

BALSAM RANGE

“where the Smokies meet the Blue Ridge”

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Band Biography

BALSAM RANGE came together mainly by accident and coincidences. Although the five members all hail from Haywood County, North Carolina, some of the guys had never met - let alone, play music together. Everything started happening when Buddy Melton, fiddler and vocalist, decided to record a solo project and ask his friend and fellow band mate, Marc Pruett, to play banjo. Marc agreed and quickly recommend his friend, Tim Surrett to play bass. The first recording session was fantastic and new friendships and picking partners were forged. A few months after recording on Buddy's solo project, Marc and Tim had the privilege of working together again on Darren Nicholson's solo cd project. Again, the combination was magical and a need to play top quality bluegrass crept into the mix. Jam sessions in Darren's living room provided the “fix” for the guys' bluegrass needs. Before long, Buddy was describing the hard-driving bluegrass music to guitar player, Caleb Smith. Not to anyone's surprise, a weekly jam was on the books! As it turned out, everyone was at a crossroads in their musical careers and eventually these weekly living room jams turned into something more - a bluegrass band! So, in early 2007, **BALSAM RANGE** was formed. By October 2007, the group had become recording artists on the Crossroads Entertainment and Marketing label - Mountain Home and nationally released their debut CD - *Marching Home*. Now the members of **BALSAM RANGE** share a deep desire to play a unique balance of traditional and contemporary bluegrass music flavored with impeccable harmonies, upbeat instrumentals, and sweet gospel tunes. The vision of **BALSAM RANGE** is to share their love of bluegrass music by creating exciting music each time they walk on stage!