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America's Favorite Cowboys, Riders In The Sky, to Perform at Tweetsie Grammy Award-Winning Quartet Returns to Tweetsie August 15-16



Blowing Rock, N.C. (July 28, 2009) – America's Favorite Cowboys, Riders In The Sky, will sing and entertain audiences "The Cowboy Way" when they gallop into the Blue Ridge Mountains and light up the stage at Tweetsie Railroad, August 15-16. With a unique blend of Western-style harmony and comedy, this multi-talented quartet attracts fans of all ages with their annual fun-filled performances at Tweetsie.

Since 1977, the multi Grammy award-winning group 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 two shows daily at noon and 3:00 p.m. at Tweetsie Railroad including songs like "Woody's Roundup," their Grammy-winning song from the movie *Toy Story 2* soundtrack, 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.



Did you know...

- Riders In The Sky was named Western Music Group of the Year at the 2006 Academy of Western Artists 2006 Will Rogers Awards.
- In 2006, Riders In The Sky released a brand new book with companion audio CD, titled *Singing Cowboys*.
- 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, *Ridin’ the Tweetsie Railroad*, which was released in 2002.

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 Saloon.

Tweetsie Railroad is located in North Carolina’s Blue Ridge Mountains on U.S. Highway 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock. The park is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Seating for the Riders In The Sky concert is on a first-come first-seated basis, and is included in Tweetsie Railroad’s regular admission prices of \$30 for adults and \$22 for children age 3 through 12. Children age 2 and under are admitted free. Print at home tickets are available at tweetsie.com.

For more information about Riders In The Sky at Tweetsie Railroad and the park’s 2009 season, visit www.tweetsie.com or call 1-877-TWEETSIE.

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