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GUITAR MASTERS TOUR PRESENTS A VIRTUOSO ACOUSTIC GUITAR SUMMIT

This acoustic guitar summit features three world-renowned players performing together for the very first time—Andy McKee, Stephen Bennett, and Antoine Dufour. During this celebrated Guitar Masters tour performance, each will play a solo set followed by a grand finale of unforgettable collaboration. Concert-goers can expect an evening that unites guitar virtuosos known for their skill, technique, and gift for song composition and melody as they draw out the full musicality of the solo acoustic guitar to near-orchestral dimensions.

CAPA presents Guitar Masters at 8pm on Saturday, October 22, at the Lincoln Theatre (769 E. Long St.). Tickets are \$25 at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase tickets by phone, please call (614) 469-0939 or (800) 745-3000. Students between the ages of 13-19 may purchase \$5 High Five tickets while available.

About Andy McKee

Andy McKee is one of the world's finest solo acoustic guitarists. His crossover success, reaching 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 McKee's attention to song structure and melodic content that elevates him above the rest. To fans of popular music, McKee entertains both the eye and the ear as he transforms the steel string guitar into full orchestra via his use of altered tunings, tapping, partial capos, percussive hits, and his signature two-handed technique. McKee was the cover story of both the January 2011 issue of *Acoustic Guitar* and the June 2011 *Acoustic Magazine*. His latest release is the CD/DVD package *Joyland*. www.AndyMcKee.com

About Stephen Bennett

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, Bennett is a musician to hear. 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.

www.harpguitar.com

About Antoine Dufour

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. Dufour has toured across Canada and the UK, also touring several times in the US with other artists such as Don Ross and Andy McKee. In addition, Dufour has performed at major festivals such as The Montreal International Jazz Festival. www.AntoineDufourMusic.com

CALENDAR LISTING

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Saturday, October 22, 8pm

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Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent, historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex, Lincoln Theatre, and Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), CAPA is a not-for-profit, award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment in operation for more than 40 years. For more information, visit www.capa.com.

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