

MICHAEL CLEVELAND

A close-up photograph of Michael Cleveland, a man with glasses and a plaid shirt, smiling as he plays a violin. The background is dark and out of focus.

GRAMMY® Winner
Best Bluegrass Album - *Tall Fiddler*

2026 GRAMMY® Nominee
Best Bluegrass Album - *Carter & Cleveland*

IBMA
2025 3-Time Award Winner
12-Time Fiddle Player
& 7-Time Instrumental Group
2022 - Heritage Fellow
National Endowment for the Arts

National Fiddler Hall of Fame Inductee

Full-Length Feature Film Documentary
Flamekeeper: The Michael Cleveland Story

Appearances & Press

- Grand Ole Opry
- Carnegie Hall
- Kennedy Center
- NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt
- MSNBC - The 11th Hour with Stephanie Ruhle
- Prairie Home Companion
- New York Times
- People Magazine
- Billboard
- Rolling Stone
- American Songwriter

Collaborations

- Louisville Orchestra
- Bela Fleck
- Tommy Emmanuel
- Billy Strings
- Jason Carter
- Vince Gill
- Marty Stuart
- Dolly Parton
- Alison Krauss
- Charlie Starr (Blackberry Smoke)

Social Media Stats

- Facebook: 153K Followers
- Instagram: 30K Followers

Michael Cleveland, widely regarded as the defining bluegrass fiddler of his generation, began performing professionally after high school with **Dale Ann Bradley** and **Rhonda Vincent** before forming his own band, **Flamekeeper**, in 2006—now a seven-time recipient of the IBMA's Instrumental Group of the Year award. A twelve-time IBMA Fiddle Player of the Year and 2018 National Fiddlers Hall of Fame inductee, Cleveland has toured and recorded with legendary artists including **Béla Fleck**, **Tommy Emmanuel**, **Billy Strings**, and **Vince Gill**. He is a four-time GRAMMY® nominee, including a nomination this year for Best Bluegrass Album with **Jason Carter** for their collaboration *Carter & Cleveland*, which also won IBMA's Album of the Year and Song of the Year ("Outrun the Rain") at this year's awards. Cleveland previously won a GRAMMY® for Best Bluegrass Album in 2019 for *Tall Fiddler*, the same year his inspiring journey was chronicled in the documentary *Flamekeeper: The Michael Cleveland Story*. A recipient of the NEA National Heritage Fellowship, he continues to expand his artistic reach—his masterful fiddle playing can even be heard in the newest season of *King of the Hill*.

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