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# COUNTRY ROADS, TAKE ME HOME

Yankton Area Concert Association Begins 66th Season With John Denver Tribute Show Sept. 22

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*Country roads, take me home to the place I belong  
West Virginia, mountain  
momma  
Take me home, country roads  
...*

*"Country Roads," by John Denver*

It's been 15 years since John Denver sang those words, and since his untimely death, fans have yearned for another opportunity to hear his music come to life.

Yankton area fans will get that chance next week when the Yankton Area Concert Association (YACA) begins its 66th season with the presentation of "Take Me Home: The Music of John Denver," starring Jim Curry. Curry will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the YHS/Summit Activities Center Theater.

"We're excited to be kicking off our 66th year of bringing wonderful, world-class entertainment to Yankton," said Carolyn Cappel, YACA publicity co-chair and board member. "Jim has created the ultimate tribute experience and has emerged as a top performer of John Denver's music."

With a voice and appearance that closely resembles that of Denver, Curry has specialized in Denver's songs since he began his music career in the 1970s. He was even chosen as the voice of Denver in the 2000 made-for-TV movie, "Take Me Home, the John Denver Story."

"If you close your eyes and hear this guy, you would think it's John Denver," Cappel said. "Then you open your eyes and you think, 'It really is John Denver,' because he even looks like him."

After his involvement with the movie, Curry decided to produce full-length Denver tribute concerts, hoping to share Denver's messages of love, humanity and environmental awareness.

"These songs blend the images of our natural earth with a love for each other as people," Curry said on his website. "The care you give to someone you love is the best care. Making that connection to our earth and to each other is the goal."

Curry has performed his show, which often features Denver's former band members, at various performing art centers and casinos across the United States and Canada, as well as on the Holland America Cruise Line. The show is also the only full-length Denver tribute to headline in Las Vegas, with performances at the Silverton Casino frequently sold out.

For his Yankton performance, Curry will perform numerous Denver hits, such as "Rocky Mountain High," "I'm Leaving On A Jet Plane," "Annie's Song," "Thank God I'm A Country Boy," "Country Roads" and "Sunshine On My Shoulder."

"His show is also superimposed with images of wildlife photos and videos that really make it fill up your senses," Cappel said.

To purchase concert season tickets, contact YACA president Vi Ranney at 605-665-3596.

As the concert season is just getting under way, those who purchase tickets will get to enjoy the full slate of performances, Cappel said.



Along with the Denver tribute show, this includes four additional concerts, such as the Church Basement

Ladies' performance scheduled for Feb. 5.

"When people hear the Church Basement Ladies are coming, they want their tickets right away, because they don't want to miss that," Cappel said. "It is just one of those programs that keeps you laughing from the time you get there until the time you leave. You hurt because you've laughed so hard. So we're really excited to be able to bring them in as part of our concert series."

Other concerts on the schedule include the renowned string orchestra Siberian Virtuosi on Oct. 28, the Rocky Mountain Celtic music of Celtic Fire on Feb. 16, and the a capella quintet Home Free Vocal Band on April 28.

With limited concert season tickets available, Cappel encourages those who are interested to act quickly.

"You can't possibly get a deal on entertainment like this anywhere else," she said.

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Musician Jim Curry will perform his full-length John Denver tribute show, "Take Me Home: The Music of John Denver," Saturday, Sept. 22, at the YHS/Summit Activities Center Theater. The performance kicks off the 66th concert season of the Yankton Area Concert Association.

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### YACA 2012-13 Schedule

Sept. 22, 2012 — Take Me Home: The Music Of John Denver, starring Jim Curry

Oct. 28, 2012 — Siberian Virtuosi

Feb. 5, 2013 — A Second Helping: The Church Basement Ladies Sequel

Feb. 16, 2013 — Celtic Fire

April 28, 2013 — Home Free Vocal Band

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