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A New Hot Bluegrass Band is Up Ahead at Timberline Drive

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Todd, Joel, Louise, Earl, and Randy, everyday names that might not mean much but, together they are the members of [Timberline Drive](#), a hot new bluegrass band emerging on the scene. The group was formed a year ago, but already they are making a name for themselves. Timberline Drive has been receiving great responses and reviews from audiences they have played for. The band has quickly become a favorite at the Kentucky Opry, with two performances there and another scheduled for April 6th.

"We want to produce good music, that is our goal", Todd Rakestraw the bands founder said, "if we accomplish nothing else, we want to entertain folks wherever we perform". Like a true bluegrass band, they have already been through personnel changes. Most recently, Earl Grubbs, on resonator guitar, joined the group in December, and Randy Saltsman joined playing banjo in January.

Timberline Drive has a lot to offer an audience, from straight ahead bluegrass to slow ballads with strong vocals."We've been working hard on our vocals", Rakestraw said,"that's what can make or brake a band". The band is also doing original material written by Rakestraw, who has written 3 songs recorded by Alison Krauss.

Timberline Drive's lineup is:

Joel Whittinghill - Joel is a multi- instrumentalist playing fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and sings baritone. Joel has worked with many artist including, The McClain's, Curtis Burch and Hwy 62. Joel makes his home in Bowling Green Ky.

Louise Miles - Louise is the backbone for the band, playing bass and singing lead and tenor. Louise has performed with the "Inquire Within" band, Hwy62 and recently The Katie Penn band. Louise also writes material for Timberline Drive. Louise resides in Boston Ky.

Earl Grubbs - Earl has been playing the resonator guitar for 28 years, and is the current Tennessee state champion. Earl has worked with various local and regional bands and sings tenor and baritone. Earl resides in Murfreesboro Tn.

Randy Saltsman - Randy has played banjo for several bluegrass bands throughout the years such as, Bear Creek Bluegrass, Caney Creek Ramblers, as well as his own Blue Tradition. He resides just outside of Leitchfield, Ky.

Todd Rakestraw - Todd has been playing guitar for 30 years, and has been singing for as long as he can remember, and continues by singing lead with the band. Todd has played with several bands over the years, most notably Union Station, which he was an original member of. Todd resides in Boonville In.

You can check out the bands new web site at: <http://www.timberlinedrive.com/>
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