

Mp3 Black Diamond Band - Black Diamond Rides Again



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Bluegrass Festival in Amelia, Virginia ... and performed at the 3rd Annual Snowshoe Mountain Music Festival in Snowshoe, West Virginia for a great 4th of July celebration weekend. Later in July 2002, we performed for the National Council for the Traditional Arts, (sponsored by our Federal Government), at the new outdoor amphi-theater located on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Fancy Gap, Virginia. Another frequently visited venue was at Highwall Park, located just outside of Bramwell, West Virginia. This mountain campground is run by Dave Kennedy and Doug Blankenship ... and we always love playing for those guys! More recently, we were invited to perform at Tamarack, near Flat Top, West Virginia ... what an honor it is to be associated with the great heritage of West Virginia. After a short break, 2004 brings us back to the studio for yet a third release by the band and we hope to bring a fresh new feel to the music we all love. We'd like to thank our loyal fans over the years and our new fans for supporting us through the years. We greatly appreciate you and May God Bless You! See you down the road. Black Diamond

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