SkyBest Among Sponsors of An Appalachian Summer Festival’s Popular Series

SkyBest Communications will be among the Popular Series sponsors at An Appalachian Summer Festival, the monthlong summer arts program that features a variety of music, theatre, film and dance on the campus of Appalachian State University in Boone. Debuting in 1984 as a chamber music festival, it has developed over the years to become one of the nation’s largest regional multi-arts festivals with over 26,000 people in attendance each year. Presented by the Appalachian State University Office of Arts & Cultural Programs, the annual arts celebration is held every July on and around the university campus. For nearly a decade, the festival has been named one of the “Top Twenty Events in the Southeast” by the Southeast Tourism Society.

This year, SkyBest will be among the local sponsors of four Popular Series events in the Schaefer Center for Performing Arts featuring Michael McDonald, Matthew Morrison, Nickie Creek and Sheryl Crow.

Michael McDonald moved to Los Angeles in the early ‘70s, where he honed his skills as a session musician and singer which soon led to an invitation to join Steely Dan. Over the course of four classic albums, McDonald became an integral part of the group’s sound. In the mid-’70s, McDonald joined The Doobie Brothers, helping the band redefine their funky R & B sound as a singer, keyboardist and songwriter on Top 40 singles, including What A Fool Believes and Takin’ It To The Streets. During the ‘80s and ‘90s, his solo career zoomed from success to success on the wings of evergreen hits like On My Own (a duet with Patti LaBelle). Michael McDonald will perform in the Schaefer Center on Saturday evening, July 5.

From Broadway to Glee, Matthew Morrison performs some of Broadway’s greatest hits alongside the Greensboro Symphony on Saturday evening, July 12. Morrison is an Emmy, Tony and Golden Globe-nominated star, achieving recognition from the Satellite Awards and Screen Actors Guild Awards with titles such as Best Actor in a Series and Best Performance by an Ensemble in a Television Series–Comedy or Musical.

This year marks 25 years of music-making for the Grammy award-winning, multi-platinum selling, roots-music trio Nickel Creek. Composed of violinist Sara Watkins, guitarist Sean Watkins and mandolinist Chris Thile, Nickel Creek comes to life with a new album and U.S. tour for the first time.

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SkyLine/SkyBest Supports LMC Summer Theatre

SkyLine/SkyBest is pleased to be a corporate sponsor of the Lees-McRae Summer Theatre program again this year, which is celebrating ‘30 Years of Musicals in the High Country.’ This season, LMC Summer Theatre will present three diverse shows with tremendous music: Kiss Me, Kate, which opened June 29 and closes on July 6, A Grand Night for Singing, which opens on Wednesday, July 16, and Spamalot, which opens on Wednesday, August 6.

Kiss Me, Kate

Combining Shakespeare’s Taming of the Shrew with Porter’s music and lyrics to get Kiss Me, Kate an instant success with every cast and audience. This is a play-with-in-a-play where each cast member’s on-stage life is complicated by what is happening offstage.

Over three decades after the Rodgers and Hammerstein’s (R&H) final collaboration, The Sound of Music, took the ‘Great White Way’ by storm, it was in fact a new musical lovingly ripped off from the film, Monty Python and the Holy Grail from the original screenplay by Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin. Written by veteran Python member Eric Idle and music by John Du Prez and Eric Idle, “Spamalot” has garnered Tony and Grammy awards.

A Grand Night For Singing

For ticket and complete schedule information, visit www.lmc.edu.

Lightning: What to Do, Before, During and After

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WORTH NOTING:

Friday, July 4
SkyLine Customer Centers to Close for Holiday

American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life
Alleghany County Saturday, July 12
Avery County Friday, July 18
Ashe County High School Friday, July 25
Avery County High School

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Area Students Named Winners of Frank James-SkyLine Scholarship

Ten area high school seniors have been named recipients of the 2014 Frank James – SkyLine Scholarship. The scholarships honor the memory of longtime director and former SkyLine President Frank James and are awarded to children of SkyLine/SkyBest customers who reside in our five-county service area. The awards were announced at area high schools' Awards Day programs, and will be officially presented to the students at SkyLine's Annual Meeting in September.

Annually, SkyLine awards $1,000 scholarships, renewable for up to four years, to students pursuing a four-year college degree and $500 scholarships, renewable for up to two years, to students pursuing a community/technical college degree or vocational program.

Recipe of the Month

Slaw Dressing

Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup Kraft mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Black pepper to taste
- 1 medium cabbage

Instructions:
Mix together dressing ingredients and pour over chopped or shredded cabbage. You also may store dressing in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks – this amount will be enough for a medium head of cabbage. Add a few carrots, cucumber or onion to make it a little more colorful and tasty.

Recipe submitted by Frances Woods of Ashe County