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**Western North Carolina Distinctive in Traditional Music**

Western North Carolina has many collections in traditional music that are open and in various locations. A traditional music center located in the region is the Blue Ridge Music Center. The center offers various programs, including concerts, workshops, and educational events. The Blue Ridge Music Center is open to the public and offers a range of music programs throughout the year.

**Along the Music Trails**

The Blue Ridge Music Trails are set in the majestic landscapes of the region, from lush forests to rolling hills and mountains. These trails connect various venues, including museums, cultural centers, and music festivals. The trails are designed to offer a variety of music experiences, from live concerts to jam sessions in family-friendly settings.

**Jam Protocol**

Jam sessions in Western North Carolina are friendly environments where people gather together to play and enjoy traditional music in an informal setting. Jamming or joining a group is a common activity that occurs in different settings. It is important to be respectful and mindful of others.

**Before You Hit the Trail**

Before heading out, it is always best to verify the information available. For the most up-to-date information on venues and events, visit BlueRidgeMusicNC.com or the Blue Ridge Music Center's website. Happy Trails!