

**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."

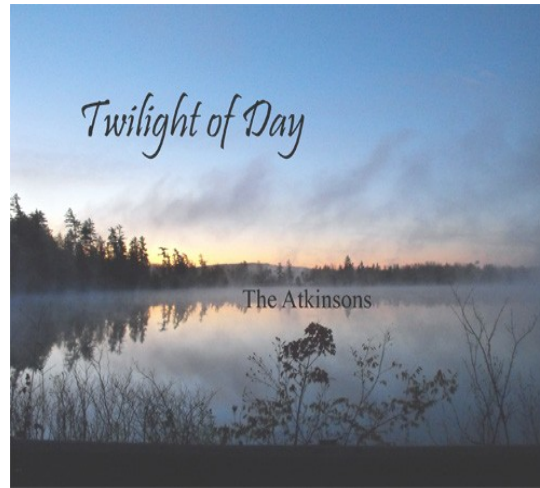
Steve Palmer, Lake Champlain Bluegrass Festival, Alburg, VT

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

**Check out the newest release from the
ATKINSON FAMILY!**

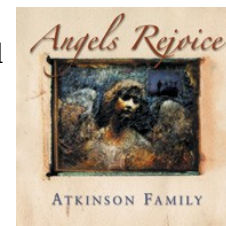


Released in June 2011, featuring Liza, Shelene, Laura and Dick Atkinson on vocals. Shelene and Liza on guitar, Laura on bass, Dick on banjo and Dave Bevins on dobro, along with Nick Piccininni and Perry Cleveland on mandolin and few other guests! Originals penned by patriarch Dick Atkinson and singer songwriters Roy Hurd and Joe LaMay, along with traditional songs, songs written by Gillian Welch and Nanci Griffith and a few surprises you are sure to enjoy!

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



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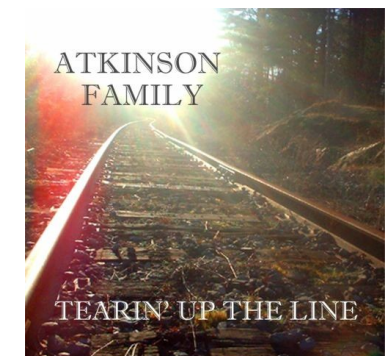
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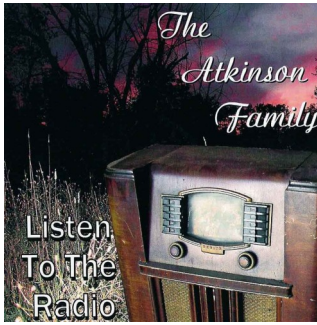
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Honed in the iron-laden foothills of the Adirondack's Western reaches, the Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band has a sound reverberating with the traditions of Bill Monroe's music, while at the same time incorporating new grooves and new tones. This band 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.



With three strong female vocalists, Liza, Laura and Shelene the Atkinsons are a band like no other in the north country!

Coming back to the Atkinsons is well known, 2003 National Dobro Champion, Dave Bevins from Chilson, NY.

Dave has played with some of Nashville's finest musicians, the Country Gentleman, Dan Tyminski, John Cowan, to name a few. Dave is the featured dobroist on the last two Atkinson CD's, Angel Rejoice and Live at the Bainbridge Opera House, along with the newest release Twilight of Day. Check Dave out on our YouTube videos.



We are also very pleased to have Nick Piccininni from Verona, NY with us again this year. Nick is playing mandolin and fiddle, but also is a great banjo and guitar player. Nick is a well known musician from the central New York area and is a well respected musician among his peers. Nick

also fits well with the family band.

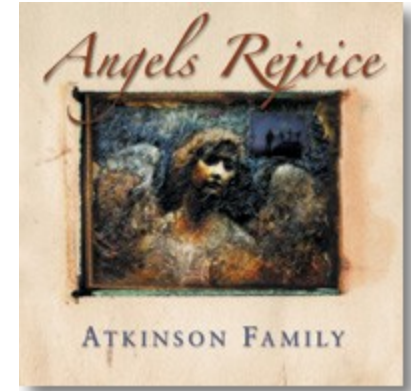
The Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band plays regularly at bluegrass festivals and performances in the northeast and points south. "The Atkinson Family combines great original material with powerful lead vocals and tight family harmonies which result in their own unique bluegrass sound. If you are looking 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.



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, bassist Laura Atkinson and banjo linchpin Dick Atkinson.

The band now has more Atkinsons than ever before! Laura Atkinson will be playing bass and singing lead and harmony vocals. Laura is a Crane School of music graduate and an excellent musician and singer. She has performed with the Atkinsons and has been the vocalist for the Frank Sacchi Big Band.



MasterShield label release

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

For more information on the Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band, log on to

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