

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF BLUEGRASS

Bluegrass music is all around us. Though the genre sprung from the old-time music of Appalachia, a historically isolated region, bluegrass has found its way deep into popular culture. With this increased visibility we are beginning to see more inclusion of bluegrass instruments in other genres. These include banjos and mandolins appearing in popular music, new arrangements of Appalachian folk songs, choral arrangements of popular bluegrass songs, and larger works for choir and bluegrass band. Some of these works preserve as many characteristics of traditional bluegrass as possible, while others simply borrow bluegrass instruments and apply them to folk song arrangements. Dr. Matthew Bumbach will present a brief history of the bluegrass genre and map out its recent expansion.

\*No banjos were harmed in the creation of this presentation.



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