

The Blue Ridge Music Center  
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**Blue Ridge Music Center Presents Grammy nominee Claire Lynch**

**Singer, songwriter makes Music Center debut**

One of the finest singers and songwriters in bluegrass/country music, Claire Lynch, will be performing Saturday, July 10, 2010, for the first time at the Blue Ridge Music Center (milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway). The Claire Lynch Band will be joined by the Barr family which will leave its famous music store on Main Street in Galax, Va., to perform old songs and banjo breakdowns with very special guest, banjoist/fiddler Tony Ellis and other friends. Concert starts at 7 pm. Seating opens at 5:30 pm.

Claire Lynch has received many awards and accolades including two Grammy nominations and an IBMA (International Bluegrass Music Association) award for Female Vocalist of the Year and Best Bluegrass Album. Claire Lynch's single "My Florida Sunshine" was number two on the Bluegrass Unlimited National Bluegrass Survey for June, while her most recent album "Whatcha Gonna Do" was number three on the album chart. Lynch's songs have been recorded by Patty Loveless and other artists, and her harmonies have graced albums by Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton and Ralph Stanley.

Claire Lynch is a stellar songwriter and performer who crosses boundaries of style. She is beloved by audiences for her warmth and the charismatic performances of her original music which draws deeply from traditional bluegrass, folk, and country music genres. Performing on the same show is the Barr family, which sings traditional songs and plays blazing instrumentals as well. The family's musical friends have big reputations of their own and will not disappoint.

Tickets for this concert are \$15. BRMC Concert Club members get a \$2 discount per ticket. Call (276) 236-5309 x112 for info on how to join and save. This is an all ages event. Children 12 and under are free.

Advance tickets and info are available online at [www.blueridgemusiccenter.org](http://www.blueridgemusiccenter.org) or by calling the Blue Ridge Music Center at (276) 236-5309. Tickets will also be available at the gate. No pets or alcohol. Picnic food is permitted. Concessions are available. Lawnchairs, blankets, and flashlights 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 (only 10 miles from Galax).

Upcoming performances:

July 17, 2010 Clack Mountain / Zephyr Lightning Bolts \$10  
July 24, 2010 Larnell Starkey & The Spiritual Seven / Pathway Bluegrass Band \$15  
July 31, 2010 Kruger Brothers / John Lilly & the Cheating Hearts \$15  
Aug 8, 2010 Tony Rice Unit / Rich In Tradition \$20  
Aug 14, 2010 No Concert (Enjoy the 75th Annual Galax Fiddlers Convention)  
Aug 21, 2010 Piano Concert: Daryl Davis, Gary Patton & guests \$15  
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. Call (276) 236-5309 x112 for info.

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 nonprofit National Council for the Traditional Arts. Our hours of operation are 9-5 daily through October.

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