Meet Michael!

Hello Musical Explorers!

My name is Michael, and I am a singer and guitarist who moved to Brooklyn from down south in Atlanta, Georgia. I grew up playing a style of American music called bluegrass with my parents. Some of the songs my parents taught me have been played for hundreds of years! I can’t wait for you to hear my band. You might recognize some of our instruments, like the bass, guitar, and violin (or fiddle as we like to call it), but others, like the banjo and mandolin, might be new to you.

See you at the concert!

Michael

Greetings from Park Slope, Brooklyn!

We asked Michael ...

What is your favorite memory of listening to bluegrass as a child?

I used to love it when my parents would have music parties and invite all of their musician friends over to jam. There’s something special about sitting around in your own house making music with your friends and family. You don’t need to always listen to recordings or go to a concert hall to enjoy music—you can also make your own music any time, and share it with friends!

Who are your favorite bluegrass musicians and why?

My favorite bluegrass musician is Bill Monroe, who people call the Father of Bluegrass. A long time ago he made up a new style that no one had ever heard before, and then a lot of people wanted to play it, and to this day, still do. I also love Ralph Stanley. He has such a cool voice that sounds about 200 years old.

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