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3rd Annual Winter Concert Series Begins at the Colonial Theatre

An Area Tradition Presented by Local Band, Balsam Range

Canton, NC – The award-winning band, Balsam Range, kicked-off the start to a series of concerts at the [Colonial Theatre](#) from January through April, titled [“3rd Annual Winter Concert Series”](#).

Tickets are available at the Colonial Theatre Box Office Monday – Friday from 8am – 4pm at 53 Park St. Canton NC, 28716. This year guests can expect a [variety of musical delights](#) ranging in style and experience.

[Balsam Range](#) consists of five men native to this region. Bluegrass is what this band is about, but equally important are the aspects of Gospel and Country Music style that they bring to the stage. Balsam Range and John Driskell Hopkins, a member of the Zac Brown Band, performed on January 5th, initiating the start of the concert series.

“Balsam Range is a great band that draws visitors from all over the region to hear them perform,” explains Lynn Collins, Director of the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority. “They blend their bluegrass roots with folk, gospel and jazz, giving our tourists a satisfying taste of our musical heritage in Western North Carolina.”

Here is the list of remaining concerts:

Balsam Range & Missy Raines and The New Hip

<http://missyraines.com/>

When: Saturday, February 2nd

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Missy Raines & The New Hip blur the lines between jazz, bluegrass, and rhythm’n’blues -- redefining the acoustic/electric/hybrid landscape. The New Hip, led by multi award-winning bassist Missy Raines, delivers a powerful punch of groove-based lines, and soulful vocals.

Balsam Range & Cordle, Jackson and Salley

<http://www.larrycordle.com/>

When: Saturday, March 2nd

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Multi- Grammy award-winning trio Cordle, Jackson & Salley recorded the song "You're Running Wild," on the Louvin Brothers Tribute on Universal South Records, which features numerous country music stars singing songs made famous by the legendary duo. Entitled Livin', Lovin', Losin': Songs of the Louvin Brothers, this project won the 2004 Grammy for Country Album Of The Year. The trio tours across the country and performs the hits they wrote for others.

Balsam Range & Jim Hurst

<http://www.jimhurst.com/>

When: Saturday, April 6th

Time: 7:30 p.m.

To listen to Guitar Player of the Year, Jim Hurst is to be amazed by his tasteful and flawless performances. Perfect timing, tone and his unusual picking style have enchanted guitar players from the novice to his peers. It comes by no surprise that his musical mastery began with a musical upbringing paving the way for a winding and varied career path.

Along with its picturesque beauty, Haywood County offers year-round cultural, music, family-fun activities and special events. For more information, click

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