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## **BridgeValley Community and Technical College Hosts Virtual Benefit Concert to Support the NEST Food Pantry**

(South Charleston, W. VA) - BridgeValley Community and Technical College is hosting a virtual, pre-recorded benefit concert this Saturday, June 20 during the exact summer solstice at **5:43 p.m. EST**, celebrating the beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere when the sun reaches its most northerly point in Earth's sky.

The benefit concert is sponsored by BridgeValley CTC to raise money to support BridgeValley NEST (Nourish Every Student Today) Food Pantry. NEST's mission is to provide BridgeValley students in need with necessary resources such as non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products, cold weather clothing, and school supplies.

Bands from across the country are joining to support the cause and kick-off the summer solstice, including artists from New Orleans, Memphis, Charleston, Rochester and New York. Participating bands are as follows:

### **Dr. Lo**

Doctor Lo Faber is a singer, songwriter, bandleader and producer who founded legendary jam band God Street Wine in 1988 and went on to produce two ambitious rock operas before detouring into a Ph. D. and seven years as a college professor, which led to his nickname "Doctor Lo".

After briefly attending college, Faber dropped out to hit the road with God Street Wine, which built a massive following as a touring band in the early 90s that eventually led to a record deal with Geffen in 1994 and tours with such artists as the Allman Brothers, Black Crowes, Bruce Hornsby, and Bob Dylan. Before breaking up in 1999, the band had built a massive following through constant touring and released five albums that cemented their reputation as one of the first generation jambands.

Now he returns to a full time music career with his first solo record in 15 years, "Bottomland," and will be touring this fall in a Duo with bassist Tom Pirozzi.

Dale and Jacob Harper - The Highlanders

Ever-evolving, The Highlanders, featuring father and son duo Dale and Jacob Harper, peppers in many original compositions that feel like they could have been written during a time when "Country Music" was much different from today's offerings. Fans appreciate a great laundry list of standards that patrons of all ages can enjoy!

Drawing from a repertoire from nearly a half century of musical history, from winning a regional "Battle of the Bands" to opening for Merle Haggard! The Highlanders music incorporates the stylings of Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, and Johnny Cash's music from the 1960s and on, as well as influences from the more contemporary music of Chris Stapleton, Jamey Johnson, Blake Shelton and many more.

Proud to display their Scottish heritage, the name Highlander derives from the Harpers' ancestral roots.

### Tyler Westcott - Folkfaces

Tyler Westcott, a professional musician, singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, is a fan of music history and its roots. Specializing in original songwriting, folk, country blues, traditional jazz, bluegrass and old time, western swing, and more, he is armed with a guitar, banjo, harmonica, and voice that will guide you through a myriad of genres and decades of eclectic roots music while seamlessly weaving in his own original cuts. Westcott founded popular Western New York based eclectic roots band Folkfaces in 2011, As well as traditional jazz outfit Banjo Juice Jazz Band in 2017 and Gypsy Jazz band The Paper Roses in 2019.

Westcott also started an annual burlesque and can drive/music event called "Brassband, Dixieland, Americana & Burlesque" the event benefits local homeless shelter and soup kitchen "Friends of Night People". The event is coming up on its 8th year.

In addition to performing at festivals across New York state and beyond, Tyler and his band started their own music festival in 2018 "Folkfaces Fest," hosting Grammy award winner Dom Flemons, Aaron Jonah Lewis, Woody Pines, Cristina Vane and many others in an event that has been running strong for two years.

### Bob Kelsey - Memphis Deep

Memphis Deep is a three piece band from Memphis, TN that plays original music and original arrangements of covers ranging from blues to roots rock and soul. The trio features Robert M. Kelsey on guitar and vocals, Leroy Clay on drums, and David Dunn on bass.

Kelsey and Clay were formerly part of the rhythm section for the Brian Hawkins Blues Party, playing weekly on Beale Street and at other mid-South venues and events from 2015 to 2017, with Dunn joining them for the last six months of their run. Kelsey and Dunn also played together as members of the house band for the fabled Wild Bill's Blues Club from 2016 to 2017.

Kelsey's guitar playing is lyrical and dynamic, evoking elements of B.B. King, Freddie King, Otis Rush, Roy Buchanan, Eric Clapton, David Gilmour, and Jimi Hendrix, among others. Clay, a former U.S. Air Force drummer, is a propulsive and swinging force of nature, and Dunn's bass playing lays the kind of soulful, rock-solid foundation that you would expect from a member of a legendary Memphis bass playing family. Together this trio delivers a unique and powerful blend of blues-infused music full of improvisational energy and synergy.

### Bob Bunce - Rural Delivery

Born in an Erie Railway Station sometime in the late 1940's, Bob has been a musician since age 7 when his parents bought him an accordion and

encouraged him to take lessons. He lost interest during the "British Invasion" of the mid 1960's, dropping the accordion like a hot potato and started playing bass guitar in a garage band because the girls liked guys in bands.

Over the years Bob has always had his finger in some sort of musical pie, and developed his songwriting skills in the 1990's, producing several cassette releases from his first home studio.

He has since released 5 CDs with his supporting band "Rural Delivery" on his own 'Mr Bigtunes' label. Currently Bob is recording a solo album in his 'Drop Edge O'Yonder' studio, located somewhere on a dirt road in Groveland, NY.

Warren Joad Experience will also be performing.

To view the concert, visit <https://vimeo.com/channels/nestconcert>

Donations collected during the benefit concert directly support BridgeValley NEST Food Pantry and can be made here: <http://www.bridgevalleyfoundation.com/donate>

**BridgeValley**  
BRIDGE VALLEY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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**WHEN:**  
5:43pm June 20th (exact summer solstice)

**Donate at this link**  
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### Featuring

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 <b>Bob Bunce</b> Rural Delivery	 <b>Tyler Wescott</b> FolkFaces	 <b>Warren Joad</b> Warren Joad Experience

### About BridgeValley Community and Technical College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities. BridgeValley Community and Technical College serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.

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