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Dreamcatcher was formed in early summer of 2015 by Troy Boone and Aaron Foster. Upon the release of Troy's debut CD "First Impressions," Troy and Aaron decided to create a project that fulfilled their musical desires. Alas, Dreamcatcher was born.

After about two years of touring and playing shows from Florida to Vermont, Troy Boone accepted the position with bluegrass super group "Sideline" which has passed over the reins of Dreamcatcher to Aaron Foster.

Dreamcatcher is currently booking shows and have a desire to play as much as possible. It is no rarity to catch them playing at restaurants and breweries in their hometown of Johnson City, TN, as well as festivals across the eastern United States.



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ABOUT AARON FOSTER



Born in the small upstate New York town of Wells Bridge, it's very likely he would have never known what bluegrass music was if it wasn't for his grandparents, George & Etta Crawford. George & Etta traveled to many bluegrass festivals and events throughout the east coast. Many times they would take Aaron with them. Eventually Aaron asked for his first guitar Christmas when he was just ten years old.

Soon Aaron was able to participate in jam sessions at these festivals and by doing so became acquainted with several other musicians. His grandparents purchased Aaron his first banjo when he was 12 years old and he began taking lessons with now good friend, Dennis Crawford. Soon at the age of 14 festival promoter of the Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival, Candi Sawyer, asked Aaron to perform with her sons Adam & Matthew. The next year Aaron signed up for the Jenny Brook Kids Academy. It was at this time he met several peers that also played bluegrass music. Aaron made the decision to quit his high school football team his senior year to focus on his guitar playing. It was at this same time festival promoter Danny Stewart Sr. informed Aaron about a bluegrass program his son was enrolled in at East Tennessee State University. Aaron applied in October and was accepted in December. It was at ETSU that Aaron began to make several close friends who all performed and loved bluegrass music as much as he did.

Since enrolling at ETSU Aaron became a founding member of the *Son Of Bluegrass*, recorded an album with dear friends Isaac & Laura Mainer from the band *Blue Edition*, appeared in *Bluegrass Unlimited Magazine*, and has taken over as director of the very same Jenny Brook Kids Academy he graduated from. It was also at ETSU where Aaron & Troy Boone first met in the halls before a band class meeting. It didn't take long for Aaron & Troy to hit it off and begin playing a lot of music together.



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ABOUT BEN WATLINGTON



Age 23, Ben Watlington was born and raised in Mocksville, NC which is a fairly small, rural town in Davie County, NC. He began playing Bluegrass music around the age of 15 when he was given a mandolin and a guitar for Christmas one year as a gift. His father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were all Bluegrass and Old-Time musicians. His father plays the mandolin, and his bands were the some of the very first Bluegrass bands Ben had ever heard. Ben has won several guitar

competitions and has performed with several different competition winning bands. More notably, he has performed with musicians such as Ricky Skaggs, Bobby Hicks, Sam Bush, Bobby Osborne and many former members of Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys including Tom Ewing, RC Harris, Mike Faegan, and several others. During his time performing with the East Tennessee State University Bluegrass Pride Band, he was part of a tour of Japan where they played 16 shows in 14 days! Prior to his time with the Pride Band, he was part of a group called "Jest Pass'n Thru" with his father and several other gentlemen. "Music is a very important aspect of my life and I'm very happy to be playing mandolin for Dreamcatcher." – Ben Watlington



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ABOUT BRADY WALLEN



Brady Wallen is a 21-year-old banjo player who grew up in Williamsburg, KY. He began playing on Christmas day only five years ago when he received a banjo as a gift from his family. Previous to joining Dreamcatcher, Brady played with several local bands in Whitley County, KY including Southern Son and Virgil Bowling & Peerless Mountain. Brady is also the current banjo player for the East Tennessee State University Bluegrass Pride Band. Brady's family also runs a Bluegrass Festival in Williamsburg known as Sally Gap. The Sally Gap Bluegrass Festival is now approaching its 10th anniversary!

ABOUT MAX ETLING



Max Etling is from Plymouth, Minnesota. At age nine, he started playing guitar. Throughout high school, he played guitar in rock bands and a bluegrass band. Max arrived at East Tennessee State University in 2014 as a guitar student. He began playing more and more upright bass in jams as the year went on. By the second semester, bass was his primary instrument. He says that there are more opportunities that come up for him as a bass player than as a guitar player, so he is enjoying playing the bass quite a bit. Max sings lead and harmony vocals in Dreamcatcher.



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