

# NYCITY SLICKERS



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## **The NYCity Slickers' Bluegrass Band to Tour Mississippi October 6 - 15, 2012**

The NYCity Slickers, an eight piece NYC based bluegrass band, announced their "Mississippi Home" tour at the Mississippi Picnic in Central Park on Saturday June 9. One of NYC's premier bluegrass bands, the NYCity Slickers was formed by the Mississippi native, husband/wife team of Faser Hardin (brother of Barbara Crespino and brother-in-law to Ole Miss football star, Bobby Crespino, from Macon, MS) and Jackson native, Annie Chadwick (sister of Dorothy Chadwick, Canton, MS and Pat Lamar, Oxford, MS). Also included in this family-driven band of singer, musician, songwriters is their daughter Abigail Hardin and the songwriting talents of their Mississippi family - brother, Vernon Chadwick (aka Varner Stomps, Oxford, MS) and brother-in-law, Reeves Jones (Canton, MS).

The NYCity Slickers are excited to have Millsaps College as a Presenting Sponsor of the "Mississippi Home" tour and will be performing at the Millsaps Arts and Lecture Series on October 9. Other tour engagements also include Hal & Mals on October 6 in Jackson; gospel concerts at First United Methodist Church in Canton, October 7 and Oxford-University United Methodist Church in Oxford on October 14; the Tupelo Link Centre Concert & Jam on Thursday October 11 and Morgan Freeman's Ground Zero Blues Club in Clarksdale on October 12.

Inspired by a genuine love of their Mississippi roots and authentic American roots music, the NYCity Slickers have thrilled NYC audiences with their unique synthesis of traditional bluegrass, zydeco, Delta blues & country pop. They can be heard monthly in NYC at Rockwood Music Hall & Rodeo Bar, as well as numerous other NYC music venues. Having had much East Coast success, the NYCity Slickers are excited to be traveling South to entertain the folks from back home. Departing from traditional male-driven bluegrass, this eight piece bluegrass band combines the wailing tight harmonies and talents of three gorgeous gal singers with the hard driving sound of five musically gifted musicians on banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle, bass and accordion. Their "Big Apple Bluegrass" sound has been described as a fusion of the Andrews Sisters, the Dixie Chicks and Bill Monroe resulting in theatrically inspired, toe tappin', one-of-a-kind, rockin' fun music.

Their debut CD, "Layin' It Down," was released on September 8, 2011. The album is an eclectic mix of musical styles that has become characteristic of the NYCity Slickers' signature sound. Composed of 13 songs, eight of which are original, the album ranges in style from traditional bluegrass and Delta blues to progressive bluegrass pop. Recorded live at Dubway Studios in New York City, "Layin' It Down" is the artistic culmination of the past four years and reflects the best of the NYCity Slickers. The album is available through iTunes, CD Baby, Amazon and NYCitySlickers.com.

**The NYCity Slickers Band Featuring:** Vocalists - Annie Chadwick, Abigail Hardin, Kim Harris; Andrew Baird (guitar); Doug Drewes (bass); Faser Hardin (banjo & accordion); Jens Kramer (fiddle); and Greg Utzig (mandolin).

## **RECENT REVIEWS**

*"I simply want to thank you for affording me one of the most delightful and enjoyable evenings that I have spent in a long time. Your incredible musical talent is matched only by your cordiality and kindness. As a long-time fan of bluegrass music, I found yours to be absolutely enchanting. I could have listened to you all night. You all made me so proud to be from Mississippi."*

~ **William Winter, Former Governor of Mississippi**

*"The singing is fabulous and impassioned, which is what modern day bluegrass could use more of. The arrangements are stellar and the material is strong."* ~ **Tony Trischka, Grammy Nominated Banjo Legend**

*"While their style is rooted in traditional bluegrass, the brand this 'family' band presents on their first album Layin' It Down shows off the unique background reflecting the range of its individual members. Having incorporated blues, rock, and various generations of country & western into their bluegrass-based songwriting, The Slickers offer a unique perspective and much-appreciated update on what is often labeled 'traditional'....In addition to a five-piece string band serving as the backbone, The Slickers put on one hell of a live show lead by three distinct female voices. The ladies draw the audience in through a fresh and inviting, down home welcoming presentation. Rarely do audiences stay in their seats....In addition to their bevy of original material, The NYCity Slickers offer up killer renditions of "Rocky Top," a reinvention of the blues epic "Marie Laveau," and the Billy Joel classic "Travelin' Prayer" (yea, that Billy Joel)."*

~ **JD Duarte, Brooklyn County ([http://brooklyncountry.com/?page\\_id=53](http://brooklyncountry.com/?page_id=53))**

*"This is the first unknown family band to bring me a CD that sounds this professional and trust me, I've heard a bunch. Y'all need to be on tour!"* ~ **Geoff Stelling, Stelling Banjos**

*"This is a New York based, eight-piece group fronted by three ladies whose combined deliveries make for an enjoyable project."*

~ **Bill Foster, "Bluegrass Unlimited," April 2012**