

Grasstic Measures coming to Tottenham

This past summer, audiences were able to hear Ray Legere playing with Acoustic Horizon.

And he's returning this coming Monday (Oct. 26). Grasstic Measures is coming to Tottenham Legion to entertain bluegrass and music lovers of all kinds. The show will start at 7:30 p.m.

Grasstic Measures consists of familiar bluegrass faces Carl Goodman, Jim Collette, Gary Glenn and Legere. This group absolutely 'measures up' when it comes to the expectations of today's bluegrass fans.

Goodman is a native of Ontario. In the early 1980s, his work took him to New Brunswick with his young family, where his love for bluegrass music sparked within him the desire to develop the art of playing banjo. Goodman and Collette formed with Canadian bluegrass award-winning group Blueridge which also had play at Tottenham Bluegrass Festival. In addition to being an accomplished musician, Goodman is also a gifted song writer. His songs have been recorded by notables Ralph Stanley and the Country Gentlemen. They have also been performed in his own recording projects.

Collette was born in New Brunswick and began playing guitar at the age of 13. He formed his first bluegrass band, Misty Mountain, by the age of 15. In the following years, he played with notable musicians such as Eddie Poirier and the Bluegrass 4. Collette performed several years on the Canadian bluegrass circuit, as well as several showcase performances in Nashville, Tennessee at the SPGMA bluegrass awards and at the iconic Station Inn.

Legere is the 2003 ECMA (East Coast Music Award) Winner for Bluegrass Artist Of The Year, which he also won in 1996. The Amherst, Nova Scotia native is known as one of Canada's premiere fiddle/mandolin players. Legere is a five-time winner of the Eastern Division Bluegrass Awards in the categories of Mandolin and Fiddle Player of the Year, honors which have distinguished him with a Masters Award for each.

Glen is multi-talented and has played electric and acoustic bass, guitar, mandolin, banjo, dobro, lead guitar and peddle steel in country and bluegrass bands over the years. He has performed with the likes of such bands as Level Crossing, Rhyme and Reason, Concession 23, Hard Ryde and many others too.

Great entertainment is promised with this energetic group's hot and high-powered sound.

From 6:15 until 7 p.m., Legere will be offering a workshop on guitar fiddle and mandolin. This is only open to ticket holders, for \$5. This workshop is be great for beginner to experts.

'This band has it all ' great vocal harmony work, great playing and, to top it all off, an interesting and entertaining stage presence,' declared Gord Devries of Bluegrass Canada.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$22 at the door. Call Al Benner at 416 679-9928 to reserve tickets.