

'COME HOME TO BLUEGRASS' SONGWRITING CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Winner's Song to Debut at Bill Monroe's 100 Birthday Celebration

ROSINE, Ky., August 18, 2010 – The Ohio County Tourism Commission in Rosine, Ky., announces the first ever “Come Home to Bluegrass” Songwriting Contest in honor of the upcoming celebration of Bill Monroe's 100 Birthday in 2011.

Monroe, who was born in Rosine, is widely recognized as the "Father of Bluegrass Music." Plans are in the works to celebrate what would have been his 100th birthday on September, 13, 2011. Included in those plans is a musical celebration at Monroe's homeplace. The winner of the Come Home to Bluegrass Songwriting Contest will debut his/her song at the celebration in 2011.

The deadline for entries is March 13, 2011. They will be judged on content of lyrics, music and originality. Instrumentally and lyrically, the song must represent the traditional Bluegrass music style of Bill Monroe. Winners will be notified by July 1, 2011.

Songwriters should note important rules of the contest, including:

- Songs should be NO LESS than two (2) minutes and thirty (30) seconds; and NO MORE than three (3) minutes long. Compositions may be copyrighted or have writer's clearance, but may not have been published or sold.
- LIMIT OF TWO (2) SONGS PER ENTRY FEE
Amateur songwriters may enter as many times as they wish; but no more than two songs per cassette or CD are allowed. Additional songs must be mailed in separate entries with fee. Vocals and music must be on CD or cassette tape with good clarity, along with a typed or hand printed copy of the lyrics. (No CD or cassette will be returned.)
- NO professional songwriters, contest judges or their family members are eligible to enter. Participants of any age are welcome, but those under the age of 18 must include the signature of a parent or guardian.

ENTRY FEE AND DEADLINES

A\$10 entry fee (per entry) is required by check or money order made out to Bluegrass Songwriting/Ohio Co. Tourism Comm. Entries will be accepted beginning September 13, 2010 and must be received by DEADLINE of March 13, 2011.

Mail entry fee, cassette or CD with label, (with no more than two songs per entry) & lyric sheet(s) with name, phone number, mailing address, email address and parental signature (for minors) ON LYRIC SHEET to: "Come Home to Bluegrass Songwriting Contest"
PO Box 490, Rosine, KY 42370.

JUDGING

Entries will be judged by a non-partial panel of experienced musician/songwriters. Preliminary judging may screen entrees, but at least 15 percent of entrees will continue to final judging.

Awards will include: First Place - \$500; Second Place - \$200; Third Place - \$100

For more information about the contest or the Come Home to Bluegrass celebration, visit www.visitohiocountyky.org or call 270-298-0036.