

**BLUE RIDGE MUSIC HALL OF FAME & CMW
PRESENT DOUBLE HEADER**

Inductees Announced and CD Introduced to the Public

On Saturday, January 24th at 7 p.m. at the Wilkes Heritage Museum in Wilkesboro, the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame will announce their 2009 inductees and Carolina Music Ways will introduce its debut CD: *All Roads Lead Home: A Heritage Sampler from North Carolina's Yadkin Valley Region*. Entertainment will be by Mel Jones & Danny Wicker (Piedmont blues), Joe Robinson (jazz), and the Grasshoppers (bluegrass/Americana). The event is free.

The Wilkes Heritage Museum is located at 100 E. Main St., Wilkesboro, NC, 28697. For more information about the event, the museum, and the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame (located in the museum), call (336) 667-3171 or visit
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Doors will open at 7pm. At 7:15 there will be a press conference open to the public announcing the names of the Blue Ridge Hall of Fame's 2009 inductees, as well as introducing to the public CMW's debut CD. Mel Jones and Danny Wicker, Joe Robinson, and R.G. Absher of the Grasshoppers are all performers on the CD.

Wicker & Jones is an award-winning, crowd-pleasing blues duo, very popular in the region and beyond. Jazz trumpeter, Joe Robinson, was recently named a North Carolina musical "living legend" by Latitude magazine. He is a founding member of CMW and dedicated to area music heritage education and preservation. R.G. Absher is a popular bluegrass/Americana/Celtic performer around the region and state. He is a board member of both the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame and CMW.

CMW is very pleased to officially launch the release of *All Roads Lead Home* at the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame in Wilkesboro. Both organizations share a love for the music traditions of the greater Blue Ridge and Yadkin Valley regions, and are dedicated to shedding light on the very talented and dedicated heritage musicians who keep the music traditions alive.

All Roads Lead Home is the first-ever CD showcasing the diverse heritage musicians of the Yadkin Valley region. It features some of the region's best bluegrass, old time, jazz, blues, gospel, and Moravian performers, including the Twin City Choristers, Rex McGee, Kirk Sutphin, Giannini Brass, Matt Kendrick, Mel Jones & Danny Wicker, the Moravian Church Choir, Bishop John Heath, Ron Hunter, Joe Robinson, R.G. Absher, and the Dan River Boys.

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Wicker & Jones



Joe Robinson



R.G. Absher of the Grasshoppers

