



SPARTA, TENNESSEE BLUEGRASS HALL OF FAME

2009 INDUCTEE

JOHN HENRY DEMPS

In honor of his distinguished career in bluegrass music, including accomplishments and contributions to the heritage of bluegrass music which have brought honor and recognition both to himself and to the City of Sparta, Tennessee

MAY 23, 2009

Performed and promoted bluegrass and country music with his family on WLAC in Nashville, TN in the 1950's

Opened "John Henry's Music Barn" in the 1970's to encourage local musicians and offer them a place to hone their craft

Performed in fiddle conventions and contests all over the country as part of the Frazier Moss Band

Performed for the "Festival of American Folklife" in Washington, D.C. for the country's 1976 bicentennial celebration

Video and audio recordings of John Henry Demps performing fiddle music is included in the collections of American Music and Folklore at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC

Known nationwide for selling and trading instruments with other musicians

