

Playing with a Legend: The Kruger Brothers and Doc Watson

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Sugar Grove MusicFest will bring two folk legends together again: The Kruger Brothers and Doc Watson.

According to guitarist Uwe Kruger, Doc Watson is the reason they started playing folk music. His mother taught a boy in kindergarten whose father taught English at a college using American folk records. Kruger was eleven when he first heard Doc Watson's music.

The brothers were soon hooked- and even though the records took about a year to reach their home town in Switzerland, they knew Doc Watson was worth the wait.

The Kruger Brothers began performing professionally in 1973 and have appeared regularly in the United States since 1997. Since 2003, they have been proud to call North Carolina their home.

"We always felt that where this kind of music was played, it must be a very happy place," Kruger said. Upon moving here- Kruger discovered that to be a fact.

What does Doc Watson think of the Krugers?

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He calls them "good fellows."

The Kruger Brothers, Uwe on guitar and Jens on banjo, are joined by bassist Joel Landsberg.

It's a mesh of traditional American Folk and Bluegrass music with Classical European influences.

Hear them at the Sugar Grove MusicFest July 13 and 14.