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Blue Ridge Music Center Presents
The Red Stick Ramblers / Back-Step

Blue Ridge Music Center to kick off concert season

GALAX, Va. – Three members of the Red Stick Ramblers from Lafayette, Louisiana, will kick off the 2010 concert season Friday, May 28th at the Blue Ridge Music Center (milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway). The Music Center has evening concerts weekly through mid September in the outdoor amphitheater at the foot of beautiful Fisher Peak (only 10 miles from Galax).

The Redstick Ramblers will bring their jazz tinged, spicy blend of Cajun music from the deep South to Galax for the first time. In addition to Cajun tunes, the band will offer a mix of old-time, honky-tonk, swing and blues tunes that will captivate dancers and listeners alike. The Red Sticks new album, "My Suitcase is Always Packed" is their fifth album and second for Sugar Hill Records. It features traditional and original tunes and songs that are structurally daring and lyrically evocative, while still resounding proudly with the echoes of the traditions that inspired them.

Cajun music developed along the same timeline as local old-time and bluegrass traditions and has many of the same musical influences. This is a show not to be missed! Advance tickets are available.

Opening band for the show will be Back-Step, a great, traditional, Round Peak-style stringband from Mount Airy, N.C.

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. Admission: \$15. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Concert: 7pm. Seating begins at 5:30 p.m. the day of the show. No pets or alcohol. Picnic food is permitted. Lawnchairs, blankets, and flashlights recommended. Concessions are available. The Blue Ridge Music Center is operated jointly by the nonprofit National Council for the Traditional Arts and the National Park Service. Admission to the Music Center and gift store is free.*end* No virus found in this incoming message.