

BALSAM RANGE
“where the Smokies meet the Blue Ridge”
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FACT SHEET

- **BALSAM RANGE** is a Crossroads/Mountain Home recording artist with a multi-year multi-project contract
- **BALSAM RANGE** came together as a band in early 2007 as five-piece acoustic bluegrass band with all five members hailing from Haywood County, North Carolina
- The band name, **BALSAM RANGE**, was conceived from the majestic mountain range that surrounds their home county - the Balsam Range
- **BALSAM RANGE** consists of:
 - Marc Pruett - banjo*
 - Darren Nicholson - mandolin and vocals*
 - Buddy Melton - fiddle, upright bass and vocals*
 - Tim Surrett - upright bass, resonator guitar and vocals*
 - Caleb Smith - acoustic guitar and vocals*
- **BALSAM RANGE** nationally released their freshman CD, **Marching Home**, in October 2007
- In January 2008, **Marching Home** debuts on the Bluegrass Music Profiles at #7
- In February 2008, **BALSAM RANGE's** first single, “The Train’s Ready” written by Marc and Anita Pruett, debuts at #26 on the Bluegrass Unlimited National Survey Chart
- *Marc Pruett* won a **Grammy** for his work on Ricky Skaggs’ highly acclaimed “Bluegrass Rules” album
- *Tim Surrett* won the **Singing News Fan Award for Favorite Musician of the Year in 2004 and 2005** as well as winning the **Singing News Fan Awards Favorite Band of the Year** with the Kingsmen Quartet for seven consecutive

years

- *Caleb Smith* was the **2006 Power Grass Male Vocalist of the Year and Guitar Player of the Year**
- *Darren Nicholson* was a **2006 IBMA Album of the Year Winner** for his work on *The Celebration of Life-Musicians Against Childhood Cancer* (Skaggs Family Records)
- **BALSAM RANGE** is nationally represented by The Andrea Roberts Agency in Nashville, Tennessee