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Dear Wendy,

Steph, Dale, and I are sure looking forward to playing at the Mission on Jan. 18. I have sent some promotional material to Bill Berry of the Journal with the hopes that he will write something about us before the 18th. Our CD is out and has been getting some air play across the country - nothing fantastic, but nevertheless some exposure. There should be a good crowd on the 18th because we have not played anywhere near Stevens Point since last summer, and will not be back in the area until the end of March, when we play at Hollyrocks in Wisconsin Rapids. Anyway, I've included some information on the band, our new promo picture, and a blank poster from which you may generate more posters. Because I live in Madison, I won't be able to hang posters in Point. Our mandolin picker won't be coming to Stevens Point, but we usually play as a three-piece group and use Chris only for festivals and large venues. We will probably have special guests on the 18th. Should we charge \$4 and have a non-smoking night as we did in the past? See you soon!

Sincerely,



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Art Stevenson & High Water is a traditional bluegrass band from the heart of Wisconsin. High Water first appeared in 1993 at a central Wisconsin venue as the weekly house band. Because of the increasing popularity of bluegrass music, the group became a popular Thursday night attraction there for three years. During this time, the group performed throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, and recorded a fine traditional bluegrass CD. Although High Water is a new addition to the world of bluegrass, each member is a seasoned bluegrass musician, having experience in festival performances, radio shows, traveling, and recording. Art Stevenson & High Water plan to expand their horizons and acquire bookings at bluegrass festivals and events throughout the USA.



Chris Silver, Art & Stephanie Stevenson, Dale Reichert

Band Members

- **Guitarist, harmonicist and lead singer Art Stevenson** has been playing bluegrass music in the Midwest for 20 years, 13 of which have been with the award-winning Wisconsin River Bluegrass Boys. He has appeared on WSM's Ernest Tubb's Midnight Jamboree, Bill Monroe's Early Bird Bluegrass Show, the IBMA Fan Fest, and the Renfro Valley Jamboree. Art has two solo cassette albums to his credit and has contributed two original songs to the High Water repertoire.
- **Stephanie Stevenson** plays string bass and sings lead and tenor, often in close duets with husband Art. Her rock solid bass playing gives High Water's music a strong rhythmic drive. Stephanie has written several songs and one instrumental which are often performed by the group.
- **Dale Reichert** likes to pick the 5-string banjo in a hard-driving, often lightning fast style. He has worked with Tim Strong and other Cincinnati-area bluegrass acts, and has played for several years along side of Art Stevenson in the Wisconsin River Bluegrass Boys. Dale also sings baritone and plays the Dobro, and has released a fine cassette project with Cincinnati bluegrassers Tim Strong.

- **Chris Silver**, from Saint Paul, Minn., is featured on mandolin, fiddle, lead guitar, and singing. Chris worked for many years with Minnesota's Stoney Lonesome bluegrass band, and most recently with Kate MacKenzie. He has toured Europe and Japan and has appeared on Prairie Home Companion. Chris has a great new CD "Over Time" and is featured on High Water's CD.

Art Stevenson & High Water's new, self-titled CD/cassette is currently getting air play on many bluegrass and folk format radio shows across the USA. The recording is an excellent example of how High Water sounds in person. Their repertoire is mostly traditional bluegrass, but there are many new arrangements of older songs, as well as bluegrass treatments of country and folk songs. Dale's banjo instrumentals and Art's performances of fiddle tunes on the harmonica always bring a rousing response from the audience. High Water can play a variety of gospel songs and is available to perform gospel shows. For bookings or CD information contact:

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Current Recordings

- **Art Stevenson & High Water** WT101 1996. CD or cassette. 13 selections ranging from traditional bluegrass to old-time country.
- **Dale Reichert and Tim Strong** Big Rock 1995. Traditional and contemporary bluegrass from Dale's Kentucky days.
- **Chris Silver: Over Time** Silver Music 1996. CD. 15 selections featuring Chris' fine mandolin, with special guests including Art and Stephanie Stevenson.

Disc Jockey Comments

Upon hearing Art Stevenson & High Water's recording of "Hide Ye In The Blood", Bluegrass disc jockeys around the USA and abroad said:

- *Fantastic!* Ray Woolfenden, WPWC Dumfries, VA
- *Need more music like this.* Lee Bolton, WOBO, Batavia, OH
- *Great traditional sound. Good harmony.* Gary Davis, WCNI New London, CT
- *Nice job, folks.* Bo McCarty, WSIP Paintsville, KY
- *I loved it.* Mike Mason, KFAL, Fulto, MO
- *Great Gospel tune. has that Stanley Brothers drive and conviction. The group has exquisite taste in tunes.* Dave Higgs, WPLN Brentwood TN.
- *Good old-timey feel to it.* Tom Henderson, This Is Bluegrass, TN.
- *Great pickin'! Art Stevenson is a class act!* Chris Powers, WORT Madison WI
- *Very good "brother duo" by a husband and wife!* Laurie Mills, CBC
- *A great Gospel track. Well sung. Really excellent.* James Pearson, BBC Radio Shetland
- *Great to have this great old hymn. Good harmony.* Bill Knowlton, Bluegrass Ramble, NY
- *Bluegrass Gospel with heart and soul! Feel the spirit move!* Randy Bailey, WBJB Lincroft, NJ
- *Thanks for choosing to play traditional music!* Judy Rose, Wisconsin Public Radio
- *Good, good music. Keep up the great sounds.* "Big John" Baldry, The Michigan Jamboree
- *What a great CD! Good songs! Good bluegrass!* "Brother Bill" Kaul, WXPB Rhinelander WI

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SATURDAY JAN. 18
NON-SMOKING 8:30pm \$4

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