

June 17 • 8 pm
Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium

Ricky Skaggs

and Kentucky Thunder

Tonight's program will be announced from the stage.
There will be one intermission.

A Brevard Music Center *Variations* Concert



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Ricky Skaggs



Sometimes in life, things come full circle. That's the story of Ricky Skaggs. By age 21, he was already considered a "recognized master" of one of America's most demanding art forms, but his career took him in other directions, catapulting him to popularity and success in the mainstream of country music. Now the road has brought him back to where it all began: bluegrass music.

2001 marked Ricky's 30th year as a professional musician, and this nine-time Grammy Award winner continues to do his part to lead the recent roots revival in music. Known affectionately today as bluegrass music's official ambassador, Ricky has brought the genre to greater levels of popularity in the past few years than the father of bluegrass music—legendary Bill Monroe—could ever have imagined. With seven consecutive Grammy nominated classics behind him, all from his self-owned record company, (*Bluegrass Rules!* in 1998, *Ancient Tones* in 1999, both *Soldier of the Cross* and *Big Mon: The Songs of Bill Monroe* in 2000, *History of the Future* in 2001, *Live at the Charleston Music Hall* in 2003 and *Brand New Strings* in 2005) bluegrass music is undoubtedly in good hands, with the masterful Ricky Skaggs at the helm.

Kentucky Thunder

Ricky Skaggs, vocals and mandolin • Andy Leftwich, fiddle • Cody Kilby, guitar
Paul Brewster, guitar and vocals • Darrin Vincent, guitar and vocals
Jim Mills, banjo • Mark Fain, bass

Coye Consultants, Inc.

Like many of us, Art and June Coye fell in love with Brevard while vacationing in Western North Carolina, retiring here in 1989. The retirement was short-lived as they quickly founded Coye Consultants, Inc. Coye is now the distributor of homeowner and landscape contractor equipment for The Toro Company in seven southeastern states, with sales exceeding \$40 million.

This evening, Coye Consultants is pleased to welcome their newest dealers to the Brevard Music Center and to the Toro family.

Additional support for tonight's concert is provided by the Susanne Marcus Collins Foundation.

Car Raffle

Winner's Choice: BMW X3 SUV, BMW Z4 Roadster 2.5i or BMW 325i Sedan

Only 999 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$100 each. This is a fund raising event, and all proceeds benefit the educational programs of the Brevard Music Center. The drawing will occur at the BMC concert on Sunday, August 7, 2005. Participants need not be present to win.

The BMW Z4 Roadster and X3 SUV will be on display in front of the Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium during weekend concerts. Entry forms are available at the car raffle tent and at the BMC Box Office. Use your Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express to order by phone (828-862-2100) or online at www.brevardmusic.org.

The raffle is made possible by Fletcher BMW, a sponsor of the Brevard Music Center's 2005 Season.

Upcoming Events

The **Pendergrast Family Patriotic Pops Concert** on Saturday, July 2, is the Brevard Music Center's annual concert celebrating America's Independence Day. The program features BMC's Transylvania Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band performing such classics as Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever* and Tchaikovsky's rousing *1812 Overture*, complete with real cannons.

Emmylou Harris will perform at the Brevard Music Center on July 12 as part of its *Variations* series. For twenty years, she has flowed effortlessly between musical styles, achieving popularity in pop, folk and country. "Music is like food, sustenance. You certainly don't do it for the spotlight—you do it for the amazing exhilaration of singing, the feeling of the music going through you."

BMC welcomes back the **Louisiana Repertory Jazz Ensemble** on July 29, a group known for recreating the original sound of New Orleans jazz. The nine-member group has toured throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia, but feels most at home in the same dance halls where the classic New Orleans bands first appeared.

Pendergrast Family Patriotic Pops: Saturday, July 2 at 7:30 pm

Variations: Emmylou Harris: Tuesday, July 12 at 8 pm

Louisiana Repertory Jazz Ensemble: Friday, July 29 at 7:30 pm

Please Note: Latecomers will be seated at the House Manager's discretion. No cameras, tape recorders, smoking or food in the auditorium. Please switch off all cell phones, pagers and watch alarms prior to this performance. Restrooms are located at the rear of Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium in the Box Office lobby, next to the refreshment stand and also in Thomas Hall.

The Brevard Music Center is grateful for the support received from the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources and the North Carolina Arts Council.