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Unveiling kicked off the official celebration of 100th Anniversary of The Mountain City Fiddlers’ Convention, Presented by The Kody Norris Show



Being proud is something to brag about when it comes to the 100th anniversary of The Mountain City Fiddlers’ Convention. Pictured L-R are: Charlie Lowman, Mary Rachel Nalley-Norris, Kody Norris, Josiah Tyree of The Kody Norris Show. (Photo by Dustin Nelson, Johnson County Tourism)

MOUNTAIN CITY, Tenn. — Kody Norris & The Kody Norris Show were honored over the weekend with the official unveiling of the brand new mural celebrating Norris’ musical legacy in his hometown of Mountain City, Tennessee and made possible through the efforts of the established nonprofit, Johnson County Historical Society 501(c)(3), in conjunction with the Friends of Kody Norris, an organization dedicated to supporting projects that uplift the community through music and the arts. The mural was painted by Tim White. The unveiling was the official kickoff for the 100th annual Mountain City Fiddlers' Convention at Heritage Hall Theatre

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Square in the heart of Mountain City, Tennessee—where it all began in 1925. “I have never been so honored in my life when I stepped on that stage to see the finished mural and such a supportive community,” shares Norris. “I was born in Mountain City, Tennessee, and will always call it home. I am humbled and blessed. Thank you, everyone!” The Mountain City Fiddlers’ Convention featured many of the same competition categories as in years past! This year’s featured acts included performances by The Kody Norris Show, Wyatt Ellis Band, The Tennessee Bluegrass Band, Pete Denahy, Larry Sparks, and more!

The 2025 Mountain City Fiddlers' Convention was hosted by The Kody Norris Show, spon-

sored in part by Skyline National Bank, Tennessee Arts Commission, East Tennessee Foundation, Farmers State Bank, Nalley’s Shirt Shop, Tennessee Sounds Perfect, and more! The group recently won their first International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Bluegrass Music Award, taking home Music Video of the Year for their rousing take on “The Auctioneer.” The trophy was presented at the 36th Annual IBMA Bluegrass Music Awards in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Kody Norris Show’s ‘Highfalutin Hillbilly Tour’
Dates:
OCT 10 - Mandolin Farm Bluegrass Festival / Flemingsburg, Ky.
OCT 24 - Cactus Theater / Lubbock, Texas
OCT 25 - Salmon Lake Bluegrass Festival / Grapeland, Texas
NOV 01 - Carter Family Fold / Hilton, Va.
NOV 07 - Bluegrass Sampler / Racine, Wis.
NOV 08 - Bluegrass Sampler / Racine, Wis.
NOV 22 - A Curtis Andrew Auction Facility / Federalsburg, Md.
NOV 23 - The Russell Theatre / Lebanon, Va.
NOV 29 - Thanksgiving Bluegrass Festival / Brooksville, Fla.
DEC 19 - Sterling Bluegrass Jamboree / Mount Sterling, Ohio
DEC 20 - The Station Inn / Nashville, Tenn.
DEC 21 - Belle Oaks Barn / Brooker, Fla.

2026
JAN 09 - Bluegrass in Super Class / Oregon, Ohio
JAN 10 - SMBA Concert Series at Goodwill Fire Company / York, Pa.
JAN 15-19 - Danny Stewart’s Bluegrass Cruise 2026 / Cape Canaveral, Fla.
JAN 31 - Lucketts Community Center / Leesburg, Va.
FEB 01 - Calvert Elks Lodge #2620 / Prince Frederick, Md.
MAR 12 - Columbia State Com-

munity College / Columbia, Tenn.
MAR 20 - Withlacoochee Bluegrass Festival / Dunnellon, Fla.
MAR 22 - Stillwater Police Association Benefit / Stillwater, Minn.
MAR 27 - Walhalla Performing Arts Center / Walhalla S.C.
MAR 28 - James Wimmer Bristol Bluegrass Bluegrass Spring Fest / Bristol Va.

For additional concert information and The Kody Norris

Show’s full schedule, visit thekodynorrisshow.com.

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About The Kody Norris Show: The Kody Norris Show continues bringing bluegrass music to both core fans of the genre and new audiences. They are a youthful voice in bluegrass music, and insiders have awarded them mul-

multiple IBMA & SPBGMA Nominations and wins, including Music Video of the Year, Entertainer of the Year, Instrumental Group of the Year, Guitar Performer of the Year for Kody Norris, and Fiddler of the Year for Mary Rachel Nalley-Norris. The Kody Norris Show’s album ‘All Suited Up’ (2021) charted at #7, and ‘Rhinestone Revival’ (2023) at #8 on the Billboard charts. Their trademarked high-energy style delivers an unrivaled live

show experience. The band has played the Ryman Auditorium, Grand Ole Opry, SiriusXM, and other stages worldwide. Rife with rhinestones, loaded with laughs, and a heaping helping of high-powered traditional music, The Kody Norris Show is truly one of a kind. Their latest album ‘Highfalutin Hillbilly’ is out NOW!

For more information, visit the kodynorrisshow.com.

Memphis Hustle acquires rights to Key from San Diego Clippers

MEMPHIS, Tenn. October 2, 2025– The Memphis Hustle announced the team acquired the returning player rights to forward Braxton Key from the San Diego Clippers for the returning player rights to guard DJ Steward and a 2026 first round pick (via Maine). Key (6-8, 230) appeared in 49 games (42 starts) last season with the Santa Cruz Warriors and San Diego Clippers averaging 16.5 points, 9.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists, 2.6 steals and 1.1 blocks in 31.7 minutes. The 2024-25 NBA G League Defensive Player of the Year has appeared in 157

games (94 starts) across five seasons with the Santa Cruz Warriors, San Diego Clippers, Grand Rapids Gold, Motor City Cruise and Delaware Blue Coats and averaged 15.6 points, 7.9 rebounds, 3.6 assists, 2.0 steals and 1.2 blocks in 28.0 minutes. Key helped lead the Blue Coats to the NBA G League championship in 2023 and is a two-time NBA G League All-Defensive Team selection. He was named to the All-NBA G League Second Team in 2022. The 28-year-old Charlotte native has appeared as a reserve in 37 games across four NBA seasons.

