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1 BMC presents 24th annual New Year's Eve concerts

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4 | The Brattleboro Music Center (BMC) presents its 24th
5 | annual New Year's Eve concerts Wednesday, Dec. 31.
6 | A beloved local tradition for over 25 years, the Amidon-
7 | Bode-Murphy-Tracy families continue to bring their unique
8 | bundle of family-friendly, joyful songs along with soaring
9 | fiddletraditional tunes to a musical celebration to close out the
10 | year. The BMC is delighted to welcomes Emily Miller_{7,9} of the

11 Sweetback Sisters ~~renown~~, joining this year's cast as a ~~very~~
12 special guest.

13 Performances are set for 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.~~7~~ and will
14 ~~also~~ feature ~~popular~~ performers Keith Murphy, Becky Tracy, Zara
15 Bode, and Stefan Amidon.

16 ~~Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for ages 6–14, and free for~~
17 ~~children 5 and under. They are available online at bmcvt.org, by~~
18 ~~calling the BMC at 802-257-4523, or emailing info@bmcvt.org.~~

19 ~~Guitarist Keith Murphy, also playing guitar, mandolin,~~
20 ~~piano, and foot percussion;~~ and fiddler Becky Tracy will ~~heat up~~
21 ~~the hall with fiercely intelligent and driving play~~ arrangements of
22 ~~dance tunes and traditional songs. These musicians of these two~~
23 ~~superb musicians has graced stages have performed~~ in dance ~~and~~
24 ~~concert halls and theaters~~ around the country. Both have played
25 ~~important~~ roles as tradition-keepers and innovators in their
26 teaching, playing, and arranging.

27 ~~They Murphy and Tracy~~ are founders and teachers of the
28 Traditional Music program at the BMC, and Murphy is ~~a~~ Director
29 of the Northern Roots Festival.

30 While the dynamic pair of ~~Zara~~ Bode and ~~Stefan~~ Amidon
31 is not known as a "duo" per se, they are ~~greatly admired as~~ the
32 faces behind ~~musical sensations~~ the band The Sweetback Sisters
33 and Zara Bode's Little Big Band. Amidon is a master
34 percussionist, multi-instrumentalist, and ~~expressive~~ bass singer.
35 Bode is a ~~powerful~~ vocalist of ~~rare versatility that captivates~~
36 ~~audiences year after year with her gorgeous interpretations of~~
37 ~~songs old and new. Both artists are sure to delight with their~~
38 ~~marvelous and often perform often~~ eccentric musical selections.

39 Rounding out the program is Emily Miller, a West
40 Virginia-based singer, fiddle player, and ~~a~~ Artistic ~~a~~ Director of the
41 Augusta Heritage Center in Elkins, West Virginia. Growing up
42 immersed in old-time and country music, she has devoted her
43 career to preserving, sharing, and teaching that music. She also
44 tours and records with groups including The Sweetback Sisters,
45 The Starry Mountain Singers, and with her husband, Jesse Milnes.

46 She has performed on national radio programs such as *Mountain*
47 *Stage* and *A Prairie Home Companion*, as well as in concert
48 halls and festival stages across the country.

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50 children 5 and under. They are available online at bmcvt.org, by
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