

# BALSAM RANGE

## “where the Smokies meet the Blue Ridge”

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### Press Release

Based in Haywood County, North Carolina, **BALSAM RANGE** consists of five men native to the region “where the Smokies meet the Blue Ridge.” The band took its name from the majestic mountains surrounding part of their home county...the BALSAM RANGE.

Bluegrass says a lot of what this band is about, but equally important are the aspects of gospel and country music they incorporate into every performance. **BALSAM RANGE** will entice you with their impeccable harmonies, their upbeat instrumentals, and sweet gospel tunes while their easygoing stage presence is capped off by the delivery of their music which is emotional, churning and creative.

As a Crossroads/Mountain Home recording artist, **BALSAM RANGE** brings a well-rounded, unique contribution fresh sound of the world of bluegrass. The lineup features some of the region's most popular and experienced players: Grammy-winning banjo picker **Marc Pruett**, bassist and dobro player **Tim Surrett** who in 2004 and 2005 was the Singing News Fan Awards' Favorite Musician of the Year, Grammy- nominee mandolin player **Darren Nicholson**, 2006 Power Grass Music Award Winner guitarist **Caleb Smith** and fiddler and vocalist **Buddy Melton** whose lofty tenor voice enables him to switch from edgy leads to delicate harmonies.

Since the October 2007 national release of their first CD **Marching Home**, **BALSAM RANGE** has had much success. In January 2008, **Marching Home** debuted on the Bluegrass Music Profiles at #7. Then in February 2008, **BALSAM RANGE's** first single, “The Train’s Ready” written by Marc and Anita Pruett, debuted at #26 on the Bluegrass Unlimited National Survey Chart.

**BALSAM RANGE** chooses to break stylistic barriers by creating a unique balance of traditional and contemporary bluegrass music. The vision of **BALSAM RANGE** is to share their love of bluegrass music by creating exciting music each time they walk on stage!