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## New exhibit coming to the Main Library a celebration of art and music of Appalachia

Louisville, Ky. (October 28, 2009) -- For more than thirty years photographer Tim Barnwell has been documenting the people, culture, and heritage of Appalachia. His latest project is a book and exhibit that celebrates the music and handcrafts of the region. ***Hands in Harmony: Traditional Crafts and Music in Appalachia*, on display in the Main Library's Bernheim Gallery November 30 - January 23**, combines Barnwell's rich photography with intimate stories, biographies, and oral histories of the artists and musicians of Appalachia. The exhibit acquaints the viewer with banjo players, wood carvers, basket weavers, fiddlers, blacksmiths, and many more. Notable portraits include music legends Ralph Stanley, Etta Baker, Earl Scruggs and Algia Mae Hinton. The accompanying music CD includes twenty-one old-time fiddle and banjo tunes, a capella ballads, blues, and folk songs, showcasing the talents of many of the musicians portrayed. This collection of images, text, and music brings into focus a world of tradition and culture that continues to exist outside of mainstream commercial media.

**You can join Tim Barnwell for a discussion of his book and exhibit on Monday, November 30 at 7 p.m.** Tickets to the book talk are free; call 574-1644 or go to [LFPL.org](http://LFPL.org). The exhibit is also free during regular library hours.

Tim Barnwell's images have appeared in dozens of magazines, including *Time* and *Newsweek*, and are in the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the High Museum in Atlanta.

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