Willard Gayheart, Appalachian Artist

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Willard Gayheart, a famed pencil artist from eastern Kentucky who now lives in southwestern Virginia, presents the history, people, and culture of the Appalachian region. His work is known for its intricate, ornately detailed portraits and the richly illustrated book 'Willard Gayheart: Appalachian Artist.' Gayheart's art and music recently were featured in 'New Art of Willard Gayheart' by Donia S. Eley, which highlights the history, people, and culture of the Appalachian region.


The book features a special piece to benefit the Appalachian Art & Mountain Music Festival. The festival celebrates the history, people, and culture of the Appalachian region, and it's one of the leading independent events in the region. Gayheart has created pieces for various events, including 'Norman Rockwell of Appalachia.' The festival is a must-stop on the Crooked Road of Appalachian music and art. Gayheart's art is a testament to the rich history and culture of the Appalachian region, and his work continues to inspire and connect people to their roots.

Willard Gayheart is a musician and fine artist who operates the Front Porch Gallery and Frame Shop in Galax, Virginia. He is also an accomplished pencil artist focusing on nostalgic glimpses of Willard Gayheart and Bobby Patterson, direct from Galax, VA. Gayheart's art has been featured in various publications, including 'Norman Rockwell of Appalachia.' His work is also available for purchase at the Book Depository with free delivery worldwide. Gayheart's art impacts South African children, and it's a testament to the rich history and culture of the Appalachian region. His work continues to inspire and connect people to their roots.