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# This Month at BASC

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BASC Presents Bluegrass at the Ford with.....

## Lonesome River Band with Lonesome Otis

**August 12, 2012 8:00 PM**



The award-winning Lonesome River Band headlines the Bluegrass Association of Southern California's popular Bluegrass at the Ford concert at the Ford Amphitheatre in Hollywood on Sunday, August 12, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

This year, Lonesome River Band is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year as one of America's most popular and respected bluegrass groups. During its long and successful career, Lonesome River Band has garnered a multitude of awards and recognitions including many from the

International Bluegrass Music Association. IBMA has honored the group for Album of the Year and leader Sammy Shelor has been recognized an amazing four times as Banjo Performer of the Year. Shelor is also the second winner of the Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass, which he received in 2011 on "The David [Letterman Show](#)."

"Lonesome River Band has done what few bands have, continuously reinvented itself through the years, staying both popular and relevant," says

## Jams in Town

### The Soup Jam

2420 Gundry Ave.  
Signal Hill CA 90755  
Tuesdays 7:00 PM

### The New Westside Jam

[Industry&Jazz Cafe](#)  
6039 Washington Bl.  
Culver City, CA  
1st Monday 7:30 PM

### The Altadena Jam

[Coffee Gallery](#)  
2029 N. Lake  
Altadena, CA  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 12:30 PM

### Orange County Archery

18792 Brookhurst St.  
Fountain Valley CA  
1st/3rd Thurs, 6 PM

### [Zoey's Cafe](#)

185 E. Santa Clara St.  
Ventura CA 93001  
2nd/4th Tuesdays 6-10  
PM

### The Friday Night Jam

[The Coffee Connection](#)  
3838 Centinela Ave.  
Los Angeles 90066  
2nd Friday of every  
month

Keith Lawrence of Bluegrass Notes. In the latest version of Lonesome River Band, longtime band member and banjo picker Sammy Shelor has put together a wealth of talent that includes Brandon Rickman (lead vocals and rhythm guitar);

Mike Hartgrove (fiddle); Barry Reed (bass); and newest member Randy Jones (mandolin and vocals) all performing the distinctive sound that fans love.

The band's latest recording on Rural Rhythm Records is *STILL LEARNING*. The album has hit numerous charts including Bluegrass Unlimited Magazine's Top 15, Bluegrass Music Profiles Top 10 and Cashbox Magazine's Top 20. The first single, "Record Time Machine" along with "Jack Up the Jail" and other tracks has appeared on numerous single charts including Bluegrass Unlimited's Top 30 Song chart. More information on Lonesome River Band is available at [www.lonesomeriverband.com](http://www.lonesomeriverband.com).

Appearing with Lonesome River Band will be Lonesome Otis, a popular Southern California bluegrass band. Lonesome Otis' fresh combination of new and

experienced talent is known for clean instrumentals and tight harmonies that are guaranteed to satisfy the pickiest bluegrass aficionados. The band's repertoire includes hard-driving classics, contemporary bluegrass, gospel and exciting original



### Lonesome Otis

songs. The group has won accolades at festivals and concerts throughout the West. More information about Lonesome Otis is available at [www.lonesomeotis.com](http://www.lonesomeotis.com).

Ticket prices start at \$25 and \$20 for BASC members and full-time students with ID. Tickets are \$12 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at [www.FordTheatres.org](http://www.FordTheatres.org) or by calling (323) 461-3673 (for non-visual media (323) GO 1-FORD). For groups of 8 or more, please call (323) 769-2147.

For a direct link to tickets, visit [www.fordtheatres.org/en/events/details/id/370](http://www.fordtheatres.org/en/events/details/id/370)

The Bluegrass Association of Southern California

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*Take-a-Chance tickets are available at BASC Bluegrass Night at Viva Cantina and the BASC Bluegrass Jam in the Park, or by mail, using the form below. Drawing will take place at the BASC sponsored Lonesome River Band concert at the Ford Amphitheater on Sunday evening, August 12, 2012. Ticket holders need not be present to win.*

**Yes, I want to Take-a-Chance for a Weber Bitterroot Mandolin!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Chances \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to BASC, and mail it with this coupon to:  
BASC c/o Ben Weinberg 16799 Schoenborn St. North Hills, CA 91343



# The Blade Runners Perform at BASC Bluegrass Night

Tuesday, July, 17th 8:00 PM

[Viva Cantina Mexican Restaurant](#)

900 Riverside Drive, Burbank CA

The BladeRunners combine an engaging country-flavored vocal sound with the thrilling, edgy instrumental spunk that characterizes the best of the modern traditional bluegrass bands. The BladeRunners have been continually if not tenaciously refining their sound since their inception in 1998. They are geared to present audiences with a soothing musical experience that will resonate deep within the heart of every bluegrass and country soul.

Guitarist and lead singer, John Corzine grew up in the festivals and contests of Southern California and has played with some of the region's finest bands. Along with his wife and childhood sweetheart, Peggy Odom, he has performed in clubs, house concerts and festivals in several trio and band configurations. John and Peggy returned to southern California in 2006 John and joined the BladeRunners in 2007.

