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## **Quick Facts**

 The Minnesota native will bring "Billy McLaughlin: Back on Stage at Winthrop University" to the campus on Sunday, Oct. 2.
The 7 p.m. event, scheduled for Plowden Auditorium in the Withers/W.T.S. Building, is hosted by the Council for Exceptional Children.



ROCK HILL, S.C. – When a debilitating neuromuscular disorder prevented world-class musician Billy McLaughlin from playing the guitar with his right hand, he learned to play the instrument again...with his left hand.

The Minnesota native will bring "Billy McLaughlin: Back on Stage at Winthrop University" to the campus on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Billy McLaughlin

<sup>7</sup> The 7 p.m. event, scheduled for **Plowden Auditorium** in the Withers/W.T.S. Building, <sup>7</sup> is hosted by the **Council for Exceptional Children**.

**McLaughlin** astounded audiences for 20 years with his complex and rhythmic music. After disappearing from stage due to health problems, he was diagnosed in 2001 with **Focal Dystonia**. He staged a comeback in 2006 and is astounding audiences once again with his story and his music.

Now serving as Ambassador for Awareness for the **Dystonia Medical Research Foundation**, McLaughlin is the winner of the 2010 Public Leadership in Neurology Award (American Academy of Neurology). Previous winners include **Paul Allen**, **Julie Andrews**, **Leon Fleischer**, **Michael J. Fox** and **Cuba Gooding**, Jr.

The cost for Winthrop students is \$2 and for the public \$10. Proceeds from this event will go to support the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

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