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The Hills Are Alive....



Long Point String Band

The sound of music can be found from border to border in West Virginia, from the highest mountain to a sweet spot down the holler. And for those of you that think country or bluegrass when you think of West Virginia music – you are right. But West Virginia music is so much more.

After all, how many states can claim a world class fiddler as a United States Senator? Yes, Robert C. Byrd was a well-know elder statesman and Senate historian but he was also reknowned for his musical skills and was fortunate enough to perform on the stage at the Grand Ole Opry.

West Virginia claims many famous musicians among its sons and daughters including Kathy Mattea, Brad Paisley, Asleep at the Wheel,

Johnny Paycheck and Country Music Hall of Fame inductee, Little Jimmy Dickens. But the list also includes musical greats from other genres such as Bill Withers and polka legend Frankie Yankovic,

If you prefer the more classical sound of a symphony orchestra, you can also find something to your taste

in West Virginia. Symphony orchestras can be found in several West Virginia communities including the West Virginia University Symphony Orchestra in Morgantown, a Designated Retirement Community. Charleston is home to the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra which makes a point of traveling across the state to perform for audiences who may not be able to travel to the state capital to see a performance.

Charleston is also home to NPR's Mountain Stage. Produced in West Virginia and distributed by NPR, each two hour episode of Mountain Stage can be heard every week on more than 150 stations across America, and around the world. For more than 30 years, Mountain Stage has been recorded live and features performances from seasoned legends and emerging stars in genres ranging from folk, blues and country to indie rock, synth pop, world music, alternative, and beyond. Call and get a ticket!

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The Nutcracker (Beckley Dance Theater) - photo courtesy of The Register-Herald

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