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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Concertgoers in for a "Joyride" at Birch Creek's Concert on Friday June 27**

**Egg Harbor, Wis. – June 24, 2014** – Concertgoers are in for a real crowd-pleasing performance at Birch Creek's Comedy and Pops concert on Friday June 27. "Joy Ride," a song composed in 1999 by Birch Creek's Percussion Program Director Ben Wahlund, is a piece that is sure to entertain with the use of an old truck as the main instrument. The truck is named "Ole Blue," a baby blue 1971 Chevrolet C30 pickup that has been used around Birch Creek for several years.

Percussion students will be drumming on Ole Blue, using different parts of the vehicle to play the parts of the song. "It's meant to be fun," said Ben Wahlund. "This is something you don't normally get to see."

"Joyride" has been performed only six times since 2001, and this will be the second time it is played at Birch Creek. According to Wahlund, it is a really unique tune not just because of the unusual use of a vehicle for the song, but also because it is slightly different each time it is performed.

In addition to "Joyride," another unique piece will premiere at Friday's concert: Composer Brian Nozny will unveil his fresh composition titled "Skeleton Key" that will utilize old scaffolding and a wooden pallet as the main instruments. The scaffolding and pallet were donated by Dan Kiehnau for the performance. A group of Birch Creek percussion students will be performing the piece under Nozny's direction.

Nozny notes that the piece is very high energy and will give students the opportunity for improvisation. He also mentioned that the song has changed and developed over the past few weeks and it will continue to transform throughout this week.

Birch Creek Music Performance Center is a summer music school in Door County, WI, for advanced young musicians. With a performance emphasis, students are taught by nationally known performers and educators during the day, and perform alongside them

in concerts at night. Five sessions focus on percussion and steel band, symphony, big band jazz, and vocal jazz. Applications are welcome.

#### 2014 Season Concert Schedule

Percussion & Steel Band – Now through June 28

Symphony – July 3 – 12

Big Band Jazz – July 16 – August 9

Vocal Jazz – August 12 – August 16

#### Photos

Brian Nozny tests sheet metal sounds

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/0kwichawnsugyrk/Brian-Metal.jpg>

Brian Nozny beats wooden pallet, while Dan Kiehnau observes

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/xzc29mihb70ojlm/Brian-Pallet.jpg>

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