

# Blue Ridge Community College

# Times-News Column

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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 3 in the Thomas Auditorium in the Sink Building on the Henderson County Campus. Everyone is invited to join the festive celebration. 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, who will perform a selection of classical piano works appropriate for the holiday season. Dr. Ayesh, an award-winning pianist, received his bachelor of music degree at University of Texas at Austin and his master's and doctorate degrees at the University of Maryland where he was a student of Nelita True. The evening's entertainment will continue with Classical Strings Trio from Hendersonville Orchestra Symphony who will perform a selection of Christmas music. Pastyme, an a cappella octet, will sing carols in four-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](mailto:marthah@blueridge.edu).

The final showing of the drama program's fall production August: Osage County is today at 2:30 p.m. today. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door at the Patton Auditorium.

Early Registration for Spring Semester curriculum courses continues through December 1. The continuing education schedule of courses will be posted to the Web site this week and be mailed to homes the week of December 5.

Blue Ridge Community College administrative offices will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving and reopen for normal operation on Monday, November 29.

