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Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie Starts Concert Season at Government Center

The Evenings on the Ellipse concert series opens Thursday, July 3, 2014, with free performances by five-string banjo player Bill Emerson and his band Sweet Dixie. The performance takes place at the Fairfax County Government Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Emerson established his bluegrass credentials over 50 years ago. In his musical career, Emerson helped found the Country Gentlemen, played with “King of Bluegrass” Jimmy Martin, spent two decades with the U.S. Navy’s country/bluegrass band Country Current and influenced scores of musicians. Simply put, Emerson is one of the most influential five string banjo players of all time.

In a world of contemporary bluegrass, the band stays true to the genre’s rural roots. The group’s traditional music creates a timeless, classic sound, guaranteed to produce a foot-tapping, enjoyable performance.

The Fairfax County Government Center is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, Va.

For weather-related cancellations, call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour before the show. For information about the Summer Entertainment Series, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ or call 703-324-8662.

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