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Blue Ridge Music Center Presents:

Film - From Wood to Singing Guitar - Directed by Shawn Lind.

Galax, VA - The airing of this new film on the Appalshop label is our second to last Fall Heritage Series event at the Blue Ridge Music Center. Showtime is Sunday, October 11 at 2pm. Our special guest of honor will be director Shawn Lind who made the film. Admission: \$5

"...A nice visit to the shop here without having to travel to Rugby."
~Wayne Henderson

Grayson County, Virginia is home to an extraordinary number of celebrated musicians both past and present, and because of the passionate pursuit of traditional music among both the children and the adolescents of the area, there is confidence that the celebration will continue for future generations.

Nestled near the foot of Mount Rogers is the small town of Rugby, Virginia. It is here that one can find the home and workshop of Wayne Henderson, a skilled craftsman and respected musician. Wayne was taught and encouraged by those around him including the folk hero E.C. Ball and the kind and generous fiddle maker, Albert Hash. Henderson was awarded the National Endowment for the Art's National Heritage Fellowship for his work as a luthier and musician.

Producing over 400 guitars for the likes of Doc Watson and Eric Clapton, the quality of Wayne's instruments have created a famous waiting list of ten years. Equally as famous is Wayne's reputation for being generous, friendly, and very approachable as a musician and an instrument maker. Many travelers along the Crooked Road learn this first hand as visitors to Wayne's shop and music festival every year.

From Wood to Singing Guitar is a chance for those who can't make it to Rugby to have that same wonderful experience. This intimate film allows viewers the opportunity to watch a master practice his craft, hear a musician play the songs of his home, and visit with friends.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, October 18. 2pm-3pm

Showcase: Round Peak - A musical phenomenon in the Blue Ridge and around the world. Paul Brown and friends. Free.

The Blue Ridge Music Center is located at milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, near the Galax, Virginia exit. It is operated jointly by the National Park Service and National Council for the Traditional Arts. The Center's mission is to celebrate and honor the rich musical traditions of the Appalachian region. The Center is open for public visitation from 9 am to 5 pm daily through October. Informal music programs are presented most afternoons, Sunday through Friday. Admission to the Visitor Center is free.

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