

# WoodSongs Comes to Berea College

## Special Event Double-Broadcast on Thursday September 14, 2017

**ITEM:** The Lexington-based international broadcast of the WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour is coming to the Phelps Stokes Auditorium at Berea College on Thursday, September 14, 2017 for a special event double taping.

**“Berea College is pleased to host WoodSongs at historic Phelps-Stokes Chapel.”** says Berea College President Dr. Lyle D. Roelofs. **“The rich musical traditions of Appalachia are an important part of Berea’s history and culture. We look forward to welcoming WoodSongs, as well as its NPR and PBS audiences this fall.”**

WoodSongs is a live audience radio and public television broadcast created and hosted by folksinger Michael Johnathon. The show airs on 514 radio stations including WEKU FM and WUKY FM, plus airs in 96 million homes across the USA on public television in partnership with KET. The outreach is even bigger than that as American Forces Radio Network airs the show twice each weekend in 173 nations plus all military facilities and Naval ships worldwide.

A unique feature of the broadcast, aside that it is completely volunteer run, is WoodSongs is the only national, syndicated show available to teachers, colleges and home school families, complete with ready-to-use lesson plans.

**“I didn’t want to just do a radio show about folk music,”** says Michael Johnathon from his log cabin home near Lexington. **“I wanted all the effort and work to make an impact, a real difference.”**

WoodSongs will be taping two one-hour broadcasts on the same night. One of the two shows will feature a reunion of Kentucky music legends the McLain Family Band celebrating their 50th Anniversary together. The second show will be announced soon. The first broadcast taping will begin at 6:15PM.

**“We couldn’t be more excited,”** says founding member Raymond McLain. **“We have such a long musical history here, even holding our festival each year near Berea College at Big Hill. This is more than a 50th anniversary celebration for us, it’s a homecoming.”**

Berea College is America’s first work college and the only one of America’s top colleges where every student receives a full-tuition scholarship. Founded as the south’s first interracial and co-educational college, Berea remains fully inclusive and firmly imbedded in Appalachia even while drawing students from all over the country and the world.

Only 300 tickets will be made available to the public for this event, available from the Lyric Theatre, 859-280-2218. Tickets for the WoodSongs double broadcast at Berea College are \$10 plus service charge. Details for the second show and interested audience members should watch WoodSongs.com for updates.



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