

Jekyll Island

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The Jekyll Island Strums in the New Year with the 33rd Annual Bluegrass Festival

The Jekyll Island Bluegrass Festival vanishes any post-holiday blues with a three-day family fun experience.

December 30, 2008 – Jekyll Island, GA - The 33rd Annual Jekyll Island Bluegrass Festival will strum in the New Year with harmonic voices and catchy rhythms. Taking place January 1-3, 2009, the festival has something for everyone from long time fans to those new to the genre. Concerts begin at noon on Thursday and continue through Saturday evening.

Among the numerous top bluegrass bands featured are Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, Cherryholmes, Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, and the Grascals. Saturday night's headliner Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys was featured in the movie "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?". Guests can also shop among the numerous arts and crafts booths and select from an array of festival food. All concerts and activities take place in Hartley Auditorium and the adjacent lobby at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.

The festival is one of nine bluegrass events organized by Adams and Anderson, LLC. "We appreciate the hard work and commitment of Adams and Anderson, LLC to bring this festival to Jekyll Island year after year," said Eric Garvey, Senior Director of Marketing for the Jekyll Island Authority. "Their expertise in bluegrass music guarantees that our guests will have a first-rate experience."

"We enjoy producing this festival on Jekyll Island," said Susan Anderson of Adams and Anderson, LLC. "The weather on Jekyll Island is great this time of year and many of our guests from the north like to get away to somewhere warm."

To be a part of the action throughout the weekend, guests can book a room at one of Jekyll Island's hotels or camp at the Jekyll Island campground. Jekyll Island currently has seven hotels open and operating, including the award-winning Days Inn & Suites. Other hotels include the Beachview Club, Oceanside Inn & Suites, Quality Inn, Jekyll Oceanfront Clarion Resort, Villas By The Sea and the Jekyll Island Club Hotel. Hotel and trip planning information can be found at jekyllisland.com.

Ticket prices for adults start at \$30 per day or \$75 for all three days. Ticket prices for children 6-13 start at \$15 per day and \$40 for all three days. Tickets can be reserved in advanced or purchased on-site. The event is family friendly. No alcoholic beverages or pets are allowed.

For a complete festival line-up and ticket prices visit www.aandabluegrass.com. For more information on this festival and other Jekyll Island events visit www.jekyllisland.com or call 1-877-4JEKYLL.

About Jekyll Island

Jekyll Island is a barrier island on Georgia's coast – midway between Jacksonville, Fla. And Savannah, Ga. Accessible by car just minutes from I-95, Jekyll Island offers a variety of amenities, including 10 miles of beach, four golf courses, a 250-acre Historic Landmark District, water park, tennis center, an array of lodging options including hotels, cottages and campgrounds. Owned by the State of Georgia, and managed by the Jekyll Island State Park Authority, Jekyll Island has had development limited to just 35 percent of its available land area. This unique aspect of Jekyll Island serves to preserve the critical barrier island ecosystem, and provide guests with a unique escape from the crowds and complications of other beach resort destinations. The Jekyll Island Foundation is a public 501 (c) 3 organization which operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to support the work of the Jekyll Island Authority by assisting in the preservation, conservation and appreciation of Jekyll Island. Please visit www.jekyllisland.com for more information or call 1-877-4JEKYLL.