

BROKEN COMPASS BLUEGRASS



WELCOME TO THE MARCH 2026 COMPASS CORRESPONDENCE

It's been a minute! We've been so busy we forgot to write... we're just getting off the road from one of the most fulfilling weekends of our careers:
WinterWonderGrass in Steamboat, CO.



Holy smokes! We started off the trip leaving early to avoid the snowstorm over the Sierras and made it to Colorado a day early where Sam and Mei Lin snowboarded/skied at Steamboat Resort the day before the festival kicked off.

We were extremely happy to welcome our good friend and banjo obliterator Nikolai Margulis to the band for our sets on Friday and Saturday. Some of y'all may remember that he played with us at WinterWonderGrass Tahoe in 2024. He's one of the most genius musicians we've ever gotten to collaborate with and we're so grateful he made the trek.



⚡ COLLABS ⚡

Billy Failing needs no introduction. He's the banjo player for Billy Strings and we've looked up to his groove and stylistic decisions for years. It was a last-minute surprise and highlight of our careers when we found out he was gonna make the time to sit in with us amongst his outrageously busy schedule. We've been covering his original song "So Many Miles" for a long time, so we asked if he'd be gracious enough to sing that with us. Spoiler alert, he was!



📷 photo by Jesse Faatz



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We invited our buddies Erik Hill (guitar) and Dylan Flynn (dobro) from [Magoo](#) to jam out with us on “Loser” on Sunday and they absolutely shredded. If you haven’t checked out Magoo yet, you’re missing out. We’re super inspired by their energy, audience connection, and musicianship. They’re doing great things for our music scene right now and we’re always happy to get to pick with them.

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On Friday, we had AJ Lee (artist-at-large and good friend) up to sing the bluegrass standard “I Wonder Where You Are Tonight” with us. She’s also from California and grew up at the same Father’s Day Bluegrass Festival we grew up at. She’s been exploding as of late, playing places like Red Rocks, The Grand Ole Opry, and The Ryman Auditorium and her singing and songwriting is some of the best on the planet.



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We’ve been waiting for the moment we’re playing the same festival as our friends The Mountain Grass Unit for forever. They’ve been taking over the scene, subbing in for Billy Strings at his own festival, Renewal, touring internationally, and claiming the IBMA Momentum Band of the Year in 2025. It’s a joy to represent the next generation of progressive grass music with them. We invited Luke Black (guitar) up for a guitar-duel rendition of Railroad Earth’s “Bird In A House,” where we accidentally ran the clock out, got our PA cut, and had to lean on the crowd to help us sing the last chorus! Not how we envisioned the song going, but it turned out to be such a special moment. (*The recording on [nugs](#) is intact because we record shows ourselves!)

We'd like to give a **special shoutout** to our wonderful manager/sound guy/van driver **Jeff!** He worked **HARD** this week, driving us 15 hours each way to Colorado and back, running sound for 8 sets throughout the festival (including adding a bunch of extra instruments/special guest sit ins), loading gear up and down gondolas, etc... He takes on a lot and we're just so grateful for his dedication to the JAM (here's an iconic photo we'll treasure forever of him dialing in sound for none other than **BILLY FAILING**)



UPCOMING EXCITEMENT



We are thrilled to be returning to the legendary **Crown Room at Crystal Bay Club** on Friday, March 27th! It's been over two years since we made our debut here and it's one of the most exhilarating venues we've ever gotten to play. It's a big space... so do us a favor by getting your tickets in advance and bringing as many friends as you can!

join the party

Lots of exciting things coming up in 2026, including the release of a brand new studio album. Thanks for being here. Cheers & jamgrass!

- The Compasses
Kyle, Django, Mei Lin & Sam

CATCH US ON TOUR

SAT, MAR 7

[Felton, CA](#)

Winter Warmer Festival
2026

RSVP

TICKETS

SUN, MAR 8

[Gilroy, CA](#)

Private House Concert -
Gilroy, CA presents Broken
Compass Bluegrass

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TICKETS

SAT, MAR 14

[Alpine Meadows, CA](#)

Alpine Meadows Après-Ski

RSVP

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SAT, MAR 21

[Walnut Creek, CA](#)

Community Concert Series
presents: Broken Compass
Bluegrass

RSVP

TICKETS

FRI, MAR 27

[Crystal Bay, NV](#)

Crown Room @ Crystal Bay
Casino presents Broken
Compass Bluegrass

RSVP

TICKETS

FRI, APR 3

[Arcata, CA](#)

RSVP

TICKETS

SAT, APR 11 Auburn, CA Auburn Odd Fellows presents: Wolf Jett + Broken Compass	RSVP	TICKETS
SAT, APR 18 Olympic Valley, CA A Little Dose of WONDERGRASS @ Palisades Tahoe	RSVP	FREE
THU, APR 23 Wilkesboro, NC MerleFest 2026	RSVP	TICKETS
FRI, MAY 1 Sacramento, CA SacYard Community Tap House	RSVP	NOTIFY ME
SAT, MAY 2 Alameda, CA Park Station - Alameda	RSVP	NOTIFY ME
SUN, MAY 3 Nicasio, CA Rancho Nicasio presents Broken Compass Bluegrass	RSVP	TICKETS
SUN, MAY 10 Nevada City, CA KylePalooza IV - Live at the Crazy Horse, Nevada City	RSVP	TICKETS
FRI, MAY 15 Chico, CA Broken Compass at the Barn - Chico, CA	RSVP	TICKETS
SAT, MAY 16 Healdsburg, CA Analog Reunion 2026	RSVP	TICKETS
