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EMF FRINGE – BeauSoleil Trio

Grammy-winning Cajun artists take the Crown Room stage on FRIDAY, June 17

GREENSBORO – **EMF Fringe**, Eastern Music Festival’s exploration of musical innovation continues on Friday, June 17 at 8 p.m. at the **Crown Room of the Carolina Theatre** when brothers **Michael** (fiddle, accordion, vocals) and **David Doucet** (vocals, guitar) and bandmate **Mitchell Reed** (fiddle, bass) take the stage as the **BeauSoleil Trio**.

The Grammy-winning artists are the front-line core of the venerable **BeauSoleil**, a six piece ensemble with a 40-year history. As a trio, Michael, David and Mitchell blend the rich Cajun and Creole traditions of Louisiana into a heady musical mix – stripping it down to an earthy “front-porch” style of traditional music.

Bandleader Michael Doucet’s spellbinding fiddle playing and soulful vocals drive BeauSoleil’s distinctive sound. Born out of the rich Acadian ancestry of its members, the group’s music derives from the distilled spirits of New Orleans jazz, blues rock, folk, swamp pop, Zydeco, country and bluegrass. BeauSoleil has captivated listeners from the Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans to Carnegie Hall, then all the way across the pond to Richard Thompson’s Meltdown Festival in England.

Since becoming the first Cajun band to win a GRAMMY with *L’amour Ou La Folie* (Traditional Folk Album – 1998) and then a second GRAMMY in 2010, *Live at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival*, BeauSoleil has garnered many accolades, including 12 GRAMMY nominations, the latest being their 2009 release *Alligator Purse*. They are regular guests on Garrison Keillor’s National Public Radio show *A Prairie Home Companion*, where Keillor has dubbed them as “the best Cajun band in the world,” and their music is so integral to the Cajun culture that they have been featured on the New Orleans-based hit HBO program *Treme*. In 2005 the National Endowment of the Arts again recognized Doucet’s integral involvement with the Cajun world, awarding him the esteemed National Heritage Fellowship as well as the United States Artists Fellowship in 2007.

The group is Cajun musical royalty -- masters of traditional French language song and music from Southwest Louisiana. And they’re only in Greensboro for one night!

Tickets are \$19 in advance and \$23 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact Carolina Theatre of Greensboro Box Office from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at (336) 333-2605 or <https://carolinatheatre.com/tickets>.

About Fringe:

Fringe, EMF's concert series that spotlights a wide variety of musical genres, began May 15 and features seven concerts. For the 2016 season, Fringe offerings range from gypsy jazz to mountain music, Creole to country, blues to pops and its second annual Chamber Crawl to appease even the most diverse music aficionados.

Sponsored by Cemala Foundation and the Lincoln Financial Foundation, Fringe performances historically have been held during and after EMF's regular season offerings. For the 2016 season, EMF board member John Davis and Fringe committee members decided to move several of the often playful, sometimes edgy and always delightful music to May and June as a prelude to its June and July lineup.

About Eastern Music Festival:

Eastern Music Festival stands among the country's premier summer music educational programs and most imaginative performance festivals. With a 55 year history of both artistic and educational excellence, EMF attracts artists, students and audiences from around the globe to Greensboro each summer during its five week festival. EMF's 2016 performances begin on Monday, June 27 and continue through Saturday, July 30. Concerts are presented at Guilford College, UNCG, High Point University, Appalachian State University and in venues throughout the community such as Temple Emanuel, Greensboro's First Presbyterian Church and in public libraries. Over 65 performances, workshops, seminars and master classes will be presented.

Beyond the Festival, EMF produces and presents Fringe series and other programming throughout the year.

For more information about Fringe and the 2016 EMF season, visit <http://www.easternmusicfestival.org/festival/calendar>

To purchase tickets or for ticket information visit our website or call Triad Stage at 336-272-0160.

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