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Tweetsie Railroad Welcomes America's Favorite Cowboys, Riders In The Sky

Grammy Award Winning Group to Visit Tweetsie August 14 - 15



Blowing Rock, N.C. (July 27, 2010) – The Blue Ridge Mountains will come alive with the unique blend of Western harmony and comedy when America's Favorite Cowboys, Riders In The Sky, saddle up at Tweetsie Railroad, August 14-15.

Since 1977, the multi Grammy award-winning quartet has captivated audiences of all ages, bringing music rich in American tradition, based on the sounds of legendary cowboy singers such as Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and Sons of the Pioneers. Ranger Doug, "Idol of American Youth", Woody Paul, "King of the Cowboy Fiddlers", Too Slim, and Joey, "The CowPolka King" have refreshing acoustical music and a wide musical repertoire with outrageous comedy, delivering entertainment guaranteed to bring pleasure to listeners of all ages and musical preferences.

The quartet will perform daily at noon and 3:00 p.m. at Tweetsie Railroad. Riders In The Sky will perform songs like "Woody's Roundup," their Grammy-winning song from the movie *Toy Story 2*, as well as traditional Western favorites and even songs inspired by Tweetsie Railroad. From the moment the group steps up to the microphone the enchantment begins, allowing Tweetsie visitors to lose themselves in the romantic, comical and whimsical world of the singing cowboys.

Fun Facts About Riders In The Sky:

- Rider In The Sky just released their first LIVE in Concert DVD. See a preview here:
http://www.youtube.com/user/RidersInTheSkyVideos#p/a/f/2/t_kVE0NuAZQ

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- Riders In The Sky was named Western Music Group of the Year at the 2006 Academy of Western Artists 2006 Will Rogers Awards.
- Riders In The Sky has received much national acclaim, including a Grammy in 2001 for Best Musical Album for Children with *Woody's Roundup featuring Riders In The Sky*, and again in 2003 for their album, *Walt Disney Record's Monsters Inc. - Scream Factory Favorites*
- Riders In The Sky performing group member Joey Miskulin produced the music for the Pixar film "Boundin," which received recognition with a 2004 Oscar nomination in the Short Film (Animated) Category.
- Riders In The Sky is credited with more than 5,000 shows, 300 national TV appearances, 203 public radio shows, nearly 700 Grand Ole Opry appearances, over 3 million miles on the road, three television series and 31 albums.
- Riders In The Sky recorded original Tweetsie Railroad-themed music, on their 2002 CD *Ridin' the Tweetsie Railroad*.



After trying your hand as a singing cowboy with Riders In The Sky, experience all the other activities offered at Tweetsie Railroad including the Wild West train adventure, amusement rides, Deer Park zoo, Miner's Mountain and live entertainment for all ages including the famed Diamond Lil's Can-Can Revue in the Tweetsie Palace.

Tweetsie Railroad is open seven days a week until August 22 before returning to the weekend schedule from August 27 through October 31, including Labor Day Monday. The 2010 season ends Sunday, October 31. The park's regular hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., but will be open until 9:00 p.m. on July 4, and also from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for the Ghost Train® Halloween Festival Friday and Saturday nights in October. Daily admission is \$32 for adults and \$22 for children ages 3 through 12. Children 2 and under are admitted free. Print at home tickets are available at tweetsie.com. Become a Fan of Tweetsie Railroad at www.facebook.com/Tweetsie or follow Tweetsie on Twitter: www.twitter.com/TweetsieRR.

For more information about Tweetsie Railroad and the park's 2010 season, visit www.tweetsie.com or call 1-877-TWEETSIE.

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