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You won't want to miss this year's BCTMA Guitar event on January 9, 2016

The Beaufort County Traditional Music Association kicks off 2016 with their third annual "January Guitar Festival" on Saturday, January 9, 2016. This year's event has been expanded to an all-day, all-night Country-to-Casual, Pop and Jazz festival celebrating the talents of an All-Star line-up of musicians and vocalists. Performers from many Eastern Carolina counties will gather this year at the Arts of the Pamlico Turnage Showcase room to sing and play and celebrate another year of the BCTMA.

The January 9 Guitar Festival starts with the regular Saturday morning BCTMA open-jam from 10:00 to 1:00 PM. The lineup of guest performers / performances starts at 3:00 PM through 9:30 PM. (multiple acts of 35 minute sets). The Festival will showcase some of the most talented and popular guitar players and vocalists in Eastern Carolina. Food and beverages will be offered from La Bella Slices & Ices Pizzeria of Downtown Washington.

Some of the musicians returning to the event are popular area performers / guitarists like Pitt County's Steve Creech, BCTMA's Don Skinner, Beaufort County's Bill Walker; who will accompany vocalists Lyle Carlson , Edenton's Mark Sclafani and vocalist Tina Sclafani, Snow Hill's top percussionist Robert McGaughy, along with some new performers to the event. At the end of the evening many of the performers will join together for a special group jam.

This event has been one of the most attended events on the 2014 and 2015 BCTMA calendars. This year's line-up is sure to attract a large audience, also. Because this year's Guitar Festival will be at the Turnage, we expect that more people will have the opportunity enjoy the music at a time and length of their preference. However, seating space will be limited. The event is free / donation to BCTMA. Seating is open thru the front entrance of the Turnage Theater.

The BCTMA functions as a hosting non-profit organization that helps bring musicians together to learn, play and enjoy community musical endeavors and keep Traditional Music in the hearts and minds of Eastern Carolina residents and guests. The Turnage Theater at the Arts of the Pamlico is located on West Main Street in Washington, NC. For more information: <http://www.bctma.org> or contact the BCTMA at: bctma@ymail.com

BCTMA is a non-profit performing arts group focused on traditional music performance, education and community outreach. Founded in 2008, BCTMA has rapidly grown into an active group of musicians and supporters dedicated to nurturing and sharing their love of music. BCTMA does not receive support through public funding sources, but rather relies on memberships, fundraising projects and sponsorships to support these activities.

Performer Profiles and Performance Schedule

3:00 PM **Bob Daw- "One Man, One Guitar"**

- Bob Daw is a member of the BCTMA Board of Directors and one of the most popular entertainers at BCTMA events. At any time Bob can entertain an audience with over two hundred stage-ready songs. Bob especially enjoys singing and playing old pop and old traditional country songs and some of his original tunes, too. Bob will do double-duty as our MC for the event, too.

3:15 PM **Don Skinner-Guitar, Judy Skinner-Vocalist, Jesse Skinner-Guitar**

- Don Skinner is a member of the BCTMA Board of Directors and steering committee since its formation. He enjoys playing all types of music and plays several different instruments. He started playing guitar when he was 11 yrs. old and started playing with pick-up bands when he was 14. Has been active in bands his entire life. Most currently playing with The Skinner Family Trio doing light jazz and blues tunes. The trio also does Gospel music for churches.
- Judy Skinner is a member of the BCTMA Board of Directors and married to Don. She has been active in singing since she was old enough to walk. Judy was raised singing in church and has a natural gift for harmony.
- Jesse Skinner is Don's 15 year old son. Jesse plays mandolin, bass, acoustic and electric guitar and has been playing since he was 8yrs.old. He played bass in his middle school jazz band for 3 years and he has held down the position of mandolin player for Fishing Creek Bluegrass Band. Currently playing bass and guitar in the Skinner Family Trio.

4:00 PM **Steve Creech-Guitar, Emery Davis-Vocalist**

- Steve Creech is a guitarist and recording artist who resides in the Greenville area. He is a Kinston native who studied music formally through private lessons and courses at Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He performs both solo and with various musicians in more than 100 appearances per year all over Eastern North Carolina. Steve provides lots of musical opportunities for area musicians with his frequent "Steve Creech All Stars" performances.
- Emery Davis hails from Bethel and East Carolina University. A very popular singer/vocalist in Eastern Carolina, he specializes in jazz standards. Emery is comfortable with accompaniment from single guitar to full orchestra and has been the featured male vocalist with The Emerald City Big Band since 2004.

4:45 PM **Mark Sclafani-Guitar, Tina Sclafani-Vocalist**

- Mark Sclafani is a guitarist from Brooklyn, N.Y, who now resides with Tine Sclafani his wife in Edenton, NC. Early on Mark studied with TV orchestra guitarist Sid Margolis. After a brief tour with the rock group "Soul Survivors", he studied with jazz great Billy Bauer. Today Mark performs with Tina in the band "Riddle". He prefers playing swing style jazz.
- Tina Sclafani, vocalist, has performed with her husband Mark in various bands in New York and now in eastern North Carolina. A retired teacher, she always loved to sing, and since 2005 has been lead vocalist for "Riddle." Tina enjoys singing standards from the American Songbook, swing, Latin and ballads.

