

Kyle Dillingham &
**HORSESHOE
ROAD**

2011 International Acoustic Music Awards Winner!

BIO

“Ken Burns and I travel all over the United States. After hearing your performance, we turned to each other and agreed that we had witnessed something amazing.”

— Paula Kerger, President of PBS

Get ready for a high energy, uplifting musical experience that blends captivating virtuosity and heartfelt sincerity. This very eclectic Americana band is full of surprises, and the group's passion for music can be seen in their performance.

Horseshoe Road is the 2011 International Acoustic Music Award winner in the Bluegrass/Country category.

In 2008, Horseshoe Road completed a U.S. Embassy sponsored tour of Thailand, which commemorated the 175th anniversary of relations between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Thailand. It was the first time an American band had ever performed in four of the five cities they toured.

They celebrated Oklahoma's centennial internationally through their performances on a tour of Japan and Thailand. They also filmed a documentary of this tour as an official OK Centennial Project, and performed 33 shows at the 2006 Oklahoma State Fair Centennial Expo on the Oklahoman Stage.

Opening for the Oak Ridge Boys was one of the many highlights of 2012, as well as the Charlie Daniels Band in 2013. Kyle and Horseshoe Road were selected by the U.S. State Department for a 5 week world tour through Taiwan, South Korea, Burma and Russia as part of the American Music Abroad program. Out of 300 bands nationwide, Horseshoe Road was one of 10 chosen for the 2012-2013 season.

Because of their overwhelming success with American Music Abroad, Horseshoe Road came highly recommended the following year to perform a July 4th concert for the President of Liberia, and tour that country as a part of the Cultural Crossroads program through the US State Department.

Kyle Dillingham is an Oklahoma violinist with nearly 20 years of international experience with performances in 36 countries. He received his bachelor's degree in instrumental music performance from Oklahoma City University where he also worked on staff for 3 years on a presidential appointment as Ambassador. He is an Oklahoma Creativity Ambassador and was a 2009 recipient of the Oklahoma Governor's Art's Award. Kyle also works as the Musical Ambassador in Residence at the University of Central Oklahoma, using his "musical diplomacy" to help develop and strengthen new overseas partnerships for the university.

While still in high school, Kyle was featured with Roy Clarke and twice on Nashville's Grand Ole Opry. He later toured with western-swing legend, Hank Thompson. He has performed for the King of Malaysia, the Princess of Thailand, Singapore's National Day Celebration, and his performance at the Beijing Central Conservatory was broadcast on Chinese national television. A frequent visitor to Washington D.C, he has performed for the Japanese, Thai and Saudi Arabian Ambassadors, to name a few. Kyle's work as a cultural emissary earned him the title of "Oklahoma's Musical Ambassador."

Kyle is one of the Journal Record's Achievers under 40; an elite list of selected young Oklahoman's making a difference in our state. He is also one of OKC Biz and Oklahoma Magazine's Top 40 Under 40, and the Edmond Sun's Business Times named Kyle one of their Top 20 Under 40. Kyle is a winner of the 2016 405 Magazine "Best of the City" awards for "Best Musician."

Kyle has championed the premiere of eight new works for solo violin with various symphony orchestras around the world, and he is proud to exclusively play Glasser Bows.

Kyle Dillingham and his band Horseshoe Road have been thrilling and inspiring audiences since 2005 with their high energy performances and they are winners of the 2016 Oklahoma Gazette Music Awards for "Best Americana/Folk."