

BLUE DIXIE

WEB: www.bluedixie.net

** MEDIA ALERT **
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Larry Lund (636) 940-8740
Irlund@sbcglobal.net

Blue Dixie to Play Two Reunion Concerts
Missouri's Original Jam Band Returns for Weekend Performances

WHEN: Friday July 15, Saturday July 16, 2005

WHERE: Friday 15th at Mississippi Nights on Laclede's Landing in St. Louis, MO
Saturday 16th at Zoë Campground and Amphitheater in Salem, MO

SHOWTIME: Mississippi Nights doors open at 7:00. All ages until Midnight. Blue Dixie will perform two sets, beginning at 10:30. There are two opening acts, Auset from St. Louis, MO and BallCock Assembly from Chicago, IL. Cover charge is \$7.00.

Zoë Campground and Amphitheater is an all ages campground and musical venue. Blue Dixie will perform two sets, beginning at 9:00 p.m. The bill also includes Auset from St. Louis, MO and BallCock Assembly from Chicago, IL. \$12.00 includes live music and overnight camping.

WEBSITES: Visit www.bluedixie.net, www.mississippinights.com, www.campzoe.com, for more information

BACKGROUND: Blue Dixie is Missouri's original jam band, treading that musical territory before jam bands came into vogue in the early 90's. Over their 17-year career, Blue Dixie has entertained thousands with their freestyle rock and roll. Started by six students at the University of Missouri at Columbia 1988, by the time Blue Dixie stopped performing full time in 1995, the band had played over 500 shows in 27 states, including opening slots for The Doobie Brothers and Dr. John. Friends and fans of the band developed a community surrounding the music that evolved parallel to the band itself. Many lifetime relationships were forged on the dance floor of a Blue Dixie concert.

Blue Dixie has maintained the same line-up of musicians throughout their career. Andy Barnes on bass, Dave "Chopper" Campbell on rhythm guitar and lead vocals, Larry Lund on keyboards and vocals, David Nichols on drums, Brad Sarno on lead guitar and vocals, and Michael "Smitty" Smith on drums make up a six piece unit that still boasts a devoted following despite playing only a handful of shows in recent years.

Blue Dixie developed its sizable following through regular touring. Audiences oome to experience the musical interplay that evolves through the often three-hours-plus shows. Blue Dixie is celebrated for many aspects of its live performance. The band keeps the audience on the edge of their ears with dazzling "don't blink or you'll miss it" musical segues and inspired improvisational pieces. Bone-shaking grooves keep the audience out of their seats and on their toes. In addition to two guitars, bass, piano and organ, Blue Dixie features dual full-kit drummers. This visually exciting rhythmic platform creates a solid musical foothold with striking and subtle complexity.

Throughout its career, Blue Dixie recorded and released several volumes of original music, most notably "About Time" independently released in 1992. The album features concert favorites such as Blue Line, Nao, Voodoo Chili, and Get On The Road. The epic eleven-minute centerpiece "Welcome Back my Friend" was featured on KSHE legend Radio Rich's prime time radio program. Be sure to catch this rare chance to still see the magic created by Missouri's original jam band.