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Presents

Kathy Mattea

on Saturday, January 21 at 8pm
at Sanders Theatre

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present country/folk artist **Kathy Mattea** on Saturday, January 21 at 8pm at Sanders Theatre, Memorial Hall, Harvard University, 45 Quincy Street, Cambridge. This performance is sponsored by The D.L. Saunders Companies and The Boston Park Plaza Hotel, LLC.

Tickets for Kathy Mattea are priced at \$54, \$47 and \$40, and are available online at www.celebrityseries.org, by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or at the Harvard Box Office, Holyoke Center, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

This performance marks Kathy Mattea's second appearance with the **Celebrity Series of Boston**; her first was in 2007.

Country artist **Kathy Mattea** was raised in Charleston, West Virginia, immersed in the mining culture. She received vocal training in junior high, and later started playing the guitar. While at college in West Virginia, she joined the band Pennsboro, but later dropped out of school, moving to Nashville to focus on her music career. She was then signed by the record company Mercury in 1983. Mattea released her first, self-titled, album in 1984, and won her first Grammy for the song "Where've You Been" from her 1989 album, *Willow in the Wind*.

Mattea took a bold step in 1992 when she became the first country music star to make a public statement about AIDS on the network telecast of the CMA Awards. Mattea is often credited with being "Nashville's conscience on AIDS," and she later organized *Red Hot & Country*, an album that raised funds for AIDS research and education.

Her most recent album, *COAL*, was created in response to the Sago Mine Disaster, which killed 12 West Virginia miners in 2006. She is joined on the album by percussionist Bill Cooley, Stuart Duncan and Marty Stuart, who also produced the album.

A frequent environmental activist, Mattea performed in the Music Saves Mountains benefit concert in March 2010 and has spoken about the effects of coal at state capitols in Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee. She currently travels the country presenting Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* and speaks to crowds about the importance of fighting global warming and the environmental and physical devastation of coal mining.

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Mattea was inducted as a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame 2011 and has turned out some of the finest progressive country, folk, and blues of any performer.

The program selections will be announced from the stage.

About Celebrity Series of Boston

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 73rd season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program, the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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