



The Knackered Ramblers are.....

Mike Compton

Befriended and mentored by Bill Monroe, the Father of Bluegrass Music, Mike Compton is a Grammy and IBMA Award-winning mandolinist, composer, singer, arranger and teacher. His mastery of Monroe's genre-bending style has been featured on recordings with a wide range of performers -- from rock stars Sting, Gregg Allman and Elvis Costello – to more traditional bluegrass and old-time music artists such as John Hartford, Ralph Stanley, David Grisman, Norman Blake, Doc Watson and Peter Rowan.

Compton is a musician's musician. He collaborated with legendary producer T-Bone Burnett on the Album of the Year soundtrack for "O Brother Where Art Thou?" and has performed as a pivotal member of many groups including the Nashville Blue Grass Band, the John Hartford Stringband, the Helen Highwater Stringband. 1942 and Compton & Newberry. Compton's impressive discography of over 140 albums includes recordings by Dolly Parton, Patti Lovelace and Willie Nelson.

Laura Boosinger

Laura Boosinger began her banjo career at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC, under the tutelage of renowned musician David Holt. She is a student and teacher of Appalachian Music and Studies having played with the Luke Smathers Band, David Holt and the Lightning Bolts and the Midnight Plowboys. She has collaborated with musicians across the spectrum – from George Shuttler, guitarist and bass player for the Stanley Brothers, to Josh Goforth, one of her early students who has made a well-deserved name for himself in the world of Bluegrass.

Laura has been instrumental in maintaining the tradition of shaped note singing from the Christian Harmony in workshops at Merlefest, Blue Ridge Old Time Music Week and the Earl Scruggs Center. Formerly the Executive Director of the Madison County Arts Council, Laura has been a mainstay at numerous festivals in Western North Carolina, including the Mountain Dance and Folk Festival and Shindig on the Green, both in Asheville, NC.

She is a consultant to the Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina, working to sustain the rich music traditions of the region and the voice and creator of the *Down The Road on the Blue Ridge* Music Trails podcast. Laura is a member of the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame.

*"An Amazing duet! Laura and Mike bring their love and respect of American traditional music together, preserving and sharing it for us all to enjoy! I wish I could go to every show!"*

Bryan Sutton, Grammy Award Winning Guitar Player

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