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Sam Gleaves & Leigh Beamer and Tyler Hughes Featured at Heartwood

Abingdon, Virginia – The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail presents Sam Gleaves & Leigh Beamer and Tyler Hughes in concert on Thursday, October 9th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Heartwood in Abingdon, VA. The concert is part of The Crooked Road's Youth Music Series.

Singing partners Sam Gleaves & Leigh Beamer hail from Wytheville, Virginia. Sam and Leigh perform traditional ballads, dance music and old time country songs with powerful vocal harmonies, fiddle, clawhammer banjo, guitar and autoharp. The duo were mentored by some of the region's finest musicians and singers, including Jim Lloyd, Sheila Kay Adams and Eddie Bond. Leigh performed as part of the Crooked Road's 2011 Roots of American Music Tour, on Broadway in New York and in Ireland and Scotland. Sam earned his degree in Folklore at Berea College and has performed in Ireland and Japan with Al White's Berea College Bluegrass Ensemble.

Tyler Hughes has been representing old time Appalachian music and culture on stages all across the east coast since age twelve. Hailing from Big Stone Gap, Virginia, his music is closely associated with that of the Carter Family, Dock Boggs, and Kate Peters Sturgill, among many others from the region. Tyler is a senior at ETSU where he is pursuing degrees in Bluegrass, Old Time, and Country Music Studies, and Appalachian Studies. He performs regularly with the ETSU Old Time Pride Band, as a solo artist, and with the Johnson City based Empty Bottle String Band.

The Crooked Road Music Series features youth music performers and showcases venues of the Crooked Road region. These events, along with open jams on the 1st, 3rd, (and 5th) Thursday of every month, are hosted at Heartwood. A complete schedule for the music series is available on The Crooked Road website at www.thecrookedroad.org and at www.heartwoodvirginia.org. The music series is sponsored by The Crooked Road, Heartwood, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway is located off I-81 at Exit 14 in Abingdon, VA, and features food, music, and craft of Southwest Virginia. Admission to the concert is free and donations will be accepted for Crooked Road Traditional Music Education Program (TMED).

For more information on The Crooked Road Music Series call (276) 492-2409 or email: info@thecrookedroad.org.



Photos of Sam Gleaves & Leigh Beamer (photo-Stacy Beamer) and Tyler Hughes (photo-Kristen Bearfield)