



"Powerful Bluegrass"

Cumberland Gap Connection

Cumberland Gap Connection is a highly energetic bluegrass band with a sound all their own. This 4-piece group is comprised of musicians from Kentucky and Tennessee. Following up on their 2008 release of "Grandpa's Swing", Cumberland Gap Connection strives to take their driving style of bluegrass to the next level with aggressive instrumentation mixed with a distinctive vocal harmony style. "Grandpa's Swing" was met with much success, as the song "Gravel Springs" was in the Top 10 on the Bluegrass Now Fan's Choice Top 20 charts eight of nine months, earning the No. 1 spot in bluegrass for the months of July and September in 2008. While continuing in the tradition of playing some of the "old standard" songs in bluegrass, CGC takes pride in performing as much original material as possible. The band does this not only for the sake of being different, but just to be who they are, musicians with the common goal of pleasing fans and promoters by doing what they love to do.

For detailed band insight and info, visit them at www.cumberlandgapconnection.com or www.kindredrecords.com/cgc.htm

Mike Bentley – guitar/lead vocals ♦ Rod Smith - banjo/harmony vocals ♦ Clint Hurd - mandolin/harmony vocals ♦ Bryan Russell - bass/harmony vocals

"Cumberland Gap Connection is a fairly new band to the scene, but these guys bring it from the heart. They have all the elements that it takes for a great band! Awesome vocals and playing, but probably most importantly, really good songwriting. I'm talking about songs that sound like they were written fifty years ago, but are brand new. These guys were born and bred into bluegrass and it's easy to tell. Whether it's contemporary bluegrass or straight ahead pile driving grass these guys can flat do it. I hope you enjoy hearing them as much as I do!"

- Alan Bibey 2007, 2009 & 2010 SPBGMA "Mandolin Player Of The Year" *Grasstowne*

"I can't say enough good things about the new project from Cumberland Gap Connection. Armed with great players, singers and writers, this band is definitely one to watch. They have all the ingredients necessary to be a great band for years to come. Lead vocalist Mike Bentley is an unbelievably talented singer and songwriter who deserves so much to be heard. All the guys are gifted on their individual instruments, but the thing that makes this band click is the unity and band chemistry you feel when they perform together. I'm proud to have helped in the making of this project. These guys are my friends but even if they weren't I'd still recommend this music to anyone. It's too good to pass up. Congratulations on a fine piece of work boys!"

- Steve Gulley, *Grasstowne*

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