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American Mountain Theater, Del McCoury Band a great combination

ELKINS, W.Va. – Del McCoury has spent five decades defining authentic bluegrass. American Mountain Theater provides “The Freshest Sound in the Mountains.” The two are even better together.

International Bluegrass Music Association award-winning Del McCoury Band will make a special appearance on AMT’s Elkins stage for two special shows, at 3:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4. Great travel packages are available that include a show and dinner, plus options for lodging or additional recreational activities.

“We couldn’t be happier to have someone with the reputation of Del McCoury come to our theater,” AMT owner Kenny Sexton said. “We pride ourselves on showcasing only the best talent around, from our own incredible cast to the Gospel shows we feature. When it comes to bluegrass, no one does it quite like Del McCoury.”

McCoury is something special, a living link to the days when bluegrass was made only in hillbilly honkytonks, schoolhouse shows, and on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry. Yet he is also a commandingly vital presence today, from prime time and late night talk show TV to music festivals where audiences number in the hundreds of thousands.

McCoury became a fan of bluegrass in the early 1950s, and was blessed to join Bill Monroe’s Blue Grass Boys in 1963. He moved from banjo to guitar in those early days and also became the lead singer.

Del's sons Ronnie and Rob joined him in the 1980s to form what is now the Del McCoury Band, and before long the group became a regular winner of awards from the International Bluegrass Music Association. Their accolades include nine Entertainer of the Year awards, eight Mandolin Player of the Year awards for Ronnie, and three Fiddle Player of the Year awards for band member Jason Carter. Del has won three Male Vocalist of the Year awards

Although legendary bluegrass music will be at the heart of the weekend, American Mountain Theater has developed several packages to help visitors spend as much time as they like in the Elkins area.

Options include:

- The Del McCoury Deluxe Weekend Package. Receive three nights lodging, brunch at the historic Graceland Mansion, dinners at the 1863 Tavern and the Scott Hill House, a four-hour scenic train ride on the New Tygart Flyer, plus tickets to see the AMT Premier 2-Hour Show, History of American Music Show, and The Del McCoury Band's 3:30 p.m. Sunday performance.
- The Bluegrass Bash Package. In addition to two nights' lodging, receive winner at the 1863 Tavern and either Graceland or the Scott Hill House, plus a train ride and tickets to the shows, including the 8 p.m. Sunday Del McCoury performance.
- The Dinner and a Show Package. In addition to tickets to either of the two bluegrass shows, receive dinner at the 1863 Tavern.

To book any of the packages, or purchase tickets to any AMT show, visit www.americanmountaintheater.com or call 1-800-943-3670. Tickets for Del McCoury without a package are \$40 each.

The Del McCoury Band is just one great opportunity AMT is providing for music fans this summer and fall. As always, AMT offers its Premier 2-Hour Show and History of American Music retrospective, in addition to its regular Southern Gospel shows. Beginning the day after Thanksgiving, the Christmas Spectacular will be performed until the week before Christmas.

Although all are great opportunities, the bluegrass show is certainly not to be missed.

“Del McCoury is truly a living legend,” Sexton noted. “I really encourage folks to come out and take advantage of this great opportunity to hear an all-time great right here in Elkins.”

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