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Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Who: **Sheila Kay Adams**

What: **Songcatchers Music Series**

Where: **Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site**

When: **Sunday July 13, 2008, 2:00 p.m.**

Price: **Admission for this event is \$6.00 for ages 16 and older; youth 15 and under and America the Beautiful Pass, Golden Age and Golden Eagle Passports get in for ½ price on this special day, (\$3.00).**

Website: www.cradleofforestry.org

For calendar listings:

July 13, 2:00 p.m. Renowned ballad singer and storyteller Sheila Kay Adams, Songcatchers Music Series at the Cradle of Forestry, Highway 276 in the Pisgah National Forest near Brevard; picnics are welcome in outdoor amphitheatre; \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for youth under age 16. For more information call 828-877-3130.



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Songcatchers Music Series Presents Sheila Kay Adams

Pisgah Forest, NC The second concert in the Songcatchers Music Series at the Cradle of Forestry will be held on Sunday, July 13 and feature renowned ballad singer Sheila Kay Adams. Sheila's daughter, storyteller Melanie Rice, will begin the program at 2:00 p.m. After a short break the main concert will begin at about 2:45 p.m. The concert is held in the Cradle of Forestry's sunny outdoor amphitheatre near the beginning of the Forest Festival Trail. Picnics are welcome as are chairs between rows of amphitheatre seating. If raining, the concert will move indoors. The site, including the amphitheatre, is wheelchair accessible.

Sheila Kay Adams has been performing Appalachian ballads and telling stories for more than 20 years. This native of Madison County, NC is a well known storyteller, musician, author, folksinger, and banjo player and has been a welcome mainstay of the *Songcatchers Music Series*. During her concerts she can move her audiences to tears and laughter in the space of an hour.

For seven generations Sheila's family has maintained the tradition of passing down the English, Scottish, and Irish ballads that came over with her ancestors in the late 1700's. Sheila learned these the old "knee-to-knee" way and sings them in the same style with the same intensity and feeling with which they were handed down to her. Her great-aunt "Granny," famed balladeer Dellie Chandler Norton, introduced her to the tale-telling tradition.

Sheila served as a consultant, trainer, and performer in the feature film "*Songcatcher*." She has been featured in several documentaries, including "*Women of These Hills, Stories of Growing Up in Appalachia*." In April, 1998, Sheila was selected to receive the prestigious North Carolina Folklore Society's Brown-Hudson Award in recognition of her valuable contributions to the study of the state's folklore. She has traveled extensively sharing her Appalachian heritage in concerts, her books, and recordings.

As her Great-Aunt has said, "She may not always know where she's going, but she sure knows where she comes from!" For more information go to www.jimandsheila.com.

The Cradle of Forestry's Songcatchers Music Series honors traditional mountain music and the talented performers who preserve it, share it, and make it their own. Other performers this year will be Buddy*Carol*Jamie on July 20 and John Fowler on July 27. Concert-goers are welcome to enjoy indoor and outdoor exhibits, interpretive trails, and a gift shop while at the Cradle.

Admission for this event is \$6.00 for ages 16 and older; youth under 16 and holders of America the Beautiful, Golden Age, Access, and Eagle Passports are admitted for ½ price on this special day, (\$3.00). Admission includes an 18-minute film, the Forest Discovery Center with 15 hands-on exhibits, a scavenger hunt, a firefighting helicopter simulator, historic cabins and antique equipment on two paved trails, living history interpreters and a 1915 Climax logging locomotive. The Cradle of Forestry is located on Hwy. 276 in the Pisgah National Forest, six miles north of Looking Glass Falls and four miles south of the Blue Ridge Parkway. For more information call 828-877-3130 or go to www.cradleofforestry.org.

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