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GRAMMY, CMA AWARD-WINNER **KATHY MATTEA TO PLAY LA-Z-BOY CENTER**



MONROE, Mich. – Grammy and CMA award-winner Kathy Mattea will perform at the La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater on Friday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Mattea – a native of West Virginia’s coal country who is known for Top 20 radio hits such as “Where’ve You Been?”, “455 Rocket” and the iconic “Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses” – caught everyone off guard four years ago with an album of Appalachian mining songs called “Coal.”

She delved even deeper into her Appalachian heritage with her fall 2012 album release, “Calling Me Home.”

Mattea’s new direction couldn’t have taken her further from her old way of doing things.

“My big fear when I made ‘Coal’ was I didn’t grow up singing this stuff from when I was young,” Mattea said. “I’ve had a commercial music career for decades now. Am I gonna sound like a lounge singer trying to sing Appalachian songs?”

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Thankfully, that fear didn't stop her from taking the leap, and both 'Coal' and 'Calling Me Home' offer decisive proof that Appalachian music is in Mattea's blood.

"Bluegrass rarely gets more bluesy than on 'Calling Me Home,'" wrote the Associated Press's Steven Wine in a Sept. 10 review. "This is mountain music, sorrowful and restless and struggling to make sense of its surroundings and the way they've changed.

"Residents of the region have often sung about such things, but seldom better than Mattea does here. Her commanding alto gracefully bears the weighty subject matter, whether she's singing about wildlife or the afterlife."

Tickets for Kathy Mattea are available now and can be purchased on the Web at www.monroeccc.edu/theater. Beginning Jan. 2, tickets will also be available in person at the MCCC Cashier's Office in the Warrick Student Services/Administration Building or via phone by calling the MCCC Ticket Hotline at (734) 384-4272.

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