

## **Press Release**

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### **“Fridays on the Front Porch” Returns for Sixth Season to The Carolina Inn on April 25**

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (April 2, 2008) – The Carolina Inn begins the sixth season of its popular end-of-the-workweek celebration called “Fridays on the Front Porch” on Friday, April 25 from 5-8 p.m.

Live bluegrass music creates the perfect atmosphere for kicking back, relaxing and getting a jump on the weekend. The Inn offers its Southern Style Picnic menu with full bar service, and plenty of comfortable seating under the shady oaks and magnolias on the Inn’s front lawn. There is no cover charge for the event.

Fridays on the Front Porch features the music of some of North Carolina’s best bluegrass bands for 26 consecutive Fridays through the middle of October. One of the area’s most popular bands, Big Fat Gap, starts things off on Friday, April 25. The lineup for the rest of the series includes The Cadillac Stepbacks, Tony Williams, Black Swamp Bootleggers and Gray Boys.

#### **2008 Season**

April 25 – Big Fat Gap  
May 2 – The Cadillac Stepbacks  
May 9 – Tony Williams  
May 16 – Big Fat Gap  
May 23 – Big Fat Gap  
May 30 – Tony Williams  
June 6 – The Cadillac Stepbacks  
June 13 – Tony Williams  
June 20 – Big Fat Gap  
June 27 – Black Swamp Bootleggers  
July 4 – Tony Williams  
July 11 – Big Fat Gap  
July 18 – Black Swamp Bootleggers  
July 25 – The Cadillac Stepbacks

August 1 – Big Fat Gap  
August 8 – Gray Boys  
August 15 – Tony Williams  
August 22 – The Cadillac Stepbacks  
August 29 – Big Fat Gap  
September 5 – Black Swamp Bootleggers  
September 12 – Big Fat Gap  
September 19 – Tony Williams  
September 26 – The Cadillac Stepbacks  
October 3 – Big Fat Gap  
October 10 – Tony Williams  
October 17 – Big Fat Gap

**About The Carolina Inn**

Recognized as one of America’s “cultural resources worthy of preservation,” The Carolina Inn is listed on the National Register of Historic Places with elite status as a AAA Four Diamond Award Hotel and Mobil Four Star Award-Winning Dining at the Carolina Crossroads Restaurant. From the day it opened in 1924, the 184-room Inn has played an important role in the life of the University of North Carolina and the Chapel Hill community. And it has long been one of the most popular sites in North Carolina for special events, weddings, business meetings, and academic conferences with over 13,000 square feet of flexible meeting and event space. In addition to having a rich cultural history, The Carolina Inn is architecturally significant, blending elements of antebellum Southern plantation houses with Georgian and neoclassical features often found in the Northeast. The original front of the building was modeled after the Potomac River front of Mt. Vernon. [www.carolinainn.com](http://www.carolinainn.com)