



Thank you for taking time to consider The String Machine for your event!!!

### **Who is The String Machine?**

Based in the Raleigh area of North Carolina, we're a bluegrass band that integrates the diverse roots and musical styles of the five band members. A typical String Machine set will include enough traditional bluegrass to maintain the "die hard" bluegrass fans, while "grassing up" rock, country, blues, etc. songs that may be familiar to a broader audience. Additionally, "The Machine" integrates original, gospel, instrumental tunes into its high-energy performance.

### **What's different about The String Machine?**

The String Machine's strength is in their diversity. For example: The String Machine's fiddle player, Shannon Thorne, is a classically trained violinist and performing arts major with years of experience from the "all girl band", Sweet Potato Pie. Bassist Kandis Johnson delivers a soft, pure vocal style, and rock solid timing; Guitarist Phil Wise has been touring in rock and country bands since his early teens and brings an energetic lead guitar style and rocking vocals to bluegrass; Mandolinist Tim Lee brings awesome vocals, great original songs, and instrumental expertise to the stage; Machine founder and banjoist, Marshall Gray, sings "low lead" and is open to anything "outside of the box" as long as it can be performed well. The members love to improvise and are prone to "jam out" from time to time in response to the energy from the crowd.

### **What do people say about The String Machine?**

Although "The Machine" was formed in early 2009, we have developed a solid crowd base and have received some of the following feedback from audience members...

*"This was the most entertaining bluegrass show I've seen in 40 years!!"*

*"I've never really like bluegrass, but I love you guys!"*

*"High energy, great mixes of personalities and music – great fun"*

### **Promoting The String Machine.**

The Machine works hard to promote each of their shows. We generate venue specific promotional material, such as the one below, that can be e-mailed or used as a poster. Additionally, we submit our shows for announcement during the WQDR "Pinecone Bluegrass Show" as an upcoming event.

# The String Machine

*Bluegrass unleashed!*



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Sincerely,