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Fiddle Forward with Casey Driessen Brings Genre-Bending Virtuosity to Brevard

BMC Presents • Co-presented with Mountain Song Productions

Sunday, August 24, 2025 • 7:30 PM • Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium

BREVARD, N.C. (Aug. 19, 2025) — Brevard Music Center (BMC), in partnership with Mountain Song Productions, presents “Fiddle Forward,” a genre-defying evening curated by visionary fiddler **Casey Driessen**. The culminating concert of BMC’s Blue Ridge Fiddle Camp, “Fiddle Forward” brings together an extraordinary lineup of musicians pushing the boundaries of traditional strings into uncharted territory.

Mountain Song Productions and BMC share a commitment to celebrating the musical traditions of this region while expanding the boundaries of what’s possible. The partnership began with a groundbreaking concert pairing The Steep Canyon Rangers with Brevard’s student orchestra and has since grown into some of the most innovative acoustic programming in the Southeast.

Launched in 2024 as part of the **Blue Ridge Music Camps**, a collaborative initiative between Brevard Music Center and Mountain Song Productions, the Blue Ridge Fiddle Camp draws adventurous string players from around the world for an intensive week of stylistic exploration. “Fiddle Forward” is the public’s only chance to hear the camp’s world-class faculty and select participants together, in a single night of genre-defying performance—an exhilarating mix of Appalachian roots, jazz, folk, and global influences.

Audiences will experience an eclectic fusion of bluegrass, jazz, world, and folk as Driessen is joined by genre-bending artists **Darol Anger, Kishi Bashi, Jenny Scheinman, Jamey Haddad, Zachary Brown, and Clay Ross**, along with surprise guests.

Tickets: Available at brevardmusic.org or by calling 828-862-2105.

Featured Artists

Casey Driessen (curator, five-string fiddle) — GRAMMY-nominated innovator known for his custom five-string fiddle, globe-spanning collaborations, and fearless genre-crossing.

Darol Anger (fiddle) — A pioneer in modern string music, co-founder of Turtle Island String Quartet and member of the David Grisman Quintet.

Kishi Bashi (violin/voice) — Acclaimed multi-instrumentalist, composer, and indie-pop artist renowned for his loop-based, cinematic performances.

Jenny Scheinman (violin/voice) — Critically acclaimed jazz and Americana violinist/vocalist with collaborations from Bill Frisell to Norah Jones.

Jamey Haddad (percussion) — World-music master percussionist, longtime collaborator with Paul Simon and Silkroad.

Clay Ross (guitar/voice) — GRAMMY-winning founder of Ranky Tanky, blending Gullah traditions with global jazz influences.

Zachary Brown (cello) — Cellist and founding member of Westbound Situation, blending chamber precision with bluegrass drive.

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 a 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, Yuja Wang, 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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