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Blue Ridge Music Center Presents: American Piano Masters

Boogie woogie piano music will make the August evening even hotter on the 21st when Daryl Davis takes the stage at the Blue Ridge Music Center, located at milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

At 27, Davis inherited the role of pianist and vocalist for the Muddy Waters Legendary Blues Band from one of the founders of boogie woogie, Pinetop Perkins, who picked Davis for his slot with the band. Also an accomplished composer and author, Davis has only refined his piano skills in the 25 years since then. He's worked with Chuck Berry and The Coasters and was the featured pianist on Cephas & Wiggins' Grammy Award winning album, "Flip Flop and Fly." His own most recent CD features blues, rockabilly, rock 'n' roll, zydeco and country.

Davis will be joined by Galax-area pianist Gary Patton, who plays the beautiful Blue Ridge piano style developed generations ago by Al Hopkins and Woody Blevins. Guitarist Dempsey Patton and other guests will round out the evening's entertainment.

The concert starts at 7 pm Saturday with seating beginning at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$15. BRMC Concert Club members get a \$2 discount per ticket. This is an all ages event. Children 12 and under are free. Advance tickets and info are available online at www.blueridgemusiccenter.org or by calling the Blue Ridge Music Center at (276) 236-5309. Tickets will also be available at the gate.

The Blue Ridge Music Center is located at milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. No pets in the amphitheater or alcohol please. Picnic food is permitted. Concessions are available. Lawnchairs and blankets recommended. The Blue Ridge Music Center has evening concerts every weekend through mid-September in the outdoor amphitheater at the foot of beautiful Fisher Peak .

Aug 28, 2010

Paul Williams & The Victory Trio / Carl Jones & Beverly Smith \$15

Sept 4, 2010

Family Traditions Concert: Dale Jett & Hello Stranger/ The Sheets Family Band \$10

September 10,11,12 Blue Ridge Parkway 75th Anniversary Free

performances and activities at BRMC all weekend long including concerts

featuring: Sierra Hull Band, Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mountain Boys, Laura Boosinger

and Josh Goforth, The Churchmen, The Round Peak Boys, Phil Jamison and Buck Mountain Band. No reservations will be available.

<http://blueridgeparkway75.org/>

Mid-day Mountain Music: Pack your lunch and grab a lawn chair - we have free informal music presentations daily in our covered breezeway, starting around 12 noon.

The Blue Ridge Music Center is operated jointly by the National Park Service and the non-profit National Council for the Traditional Arts. Our hours of operation are 9-5 daily through October.