

A LIFE *OF* SORROW



The life and times of

CARTER STANLEY

A THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE

by Gary Reid

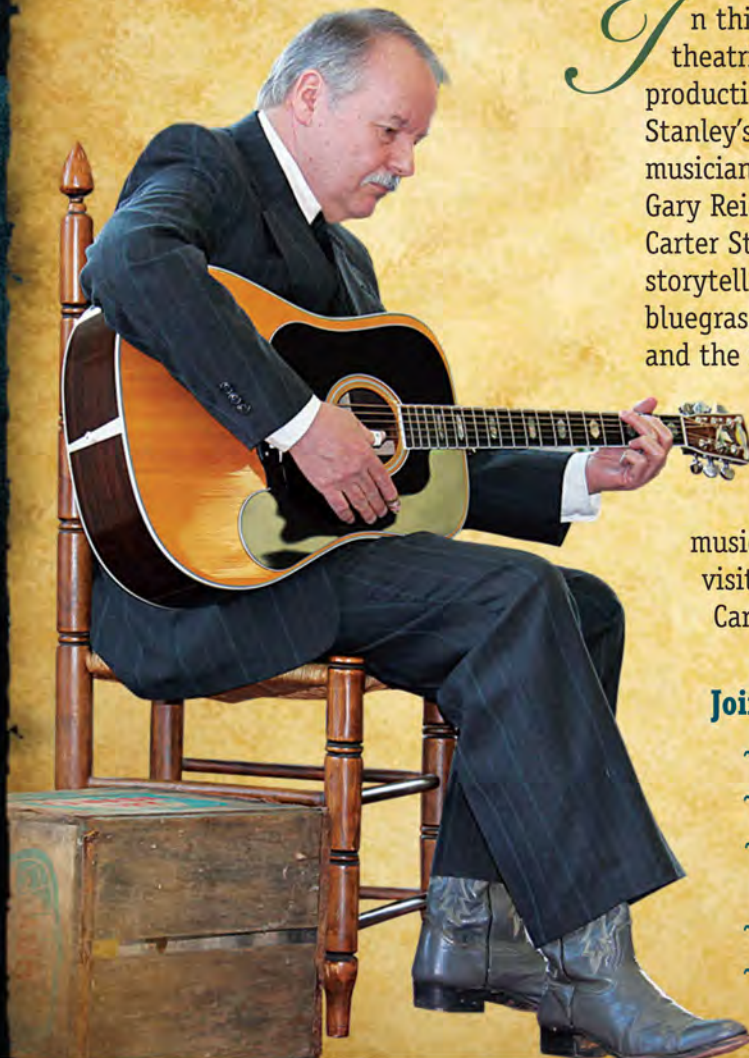
For 20 years, Carter Stanley helped lay the foundation of bluegrass music as one half of the Stanley Brothers Old-time Mountain Music Show. Carter's passion was playing music and enjoying the musician's way of life – the lights, the stage, the song, the applause, the adoration, the camaraderie, and the drink; the drink that stole the passion.

Gone from the music scene for nearly 50 years, his legacy has largely been forgotten with the passage of time. Until now.

He played
the music

He wrote
the songs

And he
self-destructed



In this dramatic theatrical production of Stanley's life, actor, musician, and writer Gary Reid **becomes** Carter Stanley. A storyteller, 40-year bluegrass veteran, and the foremost authority on the Stanley Brothers, in this performance Gary affords today's bluegrass and old-time music fans a chance to visit and reminisce with Carter Stanley.



Reid, a three-time winner of the IBMA award for Best Liner Notes, has had a long career as a record producer, historian, researcher, and writer.

Now he has turned his passion for music into

writing and performing this must-see dramatic presentation.

You'll spend an enjoyable evening with Reid as he brings to life events from the turbulent times of the "smoothest singer ever to come out of the Clinch Mountains."

Join Reid as he recounts events from Carter Stanley's life:

- ~ Childhood days on the family farm
- ~ His respect for the old-time musicians who influenced him
- ~ The roots of his music and songwriting, his fiercely independent nature, and his struggles with alcohol
- ~ His adventures on the road with colorful entertainers
- ~ His jealousies and insecurities

Angel Band by The Stanley Brothers



My latest sun is sinking fast, my race is nearly run.
My strongest trials now are past, my triumph has begun
O come Angel Band, come and around me stand
O bear me away on your snow white wings to my immortal home
O bear me away on your snow white wings
to my immortal home



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"We just won't be able to top your show...EVER."

Judy Reap, Smith Mountain Lake Newcomers Association, Moneta, Virginia.



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