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ANDY MCKEE BRINGS THE 'GUITAR MASTERS' TOUR BACK ON THE ROAD THIS FALL WITH STEPHEN BENNETT & ANTOINE DUFOUR

*** Acoustic Guitar Stars Team Up for Next Installment of Acclaimed Tour ***

Milwaukee, WI (July 7, 2011) -- The celebrated and successful "**Guitar Masters**" tour hits the road again for 21 U.S. shows this Fall. Headliner **Andy McKee** will be joined by **Stephen Bennett** and **Antoine Dufour** to give fans another chance to see three of the most popular, talented, innovative and musically rich acoustic guitar players and composers in contemporary music coming together to perform and interact on stage.

The trek is sure to be another unforgettable musical experience for concert-goers that unites guitar virtuosos known their awesome skills, technique, gift for song composition and melody and drawing out the full musicality of the solo acoustic guitar to near-orchestral dimensions. Creative sparks, one-time only stunning improvisations and mutual inspiration are sure to abound as they come together at the end of every show to offer a value-added concert bill that appeals to fans of many musical styles as well as guitar aficionados.

ANDY MCKEE is one of the world's finest solo acoustic guitarists and his crossover success to more than 150 million YouTube viewers underscores his emergence as one of the most important and popular artists to surface in years. To fans of virtuoso musicianship it is Andy's attention to song structure and melodic content that elevates him above the rest. To fans of popular music Andy entertains both the eye and the ear as he magically transforms the steel string guitar into full orchestra via his use of altered tunings, tapping, partial capos, percussive hits and signature two-handed technique. Andy was the cover story of Acoustic Guitar's January 2011 issue and is currently the June cover story of Acoustic Magazine in the UK. His latest release is the CD/DVD package *Joyland*.

Andy McKee's YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/andymckee>

Media site: <http://razorandtiepublicity.com/artistpage.php?artist=205>

Official site: <http://www.andymckee.com/>

STEPHEN BENNETT is an extraordinary musician, an acknowledged master of the harp guitar, a challenging teacher, a gifted composer, and a performer of astounding sensitivity. The Toronto Fingerstyle Guitar Association calls him “the Jedi Master of Fingerstyle Guitar.” Whether playing his great-grandfather’s harp guitar, slide on his 1930 National resonator guitar, or on a standard six-string, Stephen Bennett is a musician to hear. His music has won awards and critical praise. In live performance and on record, his diverse musical influences and interests are joined in a life-long love affair with the sound of guitar strings.

Stephen Bennett on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHnxBODb-C8&feature=related>

Official site: <http://harpuitar.com/>

ANTOINE DUFOUR has emerged as a young star of fingerstyle acoustic guitar, building a worldwide reputation for innovation and creativity with six albums of original material released to critical acclaim, two live DVDs, and more than 30 million cumulative views on YouTube. Antoine has toured across Canada and the UK and toured several times in USA with other artists such as Don Ross and Andy McKee. In addition, Antoine has performed at major festivals such as The Montreal International Jazz Festival.

Antoine Dufour on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRvRBQTqUKI&feature=fwrel>

Official site: <http://www.antoinedufourmusic.com/>

Guitar Masters Featuring Andy McKee, Stephen Bennett, and Antoine Dufour on Saturday, October 15 at 8pm in Vogel Hall at the Marcus Center for The Performing Arts. Tickets, \$37, are on sale at the Marcus Center Box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com or by phone 800-745-3000

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