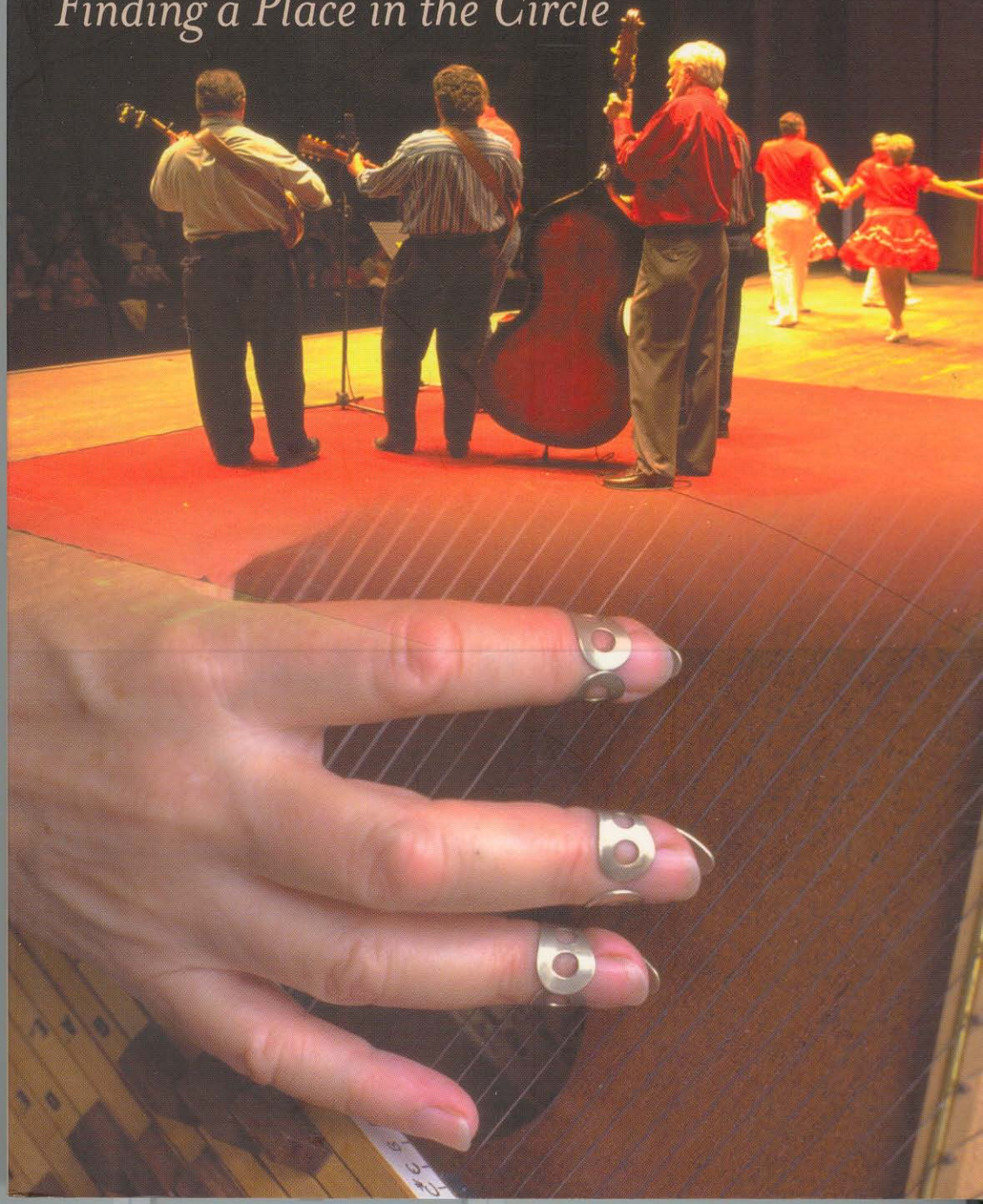


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# BLUE RIDGE MUSIC TRAILS

*Finding a Place in the Circle*



*"The movie O Brother,  
Where Art Thou? did  
its part in spreading the  
sounds North Carolini-  
ans have cherished for  
centuries. That's all the  
more reason the guide-  
book will be a treasure—  
for these newly created  
aficionados as well as  
folks who have loved  
the music for years but  
haven't known where to  
find it being performed  
live. Now they can go  
to the source."*

#### Our State

*"Yes, the Blue Ridge  
Mountains are alive  
with music, but you need  
to know when to go,  
and where you will be  
welcomed. The answers  
are here."*

*Joe Wilson,  
National Council for  
the Traditional Arts*

The Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and Virginia are the heart of a region where traditional music and dance are performed and celebrated as nowhere else in America. This guide will put you on the trail to discover 160 sites where this unique musical legacy thrives.

- Covers bluegrass and stringband music, ballad singing, fiddling, shape-note singing, gospel music, clogging, and other traditional forms of music and dance.
- Highlights 160 venues and events, ranging from the workshops of master instrument makers to small, local jam sessions to well-known festivals that draw thousands of fans.
- Includes driving directions, maps, and contact information.
- Filled with color illustrations, profiles of prominent musicians, a brief history of Blue Ridge music, and a calendar of annual events.

The Blue Ridge Music Trails are a project of the Blue Ridge Heritage Initiative and its partners, the North Carolina Arts Council, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Blue Ridge Institute and Museum of Ferrum College, the North Carolina Folklife Institute, and the Blue Ridge Parkway, National Park Service.

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