



### **Pickin' up Steam**

Pickin' up Steam is a contemporary acoustic quartet, which utilizes the traditional bluegrass instrumentation of guitar, mandolin, string bass (and occasionally, fiddle). Each artist brings to the group a wide variety of influences, including rock, jazz, latin, folk and traditional bluegrass.

Every member of this ensemble possesses strong improvisational skills, keeping each performance fresh and taking the music to new heights. The group also places great emphasis on the vocal aspect of its performance singing in well-blended three-part harmony. They bring traditional bluegrass into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, with their unique arrangements of bluegrass standards, original compositions, thoughtful lyrics and exciting, complex instrumentals. This is all beautifully displayed on their recent CD "Waltz for Mom", which was released in July, 2008.