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BROTHERS, AND PAUL THORN**  
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American Troubadours, Vol. 1:  
**Greg Brown, John Hammond & David Lindley**  
Friday, November 13, 2009

In this once-in-a-lifetime performance, kindred spirits Greg Brown, John Hammond, and David Lindley come together for a memorable evening of folk, blues, and musical virtuosity. Folk/roots hero and storyteller Greg Brown spins his yarns while Grammy award-winner John Hammond showcases his funky blues style. Completing the evening is satirically splendid multi-instrumentalist David Lindley, who combines American folk with world beats.

Musical Virtuosos  
**Sam Bush, Jerry Douglas, & Edgar Meyer**  
Thursday, February 11, 2010

In this collaborative performance, mandolin and fiddle champion Sam Bush (New Grass Revival), dobro master Jerry Douglas (Alison Krauss Band), and bass virtuoso Edgar Meyer (classical to bluegrass) join forces in an evening featuring genre-crossing original works, traditional tunes, and some of their best known pieces. Simply put, three of the world's finest string players are all on one stage.

Pop Vocalist  
**Suzanne Vega**  
Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Iconic singer songwriter Suzanne Vega is known for her poetic stories and exquisite melodies. Her past hits ("Marlene on the Wall," "Luka," and "Tom's Diner") garnered her a Grammy award and three nominations. Currently on tour to promote her newest album *Beauty & Crime*, Vega has received glowing reviews: "An excellent guitarist and lyricist" (*Glasgow Times*), "Her singing and writing have never been more welcome" (*USA Today*), and "An artist at the top of her powers" (*Chicago Sun-Times*).

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## JOAN OSBORNE

Joan Osborne was introduced to mainstream audiences with the single "One of Us" from her major label debut, *Relish*, in 1995. It became a massive MTV and radio smash, holding the Number 1 spot on the US singles charts for two weeks while the album sold three million copies. Then came five Grammy nominations; a featured slot in the 1997 Lilith Fair tour; touring as a member of the The Grateful Dead, PL&F, and the Funk Brothers; and performances with Taj Mahal, Luciano Pavarotti, Spearhead, The Dixie Chicks, Stevie Wonder, Melissa Etheridge, and Bob Dylan. Her latest CD, *Little Wild One*, earned four stars from *People* magazine: "On this winning album, Osborne's rich vocals soar atop arrangements that mix old-timey mandolin with the urban pulse of electronic instruments. 'Hallelujah in the City' sounds like salvation."

## THE HOLMES BROTHERS

Called ". . . the undisputed masters of blues-based American roots music" by the *Chicago Tribune*, The Holmes Brothers mix Saturday night's roadhouse rock with the gospel fervor of Sunday morning's church service. Bassist Sherman Holmes, guitarist/pianist Wendell Holmes, and drummer Popsy Dixon have recorded with Van Morrison, Peter Gabriel, Odetta, Willie Nelson, Levon Helm, and Joan Osborne, and they have performed all over the world, including a performance at the White House for former President Clinton. They have also appeared on *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *The CBS Saturday Early Show*, and National Public Radio's *Weekend Edition* and *A Prairie Home Companion*. Their most recent CDs—2004's *Simple Truths* and 2007's *State of Grace*—reached Number 5 and Number 3 on *Billboard's* Top Blues Albums chart.

## PAUL THORN

Former professional prizefighter and son of a Pentecostal preacher from Tupelo Mississippi, Paul Thorn creates music that speaks of the sacred and the profane. He released his debut recording *Hammer & Nail* in 1997, and his 2008 release *A Long Way from Tupelo*, which reached number 7 in the *Billboard* Top Heatseekers chart, prompted the *San Francisco Chronicle* to write "the real deal comes along infrequently these days. . . word of a record this good will spread." Thorn has opened for some of the most established acts touring today including Mark Knopfler, Jeff Beck, Sting, John Hiatt, Robert Cray, Marianne Faithful, and John Prine. His tours are heavy and hectic, spanning over 200 dates a year in the United States and Canada.

## TOUR STAFF AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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