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## **Silver Dollar City Nets International Award *Bluegrass & BBQ* Named Bluegrass Event of the Year by International Bluegrass Music Association**

(Branson, Mo. 9/29/2011) **Silver Dollar City's *Bluegrass & BBQ* festival has been named Bluegrass Event of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA).** The award was announced today in Nashville at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Convention of the IBMA, the world's largest organization of bluegrass music professionals.

"This award means a lot to us, as Silver Dollar City presents and preserves the best of America's cultural heritage, which includes bluegrass music," said D.A. Callaway, Silver Dollar City's Bluegrass & BBQ coordinator. "We have featured bluegrass for decades, but when we created an entire festival seven years ago, we were able to showcase the most talented artists, from bluegrass legends to rising stars, and the popularity of the event has continued to grow. Next spring's event will be bigger than ever."

Bluegrass & BBQ, one of the park's seven festivals and events, is set for May 10 – June 3 in 2012. The park is now presenting the *National Harvest Festival*, which runs through October 29, followed by *An Old Time Christmas* November 5 – December 30. For information: 800-831-4FUN(386) or [www.silverdollarcity.com](http://www.silverdollarcity.com).

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