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Woodstock Folk Festival

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Woodstock Folk Festival Fall Fundraiser Event: Antje Duvekot

Woodstock Folk Festival is pleased to present one of the brightest singer-songwriter stars on the American folk music scene, Antje Duvekot (pronounced AN-tyuh DOO-va-kot), in concert on Saturday October 24, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the Stage Left Café in Woodstock, Illinois. Admission to this special benefit concert is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults, and \$7 for students and seniors. Funds raised through the Fall Benefit concert will be used to fund the 25th Annual Woodstock Folk Festival which takes place on Sunday July 18, 2010 on the historic Woodstock Square.

Possessing a fresh poetic palette with an outsider's gifted insight, German-born, American-raised Antje Duvekot has won some of the top songwriting awards including the Grand Prize in the John Lennon Songwriting Competition, the prestigious, Kerrville (TX) "Best New Folk Award" and in one of the nation's top music markets, she won the Boston Music Award for "Outstanding Folk Act", three of the top prizes in the singer songwriter world. Her second studio album, "The Near Demise of the High Wire Dancer" was released in March, 2009 and creates an entire detailed world that's richly colored by intimate, visceral lyrics and beautiful melody. Neil Dorfsman, the producer of Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and Sting says, "When I first heard Antje I knew I was witnessing something very special. Her songs are stunning paintings of color and shade and always generate the heat and light that real art should. In an unpoetic and 'in your face' world, she is lyrical and subtle."

In December of 2007, Antje's song "Merry Go Round" was featured in a Bank of America national TV advertising campaign that was seen by millions, including a Super Bowl audience. Antje's 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. Dave Marsh former Editor of Rolling Stone and XM/ Sirius Satellite Host has gone on record to say, "As far as I can tell, Antje is the whole package...I've had this reaction once in the past 10 years, and that was the first time I heard Patty Griffin...Antje has proven once again that she ranks with the most intense and beautiful songwriters on the planet." For more information about Antje Duvekot, visit www.antjeduvekot.com.

The Stage Left Café offers a wonderfully intimate environment to experience performers up close and personal. For more information, contact Annemarie Serra at 815-479-9WFF (9933) or woodstockfolkfest@sbcglobal.net. Or, visit us on the web at www.woodstockfolkfestival.org.

The Stage Left Café is located on Woodstock Square next to the Woodstock Opera House at 125 Van Buren. Woodstock Square is located a few blocks West of Illinois Route 47, and is easily accessible from Routes I-90, 14 and 120. There is parking around the perimeter of the Square. Woodstock is also accessible via the Union Pacific/Northwest Metra Line, running between Chicago and Harvard. The Woodstock train station is located one block from Woodstock Square.

Woodstock Folk Festival, Inc. is a non-profit organization based in Woodstock, Illinois, about 65 miles northwest of Chicago. Its purpose is to bring quality folk music – both local and national – to the McHenry County area. The Woodstock Folk Festival began as a one-time event in 1986 and quickly became an annual event featuring folk artists – musicians, storytellers, and folk dancing – and held on the third Sunday in July on the historic square in Woodstock, Illinois. In 1991 the Festival was incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, with a board of directors of local residents. In addition to the annual Festival, the group presents seasonal concerts featuring artists such as Tricia Alexander, Congress of Starlings, Eric Hanke, Tom & Chris Kastle, Lil' Rev, Erika Luckett, David Massengill, Lee Murdock, Patricia Pettinga, Rick Pickren, Justin Roberts, The Santa Cruz River Band, Danny Santos, Michael Smith, and Dan Zahn & Kate Moretti. This year's Woodstock Folk Festival was partially sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council as well as a generous Target Community Giving Grant.

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