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VGCC music instructor and keyboardist to present free concert in November

Music for saxophone and keyboard instruments (organ, harpsichord and piano) will be featured in concert on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the First Baptist Church in Henderson at 7:30 p.m.

Music by J.S. Bach, W.A. Mozart, Jacob ter Veldhuis, Calvin Hampton, Thomas Massella and a Broadway review will be performed by Michael Stephenson on saxophone and Mark Hopper on keyboard instruments. The concert will be free to the public.

Stephenson is the soprano saxophonist with the New Century Saxophone Quartet, which has recorded seven CDs and has performed all over the world. The quartet won first prize in the international Concert Artist Guild Competition and has performed on some of the most prestigious stages in the world, including Carnegie Hall, Ambassador Auditorium, Boston Symphony Hall, Concertgebouw, and the White House.

Stephenson is also



Michael Stephenson (left) and Mark Hopper will perform together Nov. 3 at First Baptist Church.

as at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. As an orchestral saxophonist, he has appeared with the North Carolina, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, and Western Piedmont He directs the Chancel Choir, the Youth Choir, Children's Choir II, the Morning Adult Ringers, and The Bell Ringers of First Baptist Church. He also maintains a piano and organ studio for both In February 2009, he was the clinician for the South Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Handbell Festival.

In July 2009, Hopper was the resident organist for the Fellowship of



Douglas Falkner walked the red carpet at this year's Emmy awards

Henderson TV and film producer Douglas Falkner recently served as a judge for the 61st annual Primetime Emmy Awards which CBS broadcast live from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles on Sept. 20. In addition to walking the red carpet, Falkner was a guest at the "Entertainment Tonight/People Magazine" post-Emmy celebrity party. Falkner (left) is pictured with TV personality Randy Jackson who is a judge on "American Idol." Falkner has produced four TV series, including over 200 episodes of the award-winning "Tinseltown TV" series which was seen in over 130 countries. Celebrities interviewed on "Tinseltown TV" included Clint Eastwood, Tom Hanks, Tom Cruise and Reese Witherspoon. Falkner is now working on developing what he hopes to be his fifth TV series. Initial filming for the new series has been taking place in Raleigh and California.

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