



# Front Porch Fellowship

by LES BUTLER

A FEW MONTHS AGO WE TALKED about the heavy Gospel music influence that resonated throughout the recent International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) awards show held in Nashville, Tennessee. Recently, another organization, the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music (SPBGMA) announced the nominees for their upcoming fan awards show, and once again, Gospel music is well represented. The following represents the bluegrass-Gospel categories:

## GOSPEL GROUP OF THE YEAR - (Contemporary)

- Blue Highway
- Churchmen
- Isaacs
- Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver
- Marksmen
- NewFound Road

## GOSPEL GROUP OF THE YEAR - (Traditional)

- BlueRidge
- Carolina Sonshine
- Churchmen
- Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver
- Village Singers
- Paul Williams & the Victory Trio

"Congratulations to these fine Christians. Keep on Pickin' and singin' that great Bluegrass-Gospel music..."



DOYLE LAWSON & QUICKSILVER

In addition to the two Gospel categories, Christian singers and musicians were well represented in various other categories. For example, *Getting Ready* by BlueRidge is nominated as one of the year's best bluegrass albums.

There were many Christians represented in the various instrumentalist categories such as Alan Bibey (Blue Ridge) and Danny Roberts (Grascals), who are both nominated as the Mandolin Player of the Year.

Sonya Isaacs (Isaacs) and Amanda Smith (Kenny & Amanda Smith Band)



SONYA ISAACS

are nominated in the Female Vocalist/Contemporary category. Larry Sparks, who is very vocal about his Christian walk, is nominated in the Male Vocalist/Traditional category.

Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver is nominated as one of the top Vocal Groups. Front Porch Fellowship fan favorites, Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder are nominated in the Instrumental Group of the Year category. Finally, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver's recent radio single, "He Lives In Me," is nominated as Song of the Year.



MARKSMEN

Congratulations to these fine Christians. Keep on pickin' and singin' that great bluegrass-Gospel music no matter where you are! I'll announce the winners in next month's column!

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| <p><b>Location:</b><br/>Spartanburg, S.C.<br/>Twitchell Auditorium<br/>(Campus Of Converse College)</p> <p>Ticket Info: \$20.00 An Evening<br/>or \$35.00 for both Evenings.<br/>Call Box Office To order Tickets<br/>1-864-596-9725</p> <p>Discount Motel Packages<br/>Available: 1-864-243-3055</p> <p>Contact: Foothills Foundation Ministries<br/>Pelzer, S.C. 29669<br/>1-864-243-3055<br/><a href="http://www.foothillsfoundation.com">www.foothillsfoundation.com</a></p> | <p>Foothills Foundation Ministries Presents</p> <p><b>Foothills Gospel Bluegrass Singing</b><br/>The Largest Gospel Bluegrass Singing in the Country</p> <p>Fri.-Doyle Lawson &amp; Quicksilver<br/>Paul Williams &amp; Victory Trio<br/>King James 1611 Boys<br/>The Rochester's<br/>Sat.-I'll Be Tyme Out<br/>Smoky Mountain Boys<br/>The Primitive Quartet<br/>Salvation Ram<br/>Debut of: Barry Scott &amp; 2nd Wind</p> | <p><b>Date:</b><br/>May 25th &amp; 26th 2007<br/>6 P.M. Each Evening</p> <p>The Singing will be held at one of the<br/>Finest Auditoriums in the country. Great<br/>Acoustics, Theater Style Seats, Good<br/>Location, Great Concessions, and Superb<br/>Talent will make this a hot Ticker for<br/>2007. Buy Your Tickets early, The Aud.<br/>Only holds 1,500 people each Evening.</p> <p>M.C.:<br/>James Mercalf<br/>DJ WJFJ Radio<br/>Sound: Snyder<br/>Sound Service</p> |
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