

Blue Ridge Community College

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The Blue Ridge Community College Concert Series will present pianist Ian Hominick on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:30 P.M. in Thomas Auditorium. The program will feature both lyrical and bravura works by a wide variety of Romantic composers. Ian Hominick began piano study in his native Nova Scotia at the age of seven. He attended Mount Allison University in New Brunswick and continued his studies in the United States under the tutelage of internationally acclaimed pianists Jerome Rose and Earl Wild. Since earning the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Ohio State University in 1991, Dr. Hominick has maintained an active schedule of concerts and masterclasses across the United States and Canada, including solo recitals in Chicago, Cincinnati, Ottawa, Montréal, Milwaukee and New York City. His performances have been broadcast on CBC Radio, Radio-Canada and National Public Radio. Dr. Hominick has been a member of the piano faculty at the University of Mississippi since 1999. Admission to the concert is \$10, payable at the door; admission for all students is only \$3. All concerts feature open (non-reserved) seating. Proceeds benefit the college's Community Enrichment Program. Thomas Auditorium is located in the Sink Building on BRCC's Henderson County campus. For more information, please contact Dr. Kevin Ayesh at 828-694-1860 or kevina@blueridge.edu.

To celebrate the spirit of the holiday season, Blue Ridge Community College will present the annual "Celebrate the Season Concert" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 4 in the Thomas Auditorium in the Sink Building on the Henderson County Campus. Everyone is invited to come join the festive celebration and admission is free. The evening of holiday music will begin with well-known pianist Kevin Ayesh, head of the music department at Blue Ridge Community College since 1992. The evening's entertainment will continue with Rosewood Trio, a group including flute, cello and harp, who will perform a selection of Christmas music. Pastyme, an a cappella octet, will sing carols in eight-part harmony. Braidstream, a musical ensemble from Asheville, will perform the grand finale. From Celtic to Baltic, classical to the edge of Jazz, Braidstream performs an eclectic mix of musical styles, backgrounds and cultures using flute, hammered dulcimer, guitar, sitar, cello, harp, keyboards, vocals and percussion. They have been performing since 1985 and have been the featured performers in Christmas at the Biltmore Estate filmed for HGTV and A&E. Mark Warwick, general manager of WTZQ AM 1600 Radio and a member of Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation Board of Directors, will serve as master of ceremonies. The evening will end with a reception in the gallery with splendid holiday treats prepared by Karen Conley of Cuisine Team. For more information about this holiday celebration, contact Martha Howell at (828) 694-1743 or at marthah@blueridge.edu.

Don't forget Tuesday's College Planning and Showcase of Programs at the Technology Building beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a free event for high school students and their parents. Participants can visit a showcase of Blue Ridge Community College programs. Faculty and admissions representative will be on hand to help answer any questions about the many programs of study available, as well as admission, financial aid, career opportunities, and navigating the transfer process. The showcase will continue until 8:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. Laura Misner, regional representative for College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC), will show students how using the CFNC web site (www.cfnc.org) can enhance their college planning process. High school counselors will provide a free workshop for high school seniors about applying for college. Valuable information will also be presented by counselors to juniors, sophomores, and freshmen about the college planning process. All activities will be held in the Blue Ridge Conference Hall in the Technology Education and Development Center at Blue Ridge Community College. Sessions are free and any area high school student and their parents are invited to attend. For more information, contact Rita Blythe at (828) 694-1817.