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Mark O'Connor Will Teach All Ages and Skill Levels on March 23

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Mark O'Connor, four-time Grand Master National Champion and three-time Grammy winner, will teach students of all ages and skill levels on March 23 at Gardner-Webb University. The string workshop for beginning students to professionals will be held from 2-7 p.m. on the second floor of Gardner Hall.

O'Connor will teach technique, improvisation, bowings, folk music, bluegrass, jazz, country and all-American styles. The O'Connor Method is designed to guide students gradually through the development of pedagogical and musical techniques necessary to become proficient, well-rounded musicians. The 10-book series for all strings incorporates some of America's most endearing music to develop left-hand technique, bowing skill and ear training.



At age 13, O'Connor became the youngest person ever to win the Grand Master Fiddler Championships. In his 20s, he was a member of the acoustic band, Strength in Numbers, with music legends, Béla Fleck, Sam Bush, Jerry Douglas and Edgar Meyer. O'Connor has sold over 2 million albums and recorded with Dolly Parton, James Taylor, Paul Simon, Randy Travis, and more. His 2016 release with the O'Connor Band received a Grammy nomination for "Best Bluegrass Album" after spending nearly six months at the top of Billboard's bluegrass album chart.

To register, email psparti@gardner-webb.edu, text or call 704-466-4710.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704-406-2155 or email disabilityservices@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

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