

The Schaefer Center Presents  
2017-18 Season

# BLACK VIOLIN



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## **BLACK VIOLIN**

Black Violin is led by classically trained string players Wil B. (viola) and Kev Marcus (violin), and joined onstage by DJ SPS and drummer Nat Stokes. The band uses their unique blend of classical and hip-hop music to overcome stereotypes while encouraging people of all ages, races, and economic backgrounds to join together to break down cultural barriers. In the past 12 months, the band has performed for over 100,000 students in the US and Europe, and has partnered with Yamaha EDU and NAMM (National Association of Music Manufactures) to continue supporting music education.

Black Violin, along side artists such as Yo-Yo Ma and Elton John, recently joined with Turnaround Arts to bring arts education to struggling schools in underserved communities. Turnaround Arts is a program of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and the President's Committee. In addition, Black Violin has composed for a major FOX Television original, and has been featured by ESPN as the official artist of the 2017 US Open (tennis) and 2016 & 2017 Heisman Trophy Award ceremonies. They have been featured on The Tonight Show, Ellen, The Wendy William's Show, NPR, and more.

The group has collaborated professionally or performed with multiple well known artists including Kanye West, Aerosmith, Tom Petty, Wu-Tang Clan, Wyclef Jean and Alicia Keys. Their most recent album release, Stereotypes, hit #1 on Billboard's Classical Crossover chart and #4 on Billboard's R&B Chart.

Twitter: @blackviolin

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# WATAUGA COUNTY SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

## **Watauga County High School:**

Skylynn Fickling  
Jon Jones  
Holden Miller  
Ben Dewey  
Kendall Reece  
Terran Julian  
Charlie Hartmann  
John Desautels  
Ethan Turner  
Faith Abi Haydar  
Ryan Lawrence

## **Hardin Park School:**

Nick Thaxton  
Ellery Rushing  
Carter Hiatt  
Zac Brooks  
Ilani Obando  
Gavin Allen  
Matthew Taubman  
Marley Robinson  
Sam Nystrom  
Sienna Davidson  
Kate McCullough  
Luke Hunter  
Ella Triplett  
Nathan Bishop  
Chase Perry  
Ann Mellon

## **Valle Crucis School:**

Jaidyn Toomey  
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## **Blowing Rock School:**

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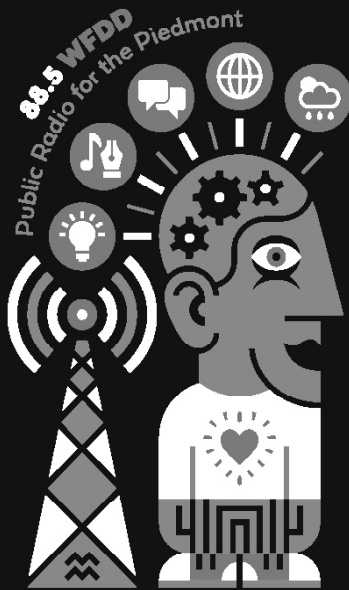
*The Schaefer Center Presents supports the teaching mission of Appalachian State University by offering a diverse array of music, dance and theatre events designed to enrich the cultural, educational and economic landscape of the campus and surrounding region. By creating memorable performance experiences and related educational and outreach activities, the series promotes the power and excitement of the live performance experience; provides a "window on the world" through the artistry of nationally and internationally renowned artists; and showcases some of the finest artists of our region.*

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July 1, 5, 22, 25

Weicholz Global Film Series  
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 3

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet  
July 11

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