

## “Summer Evening in Webster”

Summer Evening in Webster is a long running concert series held each Sunday evening during the month of July. It began in 1981 under the sponsorship of the Webster Historical Society and organized largely by Webster resident and unofficial historian, Joe Rhinehart. Joe said Professor Robert Lee Madison (founder of Western Carolina University and also a Webster resident) was the inspiration for the concerts. On summer evenings Prof. Madison would play violin on his front porch while his wife would play piano inside the house with the window open. People would stop by to listen. This summer the series continues. The public is invited to attend the free concerts which take place at the historic Webster United Methodist Church. Concerts begin at 6:00 with a reception afterward. There will be a fundraiser spaghetti dinner on July 19<sup>th</sup> before the evening performance (details below).

### July 5 – Ralph Murphy

Classically trained baritone, Ralph is a member of the Western Carolina Community Chorus, served 22yrs as choir director of Bryson City United Methodist Church and is co-founder of the Celtic group, Beansidhe. He will be presenting a program of folk and gospel songs.

### July 12 – Beansidhe

Beansidhe (pronounced Ban-chee) is an acoustic Celtic band located in Western North Carolina. Their music comprises Irish jigs, ballads, and reels in the most authentic traditional sense. You will hear the Celtic drum, guitar, fiddle, harp and recorder. This group has played at the John C. Campbell Folk School, Haywood Council of Performing Arts, Smoky Mountain Community Theater, and other venues.

### \*July 19 – Front Porch Pickers

This is a group of eclectic musicians who have played together for nearly 10 years and collectively have 183 years of musical experience. Each member brings their own musical style which is evident in the selections they will play; songs ranging from Country, Folk, to Pop and Gospel. Instruments played will be violin, guitar, dulcimer, recorder and many others.

### July 26 – Duncan Lemay

Sylva native, Duncan Lemay, will be performing with a combo of Michael Collins (bass), Cara Morgan (vocals), and Glen Basham (violin). They will play selections from the Great American Songbook, (a period of popular music from the 1920's to the 1950's) and also Broadway tunes.

\*Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 5:00-6:30, \$12 for adults; \$8.00 children 10 and under. Held on the front lawn of Webster United Methodist Church (July 19, 2026)

Meal will include: spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, bottled water and watermelon