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## HERE'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE ATKINSON FAMILY BLUEGRASS BAND.....

" I had the pleasure of hearing the Atkinsons. They possess a special vocal blend that deserves to be heard. They sing with power and conviction. I'm proud to call them neighbors."

**ERIC GIBSON - GIBSON BROTHERS**

"The Atkinsons are a very traditional bluegrass band yet having their own original stamp to their music with vocals only achievable by a family group. They present a high energy stage show and a sound that is a joy to hear - a must see for the bluegrass enthusiast!"

**JUNIOR BARBER - NOMINATED 7 TIMES BEST DOBRO PLAYER BY THE IBMA**

"The Atkinson Family combines great original material with powerful lead vocals and tight family harmonies which result in their own unique bluegrass sound. If you are looking for a fresh new act which is emerging on the national scene, check out the Atkinsons."

**ANDY ALEXANDER - PROMOTER OF THE PICKIN IN THE PASTURE FESTIVAL, LODI, NY**

"The Atkinson Family has just released another CD, *'Tearin' Up the Line'* -- a collection of their own material along with a few traditional pieces as well as some great songs by Sherri Reese and Joe LaMay, and a tune by Barbara Heller. Guest artists, Becky Buller on fiddle and Junior Barber on dobro, joined the Atkinsons to help make this a fantastic album -- powerful vocals and superlative instrumental work. Like fine wine, the Atkinsons just get better and better over the years. This is truly an outstanding CD -- one that falls into the MUST HAVE category!"

**AL WORTHEN - MOUNTAIN MUSIC, OLD FORGE, NY**

"Just a few short years ago a talented, audience grabbing bluegrass band appeared from out of nowhere (well actually from the little town of Harrisville in New York State's rugged North Country). That band was, and is, the Atkinson Family, talented musicians and singers committed to preserving traditional bluegrass ballads, instrumentals and gospel songs....."

**BILL KNOWLTON - "BLUEGRASS RAMBLE", WCNY-FM: SYRACUSE, NY**

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"The Atkinson Family, the most surprising and fantastic bluegrass sounds I've heard this summer. Their new CD, Tearin' Up the Line, an exciting mix of traditional and new tune smithing. We will be hearing many good things about them as their talent reaches the folk music radio scene."

### **Mr. Oatis-Fok Music Host, WRUV-FM, Burlington, VT**

"The Atkinsons are a family of musicians who love what they do, and they do it SO well! They give REAL MEANING to the term Family Bluegrass Band. Shelene and Liza's voices work together as only blood relatives can. Like one voice. They have a vocal simpatico that comes across in every note, every work, every breath and nuance. It's as if one voice suddenly split into two sets of vocal cords. SheLiza!!!!"

### **Barb Heller-Host of String Fever Bluegrass-North Country Public Radio, Canton NY**

"The band's sound is great! Your voices are so smooth it's like listening to Bill Monroe's twin fiddle arrangements."

### **Frank-Delaney Brothers Bluegrass, NY**

"....the Atkinsons performed and I really enjoyed hearing their singing!"

### **Valerie Smith - Liberty Pike**

"The Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band is about as real as it gets. They've taken their down-home style and packaged it into a powerful blend of sound and personality. Upfront vocals and sibling harmonies just ring out above their tight instrumentation and solid arrangements of original and traditional songs. In a genre of sound-alike cookie-cutter bands, the Atkinson Family stands out like a diamond in the rough."

### **Joe LaMay & Sherri Reese, Songwriters/Performers-Somerset, KY**

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"It has been a tremendous pleasure working with you, and getting to know you and your family. You performed alongside and were compared with some of the finest bluegrass bands in the country and gave a stellar performance that was enjoyed by all. I am truly looking forward to having you return and play for us again."

**Steve Palmer, Lake Champlain Bluegrass Festival, Alburg, VT**

"Whether performing as a family band or with the several great guest artists that have graced the stage with them, the Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band exhibits all that is well with bluegrass music - down-home, friendly, professional and audience pleasing. A great blend of traditional and original music keeps the Atkinson's fresh and appealing every time."

**Joe Liotta, Norwood Village Green Concert Series, Norwood, NY**

"The Atkinson Family is a prime example of one of the down to earth Bluegrass Families who hail from the true areas of the Real UP STATE New York. Give them a listen and hear for yourselves."

**Bud Rupert, Director of the Madrid Bluegrass Festival, Madrid, NY**