

*What people are saying
about the Atkinson Family*

"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," said **Eric Gibson of the 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!," said **Junior Barber, seven-time IBMA nominee for dobro player of the year.**

"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**



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

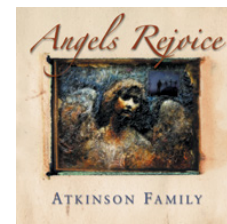
out above their tight instrumentation and solid arrangements of original and traditional songs. In a genre of sound-alike cookie-cutter bands, the Atkinson Family stands out like a diamond in the rough."

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



Every few years a song comes along that just sends you reeling because of its message, poignancy and delivery. "Friday" is such a song. It's brilliantly written, the tune matches perfectly and you all have arranged and sing the piece with a knock-out punch. The tune is a masterpiece and is destined to become a gospel classic.

**Dave Higgs
Nashville Public Radio
Bluegrass Breakdown**



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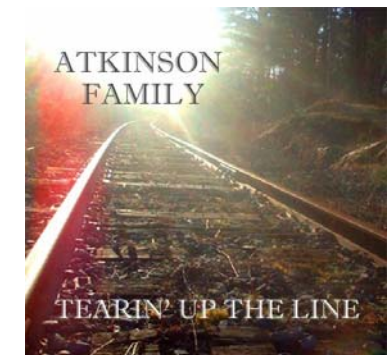
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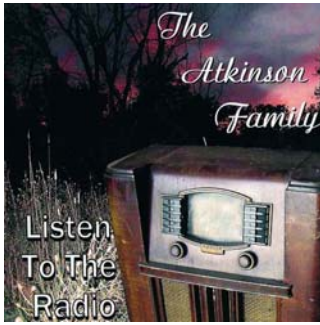
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Honed in the iron-laden foothills of the Adirondack's Western reaches, the Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band has a sound reverberating with the traditions of Bill Monroe's music, while at the same time incorporating new grooves and new tones. This band swings and drives through Stanley Brothers-style mountain songs about life in the rural country, bitter bluegrass hollers about lost love and betrayal, gospel songs lamenting lost souls and spooky minor key murder ballads. In addition to performing a range of bluegrass standards and contemporary tunes from Del McCoury, Gillian Welch, Iris Dement and the Grateful Dead, the band churns straight ahead with its freight train rhythm pulse on a host of original songs, many of which are featured on their 2004 cd, **"Tearin Up the Line,"** (Read reviews in BU and Sing Out Magazines) and



"Listen to the Radio," released in 2005. In May of 2007, the Atkinson Family signed with the Master Shield Corporation out of Bridgewater, Virginia. The first release with Master Shields is a gospel project, "Angels Rejoice", released in March of 2008.

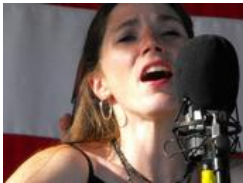


The band is joined by well known and respected bass player Jim Treat of Weedsport, NY and dobro player Chad Darou, who has played with bluegrass pioneers such as Frank Wakefield and Bill Keith.



Chad is also an accomplished banjo, guitar and mandolin player.

"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.....," said **Bill Knowlton, host of "Bluegrass Ramble" on WCNY-FM, Syracuse.**



The Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band sound is one of tight three-part family harmonies from guitarists Liza and Shelene Atkinson and banjo linchpin Dick Atkinson; with the driving rhythm interplay of mandolinist Adam Atkinson.

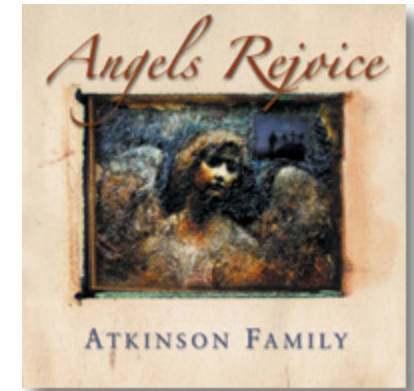
The Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band plays regularly at bluegrass festivals and performances in the Northeast and points south. "The Atkinson Family combines great original material with powerful lead vocals and tight family harmonies which result in their own unique bluegrass sound. If you are looking for a fresh new act which is emerging on the national scene, check out the Atkinsons," said **Andy Alexander, promoter of the Pickin' in the Pasture Bluegrass Festival, Lodi, N.Y.**

You can hear them on bluegrass radio stations all over the world, in the US, Canada, and on the World Wide Web.

For more information on the Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band, log on to www.atkinsonfamilybluegrass.com.



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A creative composition that reflects the genius of this band. They have their own unique sound that sets them apart from other bluegrass bands. Their creativity will have them in great demand. The instrumentation here is haunting and memorable.

Wayne Bledsoe, KMST

Good stuff by The Atkinsons!

Definitely spin!

Gracie Muldoon,

WorldWideBluegrass.com

I'm a real sucker for family bands. And this one truly sucked me in.

Phil Hodgen, KBOO/KWHT