5:30 PM **Bill Walker-Guitar, Lyle Carlson-Vocalist**

- Bill Walker played for years with rock bands in NJ - mainly in the Newark and Jersey Shore areas. Today he lives in Cypress Landing. Bill prefers smooth jazz, standards and blues. He especially enjoys accompanying singers.
- Lyle has a great voice and a friendly singing style that audiences love. Lyle and Bill Walker formed a duet and have been entertaining together around the area.

6:15 PM **John Bradley-Guitar, Mark Rutledge-Guitar**

- John Bradley is the owner and creator of Redneck Guitars in Greenville, NC. John's guitars feature Sitka spruce tops and mahogany backs and sides for a high velocity sound and vibrant overtones. Curly maple necks and ebony fretboards convey a bright, crisp tone to every Redneck Guitar.
- Mark Rutledge is award-winning columnist and the editorial page editor for The Daily Reflector. He and John Bradley play together in Eastern Carolina. They love to play John Prine tunes. Their flat top pickin' style and fun vocal presentation fit right in with the BCTMA crowd.

7:00 PM J. D. Joyner-Guitar

- J.D. Joyner grew up in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and discovered his passion - and talent - for the guitar early on. He began playing at the age of 12 and his self-taught fingerstyle performances led to local recognition and stage time with various rock, jazz, country and gospel bands. J.D.'s talent has touched audiences far beyond the city limits of small-town Rocky Mount and has performed solo sets for events across the state of North Carolina all the way to Sri Lanka. He received official endorsement by C.F. Martin Guitars in 2004.

7:45 PM Wayne Stoeckert Trio

- Wayne Stoeckert and his trio last joined us for the June 6, 2015 BCTMA Open Mike night. Wayne is both a great guitar player and has a 100 Ton Masters U.S. Coast Guard License. He's been a professional musician for many years, Wayne has been known to pick up a guitar and sing a few songs for the sailors around the Carolina Wind Yachting Center.

8:30 PM J.B. Mayes-Guitar, John Benson-Guitar, Pamela Cox-Vocalist,

- Originally from Clayton, N.C., J.B. Mayes has lived in Greenville since graduating from ECU. J.B. has a versatile style that fits in a an acoustic duo or an electric rock/country band. Look for him as the lead guitar player in Tiki Roadhouse, playing and singing with John Benson, or performing many of his original songs as a soloist anywhere from Clayton, to Greenville, to Washington. J.B. has two instrumental cd's available on iTunes: "Songs for the Ride home" and "Blue Eyed Sigh".
- John Benson is one of the more prolific singer / songwriter /performers in the Eastern Carolina region. John began as a vocalist in the 1960's and played in sever rock bands including The Grapes of Wrath from Jacksonville NC. Since going solo in 1970, John has performed in clubs and partys in San Francisco, Reno, Lake Tahoe, Tokyo and Yokosuka Japan. He settled in Greenville in the 80's and has played in almost every venue in the area either alone or with J.B. Mayes.
- Pamela Cox is a familiar performer at the BCTMA. She is a member of the local group "RiverSong Trio." Pam classically trained vocalist from East Carolina University who also studied jazz vocals with Carroll Dashiell, she now enjoys singing gospel, country, blues and folk music.

9:05 PM Guitar Jam

Robert McGaughy-Percussion, Jay Costello-Bass

- Robert McGaughy lives in Snow Hill and has enjoyed playing music since grade school. For the last 14 years Robert has played drums in a trio band called "Borderline", playing a variety of new/old country, southern rock, and "oldies". When not playing music, Robert pilots a corporate jet for a Greenville-based company.
- Jay Costello is a member of the BCTMA Board of Directors and the bass player in both Midlife Crysis and Tiki Roadhouse.

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Saturday, January 9, 2016.**

SetTimes		Performers	
From	To		
3:00	3:10	Set #1	Bob Daw
3:15	3:50	Set #2	Don Skinner and Family
3:50	4:00	<i>Set-up</i>	
4:00	4:35	Set #3	Steve Creech and Emery Davis
4:35	4:45	<i>Set-up</i>	
4:45	5:20	Set #4	Mark and Tina Sclafani
5:20	5:30	<i>Set-up</i>	
5:30	6:05	Set #5	Bill Walker and Lyle Carlson
6:05	6:15	<i>Set-up</i>	
6:15	6:50	Set #6	John Bradley & Mark Rutledge
6:50	7:00	<i>Set-up</i>	
7:00	7:35	Set #7	J.D. Joyner
7:35	7:45	<i>Set-up</i>	
7:45	8:20	Set #8	Wayne Stoeckert Trio
8:20	8:30	<i>Set-up</i>	
8:30	9:05	Set #9	John Benson and J.B. Mayes
			with Pam Cox
9:05	9:30	Jam Set	Guitar Jam
			Robert McGaughy (Drums)
			Jay Costello (Bass)