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## HOT DUCK SOUP AT MUSIC BY THE LAKE



The July Music by the Lake concert at Blue Ridge Community College will present Hot Duck Soup on Sunday, July 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. This free concert is sponsored by Community Enrichment in the Continuing Education Division.

Hot Duck Soup Novelty Jazz Band from Burnsville follows in the footsteps of Ragtime and Dixieland bands of long ago, playing old tunes like you have never heard them played. Formed in January 2005 by John D. Richards, banjo, and his wife Claudia Dunaway, cornet, they were soon joined by Rob Levin on guitar, Tim Clark on washtub bass, and Joy Boothe on cacophonium.

John Richards has been playing the banjo since the sixties and formed a small string band called 'The Loud & Brassy Progressively Moist Jazz Band' in 1974. After a move to Saint Augustine, Florida, he met and married Claudia Dunaway and together they showcased their artistic output in clay, glass, wire, paper, pewter, steel, and plaster. In 2003, they moved to Burnsville, North Carolina, and started 'Hot Duck Soup.' When she is not playing her cornet or ukulele, Claudia enjoys making stoneware and porcelain pottery.

Joy Boothe, who grew up in a musical family in south Alabama, dreamed of one day being a mermaid at Weeki Watchee Springs in Florida. She has been a teacher for many years and enjoys playing cacophonium and singing with Hot Duck Soup. Tim Clark studied composition at Eastman School of Music and was hired as composer-in-residence at the Strassenburgh Planetarium in Rochester, New

York as well as at the McLaughlin Planetarium in Toronto, Ontario where he did electronic music. After playing the synthesizer for years, he discovered the washtub bass, "the instrument I was born to play." Guitarist Rob Levin is an internationally known glassblower whose work is in numerous exhibitions and collections throughout the world. While living at Penland where he taught glassblowing at Penland School of Crafts and was also Resident Glassblower, he re-discovered the traditional mountain music of the Appalachians and wound up playing with two of the renowned fiddle players of the area.

The public is invited to bring a picnic and lawn chairs to enjoy an evening of music with friends and family beside the college lake. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will take place in the Thomas Auditorium in the Sink Building.

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