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Baker & Baker Art of Music Series presents an evening of bluegrass with High Lonesome and guest vocalist Pat Ahrens at the Columbia Museum of Art

Columbia, S.C. - The Baker & Baker Art of Music Series at the Columbia Museum of Art kicks off a two-year survey of American images in sound with a rollicking evening of bluegrass, a musical idiom that developed in the hills and mountains reflected in the photographs of Ansel Adams. High Lonesome performs on Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. in the Lee Alexander Lorick Auditorium. The exhibition, *Ansel Adams: Masterworks* will be open at 6:00 p.m. A cash bar is provided by The Whig. \$10 or \$8 for members.

High Lonesome is the premier high-energy bluegrass band in the Midlands delivering a unique blend of traditional and modern bluegrass that is a crowd-pleaser. The band has been performing together in South Carolina since 2004. Lead vocalist and mandolin player, Chris Boutwell, a Californian who performed with High Country, jokingly said, "I got here (to S.C.) as soon as I could." The late master fiddler, "Pappy" Sherrill and his mother, who sang on local country radio stations, influenced fiddler Ashley Carder. Founding member, banjoist Allen Fisher, is also a member of The Blue Iguanas and bassist Dave Holder plays with the band Amick Junction. Joining High Lonesome for this special concert is guest vocalist and guitarist, Pat Ahrens, a 1996 recipient of the SC Folk Heritage Music Advocacy Award.

"I'm so excited to have the opportunity to perform with these talented and experienced musicians who have all been among my heroes for a long time," Ahrens said.

Upcoming Baker & Baker concerts are *Wide Open Spaces: A Sacred Harp Gathering*: Sunday, January 17 at noon; *The Viola d'amore: Thomas Georgi and Friends*: Sunday, February 14 at 3:00 p.m.; and *Ron McCurdy Quartet: The Great American Songbook*: Friday, May 7 at 8:00 p.m.

The Baker & Baker Foundation was organized by the David Baker and Lee J. Baker families to provide support to various cultural, educational, health and social service and religious activities in the Columbia community and is operated by Steven M. Anastasion and John D. Baker.

For additional information, visit www.columbiamuseum.org or call 803.799.2810.

Museum Information

The Columbia Museum of Art is South Carolina's premier international art museum and houses a world-class collection of European and American art. Founded in 1950, the Museum opened its new building on Main Street in 1998 with 25 galleries. The collection includes masterpieces of the Italian Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo from the Samuel H. Kress Collection, porcelain and works by significant furniture and silver makers, as well as American, Asian, and modern and contemporary art. In recent years the Museum's collection of Asian art and Antiquities has grown through generous gifts to the collection. Of particular interest are Sandro Botticelli's *Nativity*, Claude Monet's *The Seine at Giverny*, Canaletto's *View of the Molo*, and art glass by Louis Comfort Tiffany. The Museum offers changing exhibitions from renowned museums as well as educational programs for all ages that include art classes, art camps, lectures, films and concerts. It is the recipient of a National Art Education Association award for its contributions to arts education and an Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Award for the Arts for outstanding contributions to the arts in South Carolina. Generous support to the Museum is provided by the City of Columbia, Richland County, the South Carolina Arts Commission and the Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties.

General Info:

803.799.2810

Group Tours: 803.343.2163.

www.columbiamuseum.org

Location:

1515 Main Street

in the heart of downtown Columbia

Admission:

\$10 adults, \$5 students, \$8 military, \$8 senior citizens (ages 65 and over).

Every Sunday is free courtesy of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. Free for museum members and children ages 5 and under.

Museum Hours:

Wednesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

First Friday of every month 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(until 5:00 p.m. in December)

Sunday noon - 5:00 p.m.

Closed Monday, Tuesday and major holidays.

Museum Shop Hours:

Open during Museum Hours and Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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