

# Byron Berline Band to Perform Free Concert at SWOSU

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A free evening of bluegrass and country swing music featuring the Byron Berline Band is planned Monday, August 18, on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The 7 p.m. concert will be held in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom on the Weatherford campus. The public is invited.

The concert is part of the SWOSU Library Showcase series.

Based in Guthrie, three-time national fiddle champion Byron Berline has played with many of the great musicians, such as The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Elton John, The Byrds, Earl Scruggs, Dillard & Clark, Willie Nelson, Bill Monroe, The Flying Burrito Brothers, Vince Gill, The Eagles, Gram Parsons, The Doobie Brothers and Emmylou Harris. Berline is known for his ability to play almost any style of music, including ragtime, bluegrass, Cajun, country and rock.

Berline began playing the fiddle at age five. He has recorded seven solo albums, including the highly acclaimed ***"Fiddle and a Song"*** with guest performances by Vince Gill, Mason Williams, Earl Scruggs and Bill Monroe. In 1996, the album was nominated for two Grammy Awards. His music has appeared in many television and film soundtracks, some of which include ***Star Trek, Blue Collar, Basic Instinct, Blaze*** and ***Back to the Future Part III***.

Berline has been inducted into the Oklahoma Musicians Hall of Fame, was named Oklahoma's Ambassador of Goodwill, has been the featured artist at the international convention of the Violin Society of America, and conceived and planned the Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival since its beginnings in Guthrie in 1997.

Band members include Byron Berline, Jim Hickman, Jim Fish, Richard Sharp, Greg Burgess and Steve Short.