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Brevard Music Center Launches 2025 Summer Festival with Chopin, ABBA, Mendelssohn, and Bluegrass Legends

BREVARD, NC — June 17, 2025 — Brevard Music Center kicks off its 2025 Summer Festival this week with an unforgettable lineup that spans classical masterpieces, pop nostalgia, intimate chamber music, and high-energy bluegrass—all set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

On **Friday, June 20 at 7:30 PM**, acclaimed conductor **JoAnn Falletta** leads the **Brevard Music Center Orchestra** in a powerful **Opening Night** performance. Pianist **Eric Lu** performs **Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2**, in a program that also features works by Jennifer Higdon and Saint-Saëns.

On **Saturday, June 21 at 7:30 PM**, the world's premier ABBA tribute band takes the stage for *The Concert: A Tribute to ABBA*, delivering a dazzling night of chart-topping pop classics in full 70s style.

On **Sunday, June 22 at 3:00 PM**, rising star **Nathan Amaral** performs **Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto** with the **Brevard Sinfonia**, in a wide-ranging program that also includes Jennifer Higdon's *Cold Mountain Suite*, Tcherepnin's *La Princesse Lointaine*, and Tchaikovsky's *Francesca da Rimini*.

On **Monday, June 23 at 7:30 PM**, Brevard's Artist Faculty present *Debussy Dances*, a luminous evening of chamber music at **Parker Concert Hall**. The concert features

expressive works by Debussy, Jennifer Higdon, Shostakovich, and Nielsen—offering an intimate listening experience in one of the region’s most architecturally stunning venues.

Then on **Tuesday, June 24 at 7:30 PM**, Brevard welcomes back **Steep Canyon Rangers**—this time joined by the Brevard Festival Orchestra under the baton of Ken Lam. Co-presented with Mountain Song Productions, this genre-blending concert promises virtuosic playing, tight harmonies, and a joyful fusion of bluegrass and symphonic sound.

All performances take place at Brevard Music Center’s scenic campus venues, including **Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium** and **Parker Concert Hall**. Tickets and full season information are available at www.brevardmusic.org.

About Brevard Music Center

The **Brevard Music Center (BMC)** is one of the nation’s premier summer music training programs and festivals. Each summer, it welcomes nearly 1,000 gifted students of all ages, with broad national reach and growing international participation.

Under Keith Lockhart's artistic direction, BMC presents **over 100 public performances**, including **orchestra, opera, chamber music, jazz, bluegrass, and film with live orchestra**.

For nearly nine decades, BMC has provided **exceptional training** for young musicians who study with principal players from major symphonies, GRAMMY-winning composers, and world-renowned conductors and soloists. Legendary artists such as Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, Wynton Marsalis, Joshua Bell, Renée Fleming, and Béla Fleck have performed on BMC’s stages, reinforcing its tradition of musical excellence.

Beyond its celebrated summer festival, BMC’s **Parker Concert Hall Series** offers world-class performances year-round, enriching the local cultural landscape. **Learn more at brevardmusic.org**.

The 2025 Brevard Music Center Festival Season Sponsors are Jacquelyn and Bruce Rogow.

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