



Bob Artis

Mandolinist **Bob Artis** is a 3rd generation string musician whose family is from Arkansas & Missouri. This grandson of an Ozark coal miner and a fiddling Pentecostal preacher has been playing since the age of 7, and is a master of vocal harmony. In 1968 he began a tenure with veteran Mac Martin, recording over 80 songs. He's appeared on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and recorded or performed with Red Allen, Hylo Brown, Clyde Moody and Larry Sparks. Bob's deep feeling for the music is reflected in his groundbreaking book, "Bluegrass" and also the classic modern bluegrass song, "Blue Ridge."



Bernie Cunningham

Lead singer & guitarist **Bernie Cunningham** has one of the finest voices in traditional bluegrass music today. A born bluegrass singer, Bernie is the product of a West Virginia coal mining family, raised on traditional music. He and Bob have performed together for 30 years. Bernie's talents are in high demand; he's recorded with several regional bands, released a solo CD, and is a gifted and versatile multi-instrumentalist. **The Allegheny Drifters** is the first band in which he takes center stage as lead singer and guitarist. He and his wife, Marybeth, live in rural Fombell, Pennsylvania.



Karen Artis

Karen Artis has been playing upright bass for over twenty years, and has become an accomplished musician over that time. An award-winning graphic designer, she's done cover art—photography, design & illustration—for a variety of high profile bluegrass publications, LPs and CDs. Besides providing exceptionally solid bass work, Karen sings tenor, high baritone and high lead, adding to **The Allegheny Drifters'** soaring vocal blend. She and her husband, Bob, make their home in suburban Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.



Keith Beaver

Veteran banjo player **Keith Beaver** has been active in the eastern Ohio & northern West Virginia bluegrass scene for many years. He's from Columbiana County, Ohio, at the point where West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania meet on the banks of the Ohio River. Keith's joining the band marks his reentry into bluegrass after pursuing other musical styles for the past few years. He and his banjo provide the "punch" behind **The Allegheny Drifters'** smooth vocals. Keith and his wife, Dianna, make their home in Leetonia, Ohio.

the Allegheny Drifters

BLUEGRASS

From the western foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, Pennsylvania's **Allegheny Drifters** are one of the strongest vocal bands on the traditional bluegrass scene today. Their pure harmonies, accomplished instrumental work and deep knowledge of the roots and branches of the music gives them a unique spot in the current world of bluegrass. Seasoned entertainers, they breathe new life and excitement into many songs and styles yet undiscovered by a large part of today's bluegrass audience.

Bob Artis and **Bernie Cunningham**, alumni of Mac Martin and the Dixie Travelers, have shared the bluegrass stage many times over the past three decades, including several years together in Pittsburgh's contemporary bluegrass band, the Dog Run Boys. Their recordings with that band include Bob's song "Blue Ridge" (co-written with Rick Malis) which has become a modern bluegrass classic, as recorded by the Seldom Scene and many others. Bernie and Bob's superb duet blend offers the sound and feeling of the golden age of bluegrass. When joined by the high harmony of bassist **Karen Artis**, this band has a thrilling vocal sound seldom heard in traditional bands today. Add to that Bob's soulful retro-Monroe mandolin and **Keith Beaver's** punchy banjo, and you have an unbeatable bluegrass sound straight from the heart of the old Keystone State.



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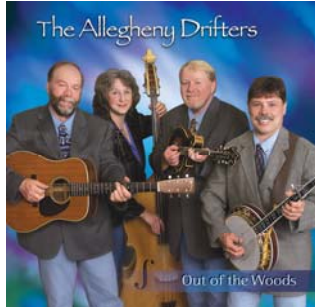
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- County Sales

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- Bluegrass Unlimited

“Among the finest projects I’ve heard in a while...the picking is terrific, the vocals & harmonies excellent...material is interesting & engaging.”

- Bruce Mountjoy, WYEP 91.3 FM, Pittsburgh, PA

“After the first cut, I was blown out of my sneakers!”

- Clyde Scott, BluegrassRadio.org, Moultrie, GA

Named one of top bluegrass CDs in WYEP’s “2006 Year in Review”

- Bruce Mountjoy and John Trout, WYEP 91.3 FM, Pittsburgh, PA

Included in “Pix of 06” Top Ten Favorite CDs of 2006

- Peter Thompson, Bluegrass Signal, KALW San Francisco, CA

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A Sampling of Allegheny Drifters Appearances

- Pittsburgh Mandolin Expo Concert** 2003
- Concert at Beecher's** (Zelienople, PA) 2003
- Bluegrass in the Hills, Mickey's Mountain** (Hopedale, OH) 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- Mountain Vista Bluegrass Festival** (Pavia, PA) 2005
- Laurel Highlands Bluegrass Festival** (Ligonier, PA) 2005, 2006, 2007
- Concert with Cherryholmes** (Tarentum, PA) 2005, 2006
- Allegheny Mountain Country and Bluegrass Festival** (Marienville, PA) 2005
- Coleman Station Bluegrass Festival** (Friedens, PA) 2004, 2005, 2006
- Benefit Show, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality** (Pittsburgh, PA) 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
- Bradford Woods Volunteer Fire Department** (private) (Bradford Woods, PA) 2005
- Bluegrass @ Johnson Community Center** (Leavittsburg, OH) 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- North Country Brewing** (Slippery Rock, PA) monthly since 2005
- National Transit Concert Series** (Oil City, PA) 2005
- First Night Celebration** (Salem, OH) 2005, 2006
- Bluegrass @ BP Auction Barn** (Chester, WV) 2006
- Bluegrass Junction** (Shalersville, OH) 2006
- Ice Jam @ Days Inn** (Butler, PA) 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- Winter Bluegrass Festival @ Days Inn** (Meadville, PA) 2006, 2007
- Cabin Fever Bluegrass Festival** (Dubois, PA) 2006, 2007
- National Road Festival** (Richeyville, PA) 2006
- Bluegrass Jamboree @ Hartwood Acres** (Allegheny Co., PA) 2006
- Bald Eagle Bluegrass Festival** (Janesville, PA) 2006
- Crows Nest Bluegrass Festival** (Prince Gallitzin, PA) 2007
- Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival** (Latrobe, PA) 2006
- Ellwood City Arts Festival** (Ellwood City, PA) 2006
- Clinton United Methodist Church** (Wampum, PA) 2005
- Mountain Top Bluegrass Festival** (Tarentum, PA) 2006, 2007
- Summer Concert Series** (Forest Hills, PA) 2006
- Waynesburg College Concert Series** (Waynesburg, PA) 2006
- Grandma's Alpine Homestead Restaurant** (Wilmot, OH) 2006, 2007
- Christ United Methodist Church** (Bethel Park, PA) 2007
- Freedom Financial Client Appreciation Day** (private) (Ligonier, PA) 2006
- 175th Town Anniversary Concert** (Town of Mountain Lake Park, MD) 2006
- Bluegrass Concert @Conneaut Community Center** (Conneaut, OH) 2006
- Concert in the Courtyard, Mt. Lebanon Public Library** (Mt. Lebanon, PA) 2006
- Tioga Old Time Days** (Tioga, WV) 2006
- Rogers Bluegrass Festival** (Rogers, OH) 2006
- Ross Mountain Club** (private) (New Florence, PA) 2006
- Frostburg State University Appalachian Festival** (Frostburg, MD) 2006
- Franklin Applefest** (Franklin, PA) 2006
- Calliope Concert with Robin and Linda Williams** (Pittsburgh, PA) 2007
- Mohican Bluegrass Festival** (Glenmont, OH) 2007