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Blue Ridge Music Center Presents
The Hot Pickers Summit

Guitar Pickers Converge at Music Center

Those who appreciate good guitar picking know the reputation of guitarist and instrument-maker, Wayne Henderson. Accompanied by musical friends from as far afield as Washington State to Rugby, Virginia, Wayne and crew will be performing a not-to-be-missed concert at the Blue Ridge Music Center (milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway) on Friday, June 18.

At the Hot Pickers' Summit you will hear fast licks, down home stories and just plain, great music by guitarists and other instrumentalists too. The concert will be a prelude to the 16th Annual Wayne C. Henderson Music Festival and Guitar Competition to be held at Grayson Highlands State Park the next day.

Wayne's top-notch finger-picking is a source of great pleasure and pride to his friends, family, and neighbors in Grayson County and audiences world-wide. His guitar playing has been enjoyed at Carnegie Hall, on three national tours of "Masters of the Steel-String Guitar," and in seven nations in Europe, Asia and Africa. As well as being a renowned guitarist, Henderson is a luthier, producing about 20 instruments a year – mostly guitars and occasionally mandolins. Wayne's instruments are most respected for their volume, tone, and resonance and there is a waiting list for his guitars. He is a recipient of a 1995 National Heritage Award presented by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Opening the concert will be the amazing Quebe Sisters Band featuring three lovely, talented, champion fiddling sisters from Burleson, Texas, who bring a fresh, youthful energy to the rich musical traditions of the Lone Star State. Hulda, Sophia and Grace Quebe, ages 17, 20 and 21 respectively, play western swing, vintage country and traditional Texas fiddle tunes. What's more, they not only fiddle, but also sing, in perfect three-part harmony. It's as if the Andrews Sisters met Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys. The sisters' teacher and musical arranger, national fiddle and guitar champion Joey McKenzie, and bassist Drew Phelps complete the band.

Tickets for the whole Hot Pickers Summit show are only \$10. Get them while they last!

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. Become a BRMC Concert Club Member (only \$20) and save on tickets for the whole 2010 season! Admission:

\$10. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Concert: 7 p.m. Seating begins at 5:30 p.m. the day of the show. 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:

June 26, 2010 Gandydancer / New Ballards Branch Bogtrotters \$10

July 3, 2010 Holiday Concert: Crooked Road Ramblers / The Wolfe Brothers \$5

July 10, 2010 Claire Lynch Band / The Barr Family \$15

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 (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. See <http://blueridgeparkway75.org/> .