

## ADVISORY

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**Arrowmont School brings great music to Gatlinburg.**

# INSPIRED BY APPALACHIA

*Friday, June 20 & 27 and July 11 & 18, 7:00 PM*

*Arrowmont Auditorium*

*General Admission Tickets \$15*

*Series Package \$50*

GATLINBURG, TN—This June 20 through July 18, 2008, the **Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts** will present its third annual summer concert series, *Inspired by Appalachia*. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

### **About the Series**

The aim of *Inspired by Appalachia* is to promote and preserve the rich musical traditions of Appalachia by presenting established and emerging artists whose music is inspired by the sound heritage of the mountains. *Inspired by Appalachia* seeks to present artists that illustrate the diversity of Appalachian music, from traditional old-time and gospel, to bluegrass, folk, country and the blend of contemporary Americana and Roots music that is thrusting this sound into the 21st century.

Concerts take place in an intimate 150-seat performance space inside the main building of the Arrowmont School. In the spirit of Arrowmont's educational mission, concerts include short, moderated question-and-answer sessions that serve to enhance the audience's understanding of the artistic process and the musical traditions of the region.

### **About the Artists**

This year's *Inspired by Appalachia* concert series kicks off with **The Lovell Sisters on Friday, June 20**. You may not have heard of the Lovells yet, but get ready! These three teenage sisters from nearby Calhoun, Georgia are bursting onto the traditional, country and bluegrass festival

circuit with their impressive musical chops on fiddle, mandolin and Dobro, and tightly blended vocal harmonies that only close-knit families can produce.

Emerging Americana star **Justin Townes Earle** returns to Arrowmont on **Friday, June 27** after a wildly popular opening performance for last year's Inspired by Appalachia headliner Tim O'Brien. Catch Justin in this unique and cozy venue before he gets as big as his namesakes – Townes Van Zandt and Steve Earle.

The series continues with an intimate evening with **Adrienne Young on Friday, July 11**. Adrienne's gorgeous singing, whip-smart songwriting, and feisty bluegrass instrumentals are truly inspired by the beauty and ingenuity of Appalachia and the rich traditions that characterize its way of life. Audiences will leave this show humming a new tune and having a renewed vigor for preserving and celebrating the Appalachian landscape.

Grammy-nominated, Nashville Music Row maverick, **Darrell Scott, culminates our 2008 series on Friday, July 18**. Audiences may know Scott best by his collaborations with Grammy winner Tim O'Brien or his numerous hits recorded by artists like Kathy Mattea, Brad Paisley, the Dixie Chicks and Garth Brooks. Arrowmont is thrilled to showcase this award-winning artist in his own powerful voice, and playing with the expertise that makes him a coveted session player in Nashville and around the country.

### **About Arrowmont**

Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts is a nationally renowned center of contemporary arts and crafts education tucked on the border of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Artists and students of all ages visit Arrowmont year-round to train from masters in a variety of traditional and contemporary art forms, including ceramics, fibers, metals/jewelry, painting, warm glass, woodturning, woodworking, sculpture, and paper arts. The Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women founded Arrowmont (then called the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School) in 1912 when no public education existed in the region. Today the school provides

information and education to the world about the rich arts and crafts traditions that have flourished in the Smokies for generations.

### **The Arrowmont/UT PAC Partnership**

Inspired by Appalachia is made possible by an innovative partnership between the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts and the University of Texas Performing Arts Center. In 2005 The UT Performing Arts Center instituted a Performing Arts Management Fellowship in order to train the next generation of arts leaders. This competitive and unique hands-on fellowship allows its yearly recipient to do advanced work in all nine departments of the UT Performing Arts Center, from production and ticketing to marketing and development. The capstone experience for the fellowship program is producing the concert series at Arrowmont.

One particularly fruitful aspect of the partnership has been its tie to the community and culture of East Tennessee. Working in this environment gives the Fellow an ideal laboratory to explore how culture affects community and community affects culture. This is a vital lesson for cultural programmers, and this partnership teaches that lesson well.

Inspired by Appalachia would not be possible without generous contributions from its series sponsors including **The University of Texas at Austin Performing Arts Center, East Tennessee's own WDVX 89.9 FM, The Park Grill, The Peddler Restaurant, Ole Smoky Candy Kitchen, and Lynn & Penny Webb.**

*INSPIRED BY APPALACHIA*, 2008 Summer Concert Series, June 20 & 27 and July 11 & 18 at 7PM at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door and by phone beginning May 21, 2008 at 865-436-5860. \$15 General Admission. \$50 Series Package.

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