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Acoustic Guitar Legend Tommy Emmanuel Embarks On A Month Long Tour In November With World Renowned Acoustic Musician, David Grisman

**Thursday, November 16
Sandler Center for Performing Arts – Virginia Beach, VA**

VIRGINIA BEACH April 24, 2017 -- Two-time GRAMMY nominee and world-renowned “fingerstyle” guitar legend Tommy Emmanuel will once again be bringing his passionate and infectious live show to the United States starting November 2017, touring alongside renowned acoustic musician David “Dawg” Grisman. Together, they will astound audiences with their effortless compositions and improvisational skills with stops across the Midwest and Eastern United States. Throughout the night, they will perform together and solo, playing fan favorites as well as new songs.

Tommy Emmanuel with special guest David Grisman perform at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts November 16. Tickets go on sale Friday, May 5 on YnotTix.com

Tommy Emmanuel’s five-decade career has garnered hundreds of thousands of fans worldwide, along with two GRAMMY nominations. Maintaining a tour schedule of nearly 250 shows a year, Emmanuel has been voted Favorite Acoustic Guitarist in both Guitar Player Magazine and Acoustic Guitar Magazine’s reader polls. Emmanuel’s catalogue includes over twenty musical recordings of solos, duets, ensembles, cover tunes, originals, utilizing both electric and acoustic guitar. He has made six live performance DVDs, and six additional instructional DVDs. Tommy Emmanuel is an honorary Kentucky Colonel, a CGP (Certified Guitar Player), an Order of Australia Medalist (AM) and the holder of an honorary Master’s Degree (MA). Australia in recognition of his commitment to rural Australia and contributions to music education.

For nearly half a century, mandolinist/composer/bandleader/producer David Grisman has been a guiding force in the evolving world of acoustic music. His musical range is wide and deep, embracing

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many styles, genres and traditions. An acoustic pioneer and innovator, David forged a unique personal artistic path, skillfully combining elements of the great American music/art forms of jazz and bluegrass with many international flavors and sensibilities to create his own distinctive idiom of "Dawg" music (the nickname given him by Jerry Garcia.) In doing so, he's inspired new generations of acoustic string musicians, while creating his own niche in contemporary music.

Emmanuel just released Tommy Emmanuel - Music Gone Public, a DVD collection of "greatest hits" from Tommy's previous PBS airings. It includes seven never-before-seen performances and musical collaborations, and features personal stories about the songs and performances from Tommy himself. Emmanuel's program was a bit unique. Rather than highlight one concert, his episode combined many of his great performances for PBS over the last decade from previous features such as Center Stage, Tommy Emmanuel & Friends - Live from The Balboa Theatre, and Live and Solo from Pensacola, Florida.

To view Tommy's YouTube page, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TommyEmmanuelTV>

Tommy Emmanuel Tour Dates

11/03/17 - Kansas City, MO – Arvest Bank Theatre
11/04/17 - Des Moines, IA – Hoyt Sherman Place
11/05/17 - Burnsville, MN – Ames Center
11/07/17 - Milwaukee, WI – Pabst Theater
11/08/17 - Ann Arbor, MI – Michigan Theatre
11/10/17 - Columbus, OH – Davidson Theatre
11/11/17 - Ithaca, NY – State Theatre
11/12/17 - Londonderry, NH – Tupelo Music Hall
11/14/17 - South Orange, NJ - South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC)
11/16/17 - Virginia Beach, VA – Sandler Center for the Performing Arts
11/17/17 - Wilmington, NC – Wilson Center
11/18/17 - Charleston, SC – Charleston Music Hall

For more information:

www.tommyemmanuel.com

About the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts

The Sandler Center for the Performing Arts opened on Nov. 3, 2007, and is professionally managed by Spectra Venue Management (spectraexperiences.com), formally Global Spectrum. With its soaring glass façade revealing the magnificent lobby, the grand staircase and glittering chandelier, Sandler Center beckons patrons from its location in the heart of Virginia Beach's Town Center.

With 1,300 seats, the Sandler Center is an adaptable, acoustically superb space suited for virtually every kind of live performance. In addition to performances for audiences of all ages, the Sandler Center enriches the life of the Virginia Beach community with arts education programs, including student matinees, in-school performances and master classes with renowned artists. To learn more about the Sandler Center, visit www.sandlercenter.org.

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