As a Marine Field Musician, John Connelly, has played upright bass, electric bass, and tuba, and traveled extensively throughout the United States and 18 foreign countries. In April of 2001, Master Sergeant Connelly retired with 21 years of service to our country. Connelly plays bass and fronts the band.

David Dickey III joined his dad's band, David Dickey II & the Slover Mt. Boys at the

age of fifteen. Since then, Dickey has played guitar, mandolin and/or banjo for musical theatre, worship services, home bible studies, fellowship groups, weddings, and a baptism. Dickey has performed with numerous bands, including with The Shankman Twins, Julie Wingfield, Chris Stuart &

Backcountry, The Mill Creek Boys (Dickey II's current band). He plays mandolin and sings lead and baritone for The Blade Runners.

The much sought after, highly respected son of old time banjo and fiddle master Tom Sauber,

Patrick Sauber electrifies audiences with his brand of high energy-note perfect-risk taking improvisations on a variety of instruments. Sauber has performed or recorded with a stellar list of artists, including Doc Watson, Curly Seckler, Dan Crary, Herb Pederson, The Fabulous Limelitters, and Cliff Wagner & the Old No. 7. With an appearance in "A Mighty Wind," he has a film credit as well. He plays banjo and is the tenor vocalist for The BladeRunners.

Viva Cantina, located at 900 Riverside Drive in Burbank, features great Mexican and American food and a full bar. Park free across the street at the bowling alley. BASC provides this event as a service to the Bluegrass community. There is never a cover charge.



**Bluegrass Association of Southern California  
and Ford Theatres Present**

**The 3rd Annual  
Bluegrass Jam  
at the Ford**



**Monday, July  
30th  
7:00 PM**

**Jam in the historic Ford Amphitheatre.  
All levels of skill and experience welcome.**

**Open MIC on the stage.**

**Band Scramble.**

**Free and Open to the Public.**

**Ford Amphitheatre**

**2850 Cahuenga Blvd., East  
Hollywood CA 90068**

**[www.FordTheatres.org](http://www.FordTheatres.org)**

**Phone: (323) 461-3673**

# BASC Member Bands

Click on the band name to check their website for upcoming gigs.

[The Bladerunners](#)

[Border Radio](#)

[The Brombies](#)

[Blaine Sprouse](#)

[Fur Dixon & Steve Werner](#)

[The Get Down Boys](#)

[Grasslands](#)

[Jerusalem Stone Bluegrass Band](#)

[Lonesome Otis](#)

[The Murphy Family Band](#)

[Murphy's Flaw](#)

[Rocky Neck](#)

[Salty Suites](#)

[Shemanski 5](#)

[Sometimes in Tune](#)

[Stagerobbers](#)

[Western State of Mind](#)

[Wimberley Bluegrass Band](#)

[Windy Ridge Bluegrass Band](#)

# The Bluegrass Jam in the Park

## Sunday, July 22nd, 2012

1:00 to 5:00 PM

### Encino Park

CTMS Center for Folk Music  
16953 Ventura Blvd. Encino CA 91316



The BASC Bluegrass Jam in the Park meets rain or shine on the fourth Sunday of every month. Pickers of all skills and experience are welcome. Got a question? Call Jeff at 310-390-4391



# WE ARE BASC.

The Bluegrass Association of Southern California.

Here's what we do.

**The BASC Bluegrass Jam in the Park:** On the fourth Sunday of every month, pickers from far and wide gather at the CTMS Center for Folk Music in Encino Park for one of Southern California's premier bluegrass events, the BASC Bluegrass Jam in the Park. This jam is for pickers of all skills and experience.

**Bluegrass Night at Viva Cantina:** On the third Tuesday of every month, we provide a showcase for Southern California's best bluegrass bands (and an occasional traveling band) at this great Burbank restaurant. Admission is free and Viva Cantina serves up some of the best American and Mexican food around, and at reasonable prices.

**Bluegrass at the Ford:** Since 1997, we have brought top national bluegrass bands to Los Angeles for this annual summer concert. Past artists have included J.D. Crowe, Laurie Lewis, and IIIrd Tyme Out. This past September, we presented the most exciting band in Bluegrass today, Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper, along with the great local band, Loafer's Glory.

**BASC eNewsletter:** We keep track of Southern California bluegrass jams, gigs, and festivals with our unique eNewsletter. The eNewsletter goes out each month to all our members and friends, via email, Facebook, and regular mail for members without computer access.

**BASC Web Page:** Our web page at [www.socalbluegrass.org](http://www.socalbluegrass.org) is a valuable source of information about bluegrass going-ons in Southern California. It also has an interactive calendar where you can list your own Bluegrass events. Check it out.

**BASC Volunteers:** We help people get involved in the bluegrass scene and meet a lot of nice folks, as well. Bring your talents, energy, and dreams, and help us make it happen.

**BASC Member Bands:** We list all our member bands with links to their websites each month in our eNewsletter. Member bands also get a chance to show their stuff to an enthusiastic audience at BASC Bluegrass Night.

## Bluegrass Association of Southern California

### One-Year Membership

Individual \$20.00    Family \$25.00    Band \$30.00

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