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Mimbres Region Arts Council Kicks off 2011-12 Folk Series

The Mimbres Region Arts Council, with premier sponsor Cissy McAndrew/United County Mimbres Realty, will kick off another great season of Folk music with Boris McCutcheon & the Salt Licks on Oct. 21 at the Buckhorn Opera House in the scenic mountain town of Pinos Altos – 10 minutes outside Silver City.

Raw. Sincere. Diverse. New Mexicana, Boris McCutcheon was born on Massachusetts farmland, but has found his place in the mountains of New Mexico. His writing and music are reflections of the characters he has encountered and the landscapes he has surrounded himself with. Currently, the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo mountains provide inspiration but his songs are peppered with experiences on the shores of Cape Cod, Northern California, and Southwest deserts.

“One of his greatest skills is his ability to use that connection (with nature) as inspiration, but without sounding earthy. His songs are genuine, never contrived, and damn good—every one of them... all his songs have rich instrumental arrangements and McCutcheon’s throaty voice, which somehow manages to be gruff and soothing at the same time. His music is frequently described as rootsy, but his sound is unique and original. McCutcheon writes rich, wonderful songs, is a skilled musician and has a voice like no one else. **“Ross Burns, Five Magazine**

McCutcheon names a seemingly incongruous group of people as influences, ranging from Jimi Hendrix to Walt Whitman, McCutcheon emphasizes the importance of lyrical content in his music, as opposed to a sole focus on the guitar and other instrumentation. “Sure it’s different, but it’s really important to have some decent lyrical material under the music, holding the music together. Those are the people that definitely influenced my writing.”

“I am very excited about this show,” stated MRAC Director Faye McCalmont. “Boris has a wonderful voice, a great repertoire and a terrific band. It will be a very enjoyable musical evening.”

The Folk Series season will bring Ari Hest, Gregory Alan Isakov, Antje Duvekot, and the Milk Carton Kids to the Opera House. Discounted season passes are available to MRAC members.

Additional sponsors include the Buckhorn Opera House, Holiday Inn Express, and Silver City Radio.

For tickets to Boris McCutcheon or any of the other series events call or stop by the MRAC offices at 1201 Pope Street in Silver City, call 575-538-2505, or visit us online at www.mimbresarts.org.

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