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Concert Rescheduled

Andrew McKnight & Beyond Borders in Concert

The McGhee Foundation will host a lawn concert **Friday, October 2** at Farmer's Delight Plantation featuring nationally acclaimed and locally grown singer and songwriter Andrew McKnight and his band Beyond Borders. Proceeds from the concert will help support the Foundation's mission of historic preservation and education through responsible stewardship.

Comprised of original Nitty Gritty Dirt Band member and two-time Grammy nominee Les Thompson, his wife Stephanie Thompson and award-winning singer/songwriter Lisa Taylor, the band blends Andrew's charming tenor voice and acoustic and electric guitars with upright bass, drums, banjo, and percussion to create "a vast expanse of song and sound". The environmental-engineer-turned nationally touring artist's masterfully crafted songs and stories are heartfelt and intelligent, touching on themes from history, environmental issues, and rural Virginia and American life.

The Virginia Arts Commission recently recognized the band as one of the Commonwealth's best performing arts groups by their inclusion in the 2010 Touring Artists Directory, alongside top talents like Robin & Linda Williams, the Richmond and Virginia Symphonies, luthier and master guitarist Wayne Henderson and esteemed singer and folklorist Mike Seeger. They also were part of the main stage lineup at the inaugural Mountain Aid concert near Chapel Hill, NC along with Kathy Mattea and Donna the Buffalo.

Aptly described as "beyond Appalachian, beyond blues, beyond folk", these four seasoned musicians and consummate professionals bring an exciting, unique and dynamic musical presentation to the stage. Their individual creative and musical talents, coupled with a genuine fondness for each other, show in their warmth and comfort on and off stage. For more information about Andrew McKnight & Beyond Borders see: www.andrewmcknight.net.

When: Friday, October 2, 7-9:30pm

Where: Farmer's Delight Plantation
36276 Mountville Road
Middleburg, VA 20117

Cost: \$20 per person, children under 12 free; reservations are required
Please call 540-687-3743 or email sdanielson@farmersdelight.org to reserve your tickets.

Food will be available for purchase on site:

Delicious grilled burgers and sausages from **Fields of Athenry**, Middleburg (www.fieldsofathenryfarm.com)

Award-winning wine from **Corcoran Vineyards**, Waterford (www.corcoranvineyards.com)

Chairs will be provided, and you may bring picnic blankets.

No pets please!

About Andrew McKnight & Beyond Borders

"Stretching across the landscape of American folk music is a highway paved by Guthrie and Dylan... now Virginia native Andrew McKnight takes his turn smoothing down the blacktop" (*Performing Songwriter*)

"With a voice reminiscent of Don McLean, McKnight traverses from old-time Appalachian tunes to contemporary folk and blues, all backed up by his dead-on guitar playing" (*The Boston Globe*)

"As a singer and songwriter, McKnight is a marvel...brings a deep truth to his words and music that resonates with an irresistible charm...His voice itself is one that you can literally listen to for hours, savoring its mellow sound like a fine mountain wine." (*Times-Standard, Eureka CA*)

"Blends wry and romantic stories with keen tuneful observations in a delicious mix of folk, blues and bluegrass... a man not to be missed!"(*The National Theatre, Washington DC*)