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MRAC 2011-12 Folk Series Continues with Antje Duvekot (Aunt-yuh Doo-va-Kott)

The Mimbres Region Arts Council, with premier sponsor Cissy McAndrew/United County Mimbres Realty, is pleased to bring another great performance in the 2011-2012 Folk Series with Antje Duvekot on February 24, 2012, 7:30 p.m. at the Buckhorn Opera House in the scenic mountain town of Pinon Alto – 10 short minutes outside of Silver City.

"When I first heard Antje I knew I was witnessing something very special. She creates an entire, detailed world in verse, and takes you there with beautiful and understated melody." - Neil Dorfman, the music producer of Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and Sting.

Born in Germany and raised on the East Coast, Duvekot first began recording songs for her friends in Delaware on cassette tapes. At age 18 she entered and won an open mic competition at the Sam Adams Brewpub in Philadelphia, but it was the release of her album "Big Dream Boulevard," that was named "#1 Folk Release of 2006" by the Boston Globe and placed in the "Top Ten Releases of the Year" by NPR's Folk Alley, that truly solidified Duvekot's residence in the esteemed world of American folk music.

"This is a brilliant, brilliant album," says former Rolling Stone music editor Dave Marsh. "I have had this reaction once in the last 10 years and that was the first time I heard Patty Griffin."

Since the album's impressive release, Antje has won top songwriting awards including the "Grand Prize" in the John Lennon Songwriting Competition, Kerrville, Texas's prestigious "Best New Folk Award," and in Boston, one of the nation's top music markets, she won the Boston Music Award for "Outstanding Folk Act." Antje Duvekot is an unstoppable force in the world of folk music, sure to garner an even wider array of awards with the release of her brand new album, "New Siberia."

"Duvekot has gotten hotter, faster than any local songwriter in recent memory. Her songs feel at once fresh faced and firmly rooted, driven by the whispery sensuality of her voice. She believes in the redemptive power of the shared secret; and is unafraid to mine the darkest corners of her life for songs that turn fear into resilience and isolation into community." – The Boston Globe

"New Siberia" offers a refreshing taste of Antje's unique radiance all over again, sounding all the more bright and soulful. Each track contains a wealth of heartfelt and tender lyrics, paired with her gentle, artful command of instruments such as acoustic guitar, octave mandolin, ukulele, and harmonicas. She is truly a woman of many talents, and this new masterpiece, released in January of 2012, is simply an even stronger testament to her greatness.

Antje has extensive touring experience, criss-crossing the US and Europe several times. Her fast-growing fan base, the viral spreading of her music and a track record of sold-out shows are a testament to her growing popularity. After her unexpected illness and cancelling of last year's performance during the 2010-2011 Folk Series, we are extremely lucky to have another opportunity to host her this year in Silver City.

Additional sponsors include the Holiday Inn Express Silver City and Silver City Radio.

For tickets to this performance, contact the MRAC offices at 1201 Pope Street in Silver City, call 575-538-2505, or visit us online at www.mimbresarts.org, or buy tickets at L&I Arts, Gila Hike & Bike, Alotta Gelato, or A.I.R. Coffee (Bayard).

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