

# The Avett Brothers Coming to SWOSU

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American band The Avett Brothers will perform in concert on Thursday, September 25, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The Avett Brothers concert will be held at 8 p.m. in the new Pioneer Cellular Event Center, and the show is part of the university's Panorama series.

Tickets go on sale Friday, July 18, and range from \$37 to \$75 and can be purchased online through the SWOSU website at [www.swosu.edu](http://www.swosu.edu) or [www.pioneercellular-eventcenter.com](http://www.pioneercellular-eventcenter.com).

The Avett Brothers combine bluegrass, country, punk, pop melodies, folk, rock and roll, indie rock, honky tonk and ragtime to produce a sound described by the *San Francisco Chronicle* as having the "heavy sadness of Townes Van Zandt, the light pop concision of Buddy Holly, the tuneful jangle of the Beatles, the raw energy of the Ramones.

The group performs concerts across the country and will be coming to SWOSU from Nashville where they are the headlining band for the Americana Fest being held September 17-21. The Avett Brothers have released albums each of the last nine years with their latest being *Magpie and the Dandelion* in 2013, *The Carpenters* in 2012 and *The Avett Brothers Live* in 2010. One of their most popular albums was 2007's *Emotionalism*.

The band was formed in 2001 by banjoist Scott Avett and guitarist Seth Avett as they teamed up with bass player Bob Crawford. The boys immersed themselves in their musician dad's record collection, falling in love with Bob Dylan, Neil Young, and Crosby, Stills & Nash. Other members of the band are Paul Defiglia, keyboard; Joe Kwon, cello; and Mike Marsh, drums.

In addition to touring tirelessly, they have given memorable performances on the Late Show with David Letterman, the Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson, and Late Night with Jimmy Fallon as well as during a feature spot on the PBS series *Austin City Limits*.