

Great 48 Hour Jam 2019 Update

October, November, December and then it's January 2019! Preparations for the Great 48 Hour Jam 2019 are moving along and nearly complete. The Great 48-hour jam is January 11-13th 2019 at the Bakersfield Marriot Hotel located at 801 Truxton Ave, 93301.

Attendees can start the 48-hour bluegrass festivities early by attending the traditional Thursday evening opener in the main jamming room (Presidential Suite) enjoying food, drink, camaraderie, and get the opportunity to hear two showcase bluegrass bands. This year's showcase bands are yet to be determined! Stayed Tuned!

Friday, January 11, the CBA will host the Friday night concert featuring two of the best bluegrass bands in California. High Country and The Bow Ties will perform in the Marriott Grand Ballroom with doors opening at 6:00 pm. Since 1968, High Country has earned its place as the West Coast's premier traditional bluegrass band. Strongly influenced by the classic styles of Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs and the Stanley Brothers, the band's blend of banjo, mandolin, fiddle, dobro, guitar and bass delivers the upbeat excitement of true bluegrass music. After four decades of performing, the band remains fresh and exciting, bringing their love of traditional bluegrass music to an ever-widening audience. High Country has nine albums to their credit including their latest, "Perfect Companions." Leader/mandolinist, Butch Waller has a recent solo release, "Golden Gate Promenade" on the Rebel label and the Waller Brothers can be heard on their recent brother duet album entitled "The Old Photograph." Please visit the High Country website (<https://highcountrybluegrass.com>) for additional information and bio's for each performer. The CBA is proud to present the Bow Ties, one of California's best bluegrass bands in the state. The Bow Ties are a group of veracious bluegrass pickers dedicated to precision playing of the masters' classics. They are happy to bring traditional bluegrass into the hearts of audiences. Please visit the Bow Tie website (<http://www.bowtiesbluegrass.com>) for complete bio's. Folks, you don't want to miss this concert. Tickets for this concert are \$25 presale, and \$30 at the door. Presale tickets will be available through tix.com starting October 1st 2018. Stay tuned for more information.

Saturday, January 12th, The great 48-hour jam will host various workshops inviting folks to hone their musical skills. Guitar, banjo, mandolin, dobro, fiddle and bass workshops will be conducted by experts in the bluegrass world. This year's workshops will be held in various assigned suites and presented by the best of the best! Stay tuned for the line up of Workshop instructors. The CBA will host two organized slow jams taking place on Friday and Saturday afternoons. The CBA is proud to have Julio Boysenberry host both slow jams. We invite all novice bluegrass players as well as folks from the Bakersfield community to grab their bluegrass instruments and play on.

Join the Saturday night fun and experience the annual Great 48 Hour Jam band scramble and open mike activities held in the Marriot Grand Ballroom.

Sunday, January 13th, Join bluegrassers and folks from the Bakersfield community for the Sunday gospel jam held in the Little Switzerland room.

Those who have attended the Great 48 Hour Jam in the last several years understand this event is growing every year and the early bird reservations are crucial when receiving the CBA group rate. In fact, last year's jam attendance surpassed all prior 48 hour jams and the Marriott filled to capacity months ahead of the December deadline. Therefore, folks who plan to attend the Great 48 Hour Jam 2019 and receive the CBA group rate must reserve their room prior to noontime on the December 20, 2018 deadline. The **CBA room**

rate is \$99 per night if you reserve before the deadline! After the deadline date, the rate increases to \$179, so make your reservation early. Right now, it may seem far away, but don't delay. Rooms are currently filling fast!--- The Marriott fills to capacity every year!

To make reservations, directly contact Sara Walker at the Bakersfield Marriott Convention center (661) 323-1900 extension 1015. This year, attendees will indicate to Sara their floor preference regarding all night jamming, jamming to 10:00 pm and no jamming floors. Sara will require your first and second choice for your jamming floor preference. This promises to be a memorable weekend for all lovers of bluegrass, so reserve your room now. Keep your eyes open and fingers rolling for additional information in the coming months.