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Iron and Wine set to play Mountain Stage for 33rd anniversary

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CHARLESTON — Mountain Stage with Larry Groce will celebrate 33 years of live performance radio when they record episode No. 885 on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Culture Center Theater in Charleston.

Special guests will include Iron & Wine, the recording name of American singer-songwriter Sam Beam. Beam returns to West Virginia after shooting a shortfilm, "Dreamers And Makers Are My Favorite People," a performance that was shot in 2014 at the Jerry Run Summer Theater in Cleveland, W.Va.

Through the course of five albums, numerous EPs and singles, and the initial volumes of an Archive Series, Iron & Wine has captured the emotion and imagination of listeners with distinctly cinematic songs. His most recent project is an album of duets with Jesca Hoop called "Love Letter For Fire."

Helping the long-running radio program celebrate will be one of the show's most frequent guests, Todd Burge, who recently released an entire album of material recorded on Mountain Stage from 2006-2015. The Wood County, W.Va., native will be making his 11th solo appearance on Mountain Stage Dec. 4.

Also scheduled to appear is Saskatchewan singer-songwriter Andy Shauf, whose latest release "The Party" is his debut on ANTI-Records. "The Party" is a "tightly narrated 38 minutes, all set to ornate arrangements of fuzzed-out guitars, string sections, clarinets and dreamy synths, all draped over delicate piano, acoustic guitars and rainy-day drums."

Tickets will be \$30 in advance and \$35, if available,

at the door.

Tickets are on sale via MountainStage.org, by phone at 877-987-6487 and at Taylor Books in Downtown, Charleston.

Two more guest artists will be announced in the coming weeks.

Mountain Stage with Larry Groce is the longest running radio program of its kind. Founded in 1983, the show is produced by West Virginia Public Broadcasting, and each live event is recorded for delayed distribution to 180 stations nationwide by NPR Music. Mountain Stage content is also featured at npr.org/mountainstage, <u>VuHaus.com/westvirginia</u>, and on the Mountain Stage podcast.

Go online at www.mountainstage.org to find out more about upcoming live shows including Sunday's sold out show with Special Guest Host Conor Knighton featuring Shovels & Rope, Todd Snider, Rhett Miller, Joe Purdy and River Whyless; the Oct. 30 show with Aoife O'Donovan, Willie Watson, Brandy Clark, John Doyle, and Frances Luke Accord and the Nov. 20 show with The Fabulous Thunderbirds, John Paul White, Golden State — Lone Star Revue, The Honey Island Swamp Band and More.



The Associated Press

Iron & Wine, featuring Sam Beam, will play the 33rd anniversary show of Mountain Stage on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Culture Center Theater in Charleston.



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