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Cracker Barrel's First Time Out with Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out Makes for a Good Time for All

*Exclusive New Album, **Timeless Hits From the Past Bluegrass**, Available in Stores and at CrackerBarrel.com, Amazon and iTunes in January*

LEBANON, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Experience the classics at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store® this January with savory home-style cooking and the popular concept's latest exclusive CD release, **Timeless Hits From the Past Bluegrass**, by the honored and admired bluegrass band Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out. The 12-track album features newly recorded classic hits performed bluegrass style by the seven-consecutive-time IBMA Vocal Group of the Year and five-time IBMA Male Vocalist of the Year (Russell Moore), along with guest vocalists Pam Tillis and Sonya Isaacs. This exciting new album will be available at all Cracker Barrel® locations, CrackerBarrel.com, Amazon and iTunes, beginning Monday, January 7, 2013.

Having released over 17 albums throughout more than 20 years together, Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out stay true to their roots on **Timeless Hits From the Past Bluegrass**, recording classic songs that have placed an indelible mark on their career and shaped their musical style. These songs, which they've re-recorded with their own bluegrass flare, were originally recorded by George Jones and Tammy Wynette, Willie Nelson, The Osborne Brothers, Glen Campbell, Elvis, Merle Haggard, John Denver, Don Williams, JD Crowe & The New South, Travis Tritt and Gene Watson. Moreover, guest vocalists Sonya Isaacs (on "*Golden Ring*") and Pam Tillis (on "*John & Mary*") perfectly complement the group's award-winning rich vocal blends and crowd-pleasing instrumentation.

"We are thrilled to celebrate 20 years in the music industry with a new project with Cracker Barrel Old Country Store," said Russell Moore. "We can't think of a better way to do this than by sharing the music that has influenced us with our friends and fans, while reaching new audiences at the same time through this amazing collaboration! We love Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and when we're on tour and looking for a little piece of home, Cracker Barrel's front porches, friendly faces and home-style cooking are always a welcome sight!"

"We think **Timeless Hits From the Past Bluegrass** is a really terrific album from a remarkable band," said Cracker Barrel Marketing Manager Julie Craig. "We're thrilled to offer these classics done up bluegrass style to our Cracker Barrel guests. To be able to have all of these songs from one of the most acclaimed bands in the genre all on one disc is a rare thing and we hope this will become a true musical staple that people will treasure for years to come."

Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out will debut the new record for fans worldwide in an exclusive World Premiere on Sirius XM this December. For airdates, stay tuned to www.CrackerBarrel.com.

Timeless Hits From the Past Bluegrass Track Listing:

1. "*Gentle On My Mind*" (previously released by Glen Campbell, Elvis)
2. "*Modern Day Bonnie And Clyde*" (previously released by Travis Tritt)
3. "*Golden Ring*" (previously released by George Jones and Tammy Wynette) featuring Sonya Isaacs
4. "*The Old Home Place*" (previously released by JD Crowe & The New South)
5. "*Only You*" (previously released by The Platters)
6. "*Take Me Home Country Roads*" (previously released by John Denver)
7. "*My Window Faces The South*" (previously released by Willie Nelson)
8. "*Farewell Party*" (previously released by Gene Watson)
9. "*Big Spike Hammer*" (previously released by the Osborne Brothers)
10. "*Tulsa Time*" (previously released by Don Williams)
11. "*Mama Tried*" (previously released by Merle Haggard)
12. "*John and Mary*" (previously released in a different version by Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out featuring Pam Tillis)

About Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store provides a friendly home-away-from-home in its old country stores and restaurants. Guests are cared for like family while relaxing and enjoying real home-style food and shopping that's surprisingly unique, genuinely fun and reminiscent of America's country heritage...all at a fair price. The restaurant serves up delicious, home-style country food such as meatloaf and homemade chicken n' dumplings as well as its made from scratch biscuits using an old family recipe.

The authentic old country retail store is fun to shop and offers unique gifts and self-indulgences. Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (Nasdaq: CBRL) was established in 1969 in Lebanon, Tenn. and operates 620 company-owned locations in 42 states. Every Cracker Barrel unit is open seven days a week with hours Sunday through Thursday, 6 a.m. — 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. For more information, visit crackerbarrel.com.

About Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out

The International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) 5-time Male Vocalist of the Year Russell Moore is truly at the top of his game. Fronting one of the most popular bands in bluegrass history, Russell Moore & Illrd Tyme Out is celebrating 20 years as one of the genres most awarded and influential groups in modern day bluegrass. All in all, the band has garnered over 50 industry accolades since their inception in 1991 including being named the IBMA's Vocal Group of the Year seven consecutive years. Their a cappella renditions of many songs can rarely be matched and their superb instrumentation provides even more quality sound to their rich vocal blend featuring one of the most respected lead vocalists of all time. All this along with a heavy touring schedule, including many performances on the Grand Ole Opry as well as GAC and RFD channel programs, over 16 recordings to date, and a desire to present their fans with the best music possible, makes this "supergroup" one of bluegrass music's most recognized and in-demand bands. For more information, please visit www.iirdtymeout.com.

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