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Blue Ridge Music Center Presents:

Glorious Mountain Gospel!

The evening air will be filled with the sounds of praise and worship through vibrant songs Saturday, July 24, 2010, when the Blue Ridge Music Center presents Glorious Mountain Gospel at 7 p.m.

With the stellar gospel group, Larnell Starkey and the Spiritual Seven, and bluegrass-gospel band, Pathway, taking the stage, the theme might be not only an evening of worship in music, but families with decades of tradition in doing just that.

Larnell Starkey and the Spiritual Seven is a family group from Wirtz, Va., made up of brothers, sons and cousins who all attend Chestnut Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Some of the group's members have been singing together for 41 years, traveling the United States and spreading the gospel through song. Their music takes listeners back to the old quartet style of singing and embraces more contemporary sounds as well.

Pathway is based in Mount Airy, NC, and is made up of three brothers who've been playing together for years, a son of one of the brothers, and two friends. The group in its current formation came together in 2007. The band plays bluegrass and gospel, blending familiar tunes with original compositions.

The concert starts at 7 pm with seating beginning at 5:30 pm. 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 or by calling the Blue Ridge Music Center at (276) 236-5309. Tickets will also be available at the gate. No pets in the amphitheater or alcohol. Picnic food is permitted. Concessions are available on concert nights. 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 between the Fancy Gap and Galax exits.

Upcoming performances:

July 31, 2010 Kruger Brothers / John Lilly & the Cheating Hearts \$15

Aug 8, 2010 (Sun) 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 every day 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. It is located at milepost 213 on the
Blue Ridge Parkway. Our hours of operation are 9-5 daily through October.