BARNSTAR!

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We are proud to announce the release of "C'mon!," the debut record by Boston's newest all-star bluegrass powerhouse, Barnstar!

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Some notable **Barnstar!** trivia (yes, this will be on the exam):

- ★ Barnstar! is the brainchild of Zack Hickman (long-time bassist for Josh Ritter) and has featured a revolving cast of some of the top singers and pickers in modern American roots music. The current lineup, possibly its most handsome, features Jake (fiddle) and Taylor (mandolin) Armerding, Mark Erelli (guitar) and Charlie Rose (banjo).
- ★ Barnstar! makes bluegrass for people who hate bluegrass. This ain't your daddy's bluegrass. Except in the case of Jake Armerding...his dad is in the band.
- ★ Barnstar! usually plays a mere handful of shows each year, as its members are busy juggling acclaimed singer/songwriter careers as well as sideman gigs with artists like Josh Ritter, Lori McKenna, Jonathan Edwards, Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion, Red Molly and many others.
- ★ In the summer of 2011, **Barnstar!** headed into the studio, where "C'mon!" was recorded live in just three days. The sessions were made possible by the generous support of a Club Passim Iguana Music Fund grant.
- ★ "C'mon!" owes as much to the spirit of The Traveling Wilburys as it does The Louvin Brothers. The album features new interpretations of songs by Neil Young ("Cowgirl In The Sand"), Paul Simon ("Boy In The Bubble"), and Dawes ("When My Time Comes"), among others.
- ★ "C'mon!" also includes a healthy dose of material written by Mark Erelli and Taylor Armerding, including "Charlottesville," a never-before-released Erelli original.
- ★ Barnstar! often jokes it is an almost imaginary bluegrass band, due to the infrequent nature of its gigs. With the release of its debut "C'mon!" this imaginary band is poised to become a very genuine juggernaut on the bluegrass scene. Keep your eyes on your women and your whiskey bottles locked up.

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