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## Spoletto Festival USA Announces Additional Concert: Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder at the College of Charleston Cistern Yard on May 31

Tickets on sale Wednesday, February 14, at 10:00am

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**February 14, 2018 (Charleston, South Carolina)** — Due to high demand, Spoletto Festival USA announced today that bluegrass luminary Ricky Skaggs will give an additional concert with Kentucky Thunder as part of the First Citizens Bank Front Row series. The concert will take place at the College of Charleston Cistern Yard on Thursday, May 31, at 9:00pm.

Tickets will be on sale to the general public starting at 10:00am on Wednesday, February 14, at [spoletousa.org](http://spoletousa.org) or by calling the box office at 843.579.3100. Those who have already purchased tickets for Skaggs's concert on June 1 and wish to attend on May 31 instead can exchange tickets at no extra cost by calling the Festival box office.

A 15-time Grammy winner, Skaggs has been considered a master of the mandolin for more than 40 years. As a child, he played with such legends as Bill Monroe and Earl Scruggs, and in 1982, he became the youngest member inducted to the Grand Ole Opry. "A shining paragon of bluegrass and country

traditionalism” (*The New York Times*), Skaggs has long been at the forefront of the country-music movement to restore the genre to its roots. Yet Skaggs and his six-member string band continue to keep things fresh with respect to that tradition, earning eight International Bluegrass Music Awards and collaborating with artists including Bruce Hornsby, the Dixie Chicks, and The Raconteurs. In 2015, Skaggs earned the Americana Music Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award for Instrumentalist.

Founded in 1977, Spoleto Festival USA is an annual 17-day performing arts festival that presents leading artists in classical and popular music, jazz, opera, dance, and theater, contributing to the rich cultural fabric of Charleston, SC. The 2018 season includes more than 160 ticketed events in a dozen locations on the downtown peninsula, including the historic Dock Street Theatre and the grand Charleston Gaillard Center.

A release outlining the entire 2018 season can be found [HERE](#).