

# David Peterson and Charlie Cushman

In Concert

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Acoustic string music is my favorite music period. I love nothing better than hearing quality instruments played in a natural environment by capable hands. I am also a fan of heartfelt vocals sung by musicians steeped in tradition. The upcoming David Peterson and Charlie Cushman concert will be the ultimate treat for me. I am writing this message to encourage fellow music lovers to attend and share the magic.

David Peterson, <http://www.1946band.com/>, is respected for his knowledge of bluegrass and early country music. He performs and records with such Nashville giants as Bryan Sutton, David Grier, Buddy Emmons, Paul Franklin, Joe Spivey, Stuart Duncan, Buddy Spicher, Shad Cobb, Michael Cleveland, Bobby Hicks, Sam Bush, Earl Scruggs, Charlie Cushman, Kent Blanton, Mike Bub, and many more. David has unbelievable passion for the music and he "brings it" every time he picks up his instrument. I have had the pleasure of rehearsing, jamming, and performing with David. He puts just as much feeling into a sound check vocal as he does performing for a full house. I have never heard him halfway sing a song. When he sings it, it's sung. He plays guitar with the same intensity always working for perfect tuning, time, and tone. David inspires me just as much with his philosophy as he does with his music. He is a tireless performer and promoter with genuine concern for music fans and musicians. David toured the Unifour Area earlier this year and spent as much time jamming with local musicians as he did on stage. He sought out veteran performer Carolina Ray Whisnant and they spent time talking about "their music...bluegrass and early country" as it was then and as it is now.

Charlie Cushman, <http://www.charliecushman.com/>, is known as one of the finest banjo players and banjo experts in Nashville. He has performed with John Hartford, Merle Haggard, David Peterson, Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs, Tony Rice, Earl Scruggs, Don Reno, Osborne Brothers, Jimmy Martin, Mike Snider, Del McCoury, Claire Lynch, Dan Tyminski, and Tim O'Brien just to name more than a few. Charlie is employed by the Gibson Corporation's Nashville, Tennessee banjo division. He has set up banjos owned by Earl Scruggs, Don Reno, and Sonny Osborne. Charlie's many artistic and technical accomplishments are surely impressive but I found something in Charlie that can't be listed on a website. He is one of the most sincere people I have ever met. Charlie came to Lenoir earlier this year and charmed everyone within forty acres of where he stood. It was easy for me to admire him for his musical ability, but his sense of humor and high regard for mankind soon made me forget about the music. I watched in awe as he interacted with banjo enthusiasts and music fans. He took time to make a connection with every person he met, generously giving out banjo advice or swapping yarns like he had met these folks years ago instead of just moments before.

I first heard David and Charlie together on WDVX Radio's Blue Plate Special being broadcast live out of the Knoxville, Tennessee Visitor's Center. I have spent many hours playing guitar and banjo duets so I feel confident in saying, "They had it happening." I got the same feeling hearing that music come out of the radio that I used to get standing between Doug Greene and Jerry Greene or Clarence Greene and Jerry Elliot.

David and Charlie's sense of time and their dynamic accompaniment of vocal selections were unsurpassed. They clearly approach the music I love with dignity and a strong sense of pride in what they are doing.

Hope to see you in September,  
Paddy