

## Sweet Cider



Once in a blue moon a combination of different personalities cross paths and a unique blend of musical expression is born. Rooted in vocal harmony, attention to arrangement and original material, Sweet Cider plays their own style of music with respect for tradition, evident in that ever-present bluegrass flavor.

Formed in 1977 Sweet Cider is acoustic guitarists Bill and Joe Kilcullen along with banjo player Tom Yanis and bassist Walt Yanis. They have entertained for over 30 years at clubs, coffee houses, bluegrass, folk, and country festivals, radio and regional T.V. Including Time Warner's Sounding Board series and CBS Channel 6 2005 Melodies of Christmas concerts and broadcasts.

Sweet Cider was voted NortheastCMA "Bluegrass band of the Year" for 1998, 2002, 2003, and 2005 with induction into the Hall of Fame in 2005. Through the years the group has also received awards for "Vocal group", "Instrumental group", "Country group", "Song of the Year", "Songwriter of the Year" and "Male Vocalist" of the year from the NortheastCMA membership,

In the fall of 2008, when banjo player Tom Yanis was unable to continue playing due to a serious illness, the band decided to continue on. They were joined last year in a limited schedule by mandolinist Pete Zinar and fiddler Nick Viscio.

Although individually involved in different projects the members of Sweet Cider still make time for their music, camaraderie and fun. Never forgetting that fun has always been a motto for the group.

After three decades of playing the greater Northeast, Sweet Cider still plays their kind of music, their kind of way and there is little doubt that if they should someday decide never to step on stage again, every Sunday night in a little house in the town of Rotterdam in Upstate New York four somewhat weathered fellows will always play Sweet Cider Music

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