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Celebrate the Season Concert

Blue Ridge Community College gives a free concert to the community

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, who will perform selections from Franz Liszt's Christmas Tree Suite, as well as the Finale of the B Minor sonata by Chopin. 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 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 (pictured left), 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.

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