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# Balsam Range

## Bluegrass Band

Sunday, May 23, 2021

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**Balsam  
Range**

· AMERICAN ACOUSTIC MUSIC ·

**Buddy Melton**

(fiddle, lead and tenor vocals)

**Darren Nicholson**

(mandolin, octave mandolin, lead vocals, baritone and low tenor vocals)

**Dr. Marc Pruett**

(banjo)

**Tim Surrett**

(bass, dobro, baritone and lead vocals)

**Caleb Smith**

(guitar, lead & baritone vocals)

--- The artists will introduce each number from the stage ---

## ABOUT THE BAND

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Balsam Range is; Buddy Melton (fiddle, lead and tenor vocals), Darren Nicholson (mandolin, octave mandolin, lead vocals, baritone and low tenor vocals), Dr. Marc Pruett (banjo), Tim Surrett (bass, dobro, baritone and lead vocals), and Caleb Smith (guitar, lead & baritone vocals). The five original members are all acoustic musicians and singers from western North Carolina. They thoughtfully and respectfully adopted the name of a majestic range of mountains that surround part of their home county of Haywood, NC where the Great Smoky Mountains meet the Blue Ridge, the Great Balsam Range.

The members of Balsam Range are extremely proud of their home of Haywood County, NC and invite you all to come visit their beautiful part of the country!

The 2018 International Bluegrass Music Association's Entertainer of the Year, Balsam Range, has become one of the genre's most award-winning acts. Since forming in 2007, the group has garnered 13 IBMA awards on the heels of 8 critically-acclaimed albums.

Balsam Range has left audiences spellbound while headlining major festivals from coast-to-coast, selling out venues across the nation and in multiple appearances at the Grand Ole Opry. The band collaborated with the Atlanta Pops Orchestra Ensemble to record 2 albums, the second of which, *Mountain Overture*, debuted on the Billboard Bluegrass Chart at #5 and the Classical Crossover Chart at #6. Their previous outing, *Mountain Voodoo*, debuted at #4 on the Billboard Bluegrass Albums Chart and remained on that chart for 45 weeks. Three singles from that album reached #1 on the Bluegrass Today Chart, including "Blue Collar Dreams," which spent three consecutive months at the top. The band most recently claimed the #1 radio chart spot with their single "The Girl Who Invented The Wheel." In addition to winning Entertainer of the Year, Balsam Range vocalist Buddy Melton won IBMA's Male Vocalist of the Year and bass player Tim Surrett won IBMA's Bass Player of the Year in 2018.



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival's threefold mission is to:

1. Present the world's greatest musical artists in chamber music concerts of classical and alternative genres for diverse audiences;
2. Offer music education to concert attendees, students, and aspiring young musicians; and
3. Promote local businesses and tourism by attracting music lovers from Nassau County, Northeast Florida and beyond.

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