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ASHEVILLE, NC | August 17th, 2023 – **The Blue Ridge Orchestra’s Season Opener features Halloween favorites from classical, movie, and Broadway traditions.**

The Blue Ridge Orchestra leads off its 2023-2024 season with *The Well-Tempered Wizard*, a Halloween-themed concert presented at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in Charles Beall Auditorium, Haywood Community College, and on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in Lipinsky Auditorium, UNC Asheville. Audience members are encouraged to don costumes and add to the fun of these family-friendly performances.

From the opening chords of Bach’s celebrated *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor* to the closing strains from the score of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*, Music Director Milton Crofts has designed a program that evokes the spirit of Halloween. Works from the classical music world—Mozart’s *Don Giovanni Overture*, Saint-Saëns’ *Danse Macabre*, and Grieg’s *In the Hall of the Mountain King*—are complemented with selections from Broadway’s *Wicked* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.

The Orchestra is delighted to extend its collaboration with Haywood Community College, where one of our October and December programs will be performed this season, with proceeds benefitting HCC students. Community outreach—sharing fine music with all of Western North Carolina—is central to the ensemble’s mission. *The Well-Tempered Wizard* is sure to put the ghosts and goblins of both Buncombe and Haywood counties in the mood for a happy musical Halloween.

**Details: Blue Ridge Orchestra’s *The Well-Tempered Wizard***

Saturday, October 28th, 2023, 3:00 pm  
Charles Beall Auditorium, Haywood Community College  
185 Freedlander Drive, Clyde, NC

Sunday, October 29th, 2023, 3:00 pm  
Lipinsky Auditorium, UNC Asheville  
300 Library Lane, Asheville, NC

**Tickets:** \$25 General Admission, \$15 Students, Free under age 5

**Tickets:** \$20 General Admission, \$15 Friends, \$5 Students, Free age 6 and under

**Info:** <https://blueridgeorchestra.org/well-tempered-wizard-oct-23>

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