

## ***Sample Press Release for Monroe Crossing Concert***

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## **MONROE CROSSING TO APPEAR AT BALATON FUN FEST 2016!**

World-class bluegrass entertainers Monroe Crossing will appear in concert at [Fun Fest](#) on [Friday, July 1st](#) at [5:30 & 8:00pm](#). Named in honor of Bill Monroe, Monroe Crossing dazzles audiences with an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, and heartfelt originals. Their airtight harmonies, razor sharp arrangements, and on-stage rapport make them audience favorites across the United States and Canada. They will perform at [Knudson-Bosley Memorial Park on Lake Yankton in Balaton](#). [A Free Will donation will be taken at the park entrances.](#)

Since the year 2000, Monroe Crossing has released 13 CDs and a live concert DVD and has made more than 1500 concert appearances throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. The secret to the band's longevity and success? According to fiddler and lead singer Lisa Fuglie, "It's just plain hard work and dedication. We all share a love for bluegrass music and for performing on stage. We appreciate every audience, large or small, and understand that we're there for them, not the other way around."

Mandolin player Matt Thompson adds, "We have learned the importance of entertaining audiences and not just playing top-quality music. We regularly hear people say that they didn't think they liked bluegrass music until they saw us play!"

Monroe Crossing has been showered with awards, including Best Female Vocalist, Guitar, Mandolin and Banjo at the Minnesota Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Association's 25th Anniversary Awards Banquet. Monroe Crossing is the *only* Bluegrass band ever nominated as the Minnesota Music Academy "Artist of the Year," which also recognized the band with an award for "Bluegrass Album of the Year."

In 2007, they were selected as an Official Showcase Band at the International Bluegrass Music Association's World of Bluegrass Convention in Nashville, and later that year, they were inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame.

See Monroe Crossing's recordings, schedule and booking information on the band's website: [www.monroecrossing.com](http://www.monroecrossing.com) or call Art Blackburn (763-213-1349, [art@monroecrossing.com](mailto:art@monroecrossing.com)) for more information.

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### ***Monroe Crossing Review and Promoter Quotes***

“Monroe Crossing strikes again. Each and every song keeps you wanting more. I can foresee many of your original songs becoming classics somewhere down the line.” — “*Backroads Bluegrass*,” *KCBL Radio, Sacramento CA*

“Everyone in the band is an absolute professional, and I’ve pointed other groups to you to say ‘this is how you do it right in the world of bluegrass.’ ” — *Marty Scarbrough, KASU FM Program Director*

“Everyone who came had the time of their life that evening. Your show was just incredible....one of the freshest and original groups I have experienced....I was just blown away.” — *Bill Adams, Habitat For Humanity, Waldorf MD*

“This record has more heart than any half dozen other records you’re likely to encounter any time soon, and musicianship on a par with the best of the breed.” — *David McGee, Bluegrass Special*

“....This band understands and respects the musical principles laid down by Bill Monroe.... ‘Heartache & Stone’ represents their best effort to date....Arrangements are fresh and creative....All in all, it is an enjoyable project loaded with satisfaction.” — *Louisville Music News*