contributed to the heart and soul of Heritage since 1987. Kevin currently resides with his wife Connie in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Donnie Warthan, Bass and Vocals: Donnie grew up in the Bluegrass and Gospel community. Having started on guitar and banjo, Donnie began playing bass and was soon recognized by the Bluegrass and Gospel communities as one of the best regional players around. Donnie has contributed his bass playing and vocals to numerous recordings and has played with many regional bands over the years and was a founding member of the widely respected Bluegrass and Gospel bands; The Virginia Bluegrass Band and Churchyard Grass. Donnie is a founding member of Heritage and makes his home with his wife Kathy in Varina, Virginia.

Brandon Skinner, Dobro: Brandon started playing Dobro at the age of 15. By the age of 18, Brandon was recognized as one of the best Dobro players in the Commonwealth of Virginia, placing 2nd in the State Wide Competition. Brandon has shared the stage with many bluegrass acts in his young career and has been a member of Heritage since 2014. Brandon currently resides in the village of Matoaca.

Patrick Kelley, Mandolin and Vocals: Patrick has worked as a recording engineer on over 200 projects, produced over 50 albums and worked as a session player on hundreds of recordings. His works have been included in TV, Film and Radio. Patrick has played in many bands covering many genres including Pop, Rock, Country and Bluegrass. Patrick was a founding member of The Virginia Bluegrass Band along with both Donnie and John. Patrick's love & respect of Bluegrass music has stayed with him throughout his musical career and he is proud to be working with Heritage "Keeping The Bluegrass Tradition."!

John Bullard, Banjo: John holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Performance. John has gained international attention for his work in developing and transcribing classical repertoire for the five-string banjo. John has published two books with Mel Bay Publications, Bach for the Banjo and Scales and Arpeggios for Classical Banjo. His critically acclaimed CD releases include The Classical Banjo on the Dargason label and Bach on the Banjo on Albany Records. Music from John's recordings has been included in feature films such as the DreamWorks animated film The Rise of the Guardians and the award winning The Edge of Heaven. John has served on the faculty of the world-renowned Tennessee Banjo Institute with such luminaries as Pete Seeger, Bela Fleck and Tony Trischka and is currently teaching banjo as an Adjunct Professor at Cairn University near Philadelphia. John has been a member of several Bluegrass bands including New Appalachian Express, Virginia Rail, The Virginia Bluegrass Band, and many others.