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## **Round Top Folk Festival**

At Burritt on the Mountain

(Huntsville, AL) – Burritt on the Mountain and the Burritt Folk School present the second annual **Round Top Folk Festival. Named for the mountain on which Burritt sits, the festival will feature traditional art and music, November 5th and 6<sup>th</sup>.** Over 30 local demonstrators, artisans, musicians, and more will be participating this year with unique items for sale, as well as special demonstrations representing traditional art and culture of North Alabama.

This year in addition to the musicians found through the park we are excited to bring **Fireball Mail bluegrass band to the Isenberg Gazebo Saturday evening for a featured concert at 5:30pm.** Fireball Mail is a past winner of the Telluride Bluegrass festival band contest and frequents the stage of the well-known bluegrass hot spot the Station Inn in Nashville, TN. Collectively, Fireball Mail has an extensive resume of touring, and recording experience including appearances with such notable artists as Buddy Greene, Claire Lynch, Curtis Burch, and Ricky Skaggs. Tickets for Saturday evenings concert are on sale now. Festival Day Passes can be purchased on site each day. No advance purchase necessary. "The Round Top Folk Festival brings the mission of Burritt on the Mountain together with the Burritt Folk School to enhance lives and inspire, educate and cultivate a creative community of active learners right here in Huntsville," said Leslie Ecklund, Burritt CEO. "Burritt has long been a place to enjoy the outdoors for both recreation and history. We preserve traditional arts, skills and handicrafts and offer opportunities for guests to experience the way things once were done."

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy lunch from Heavenly Sinwiches food truck Saturday. S'mores at The View, Hot Chocolate, Hot Toddies, and snacks will be available for purchase as well as a cash bar all weekend.

A special thank you to our festival sponsors, Edward Jones, First Bank, First Bank Mortgage, and The Orion Amphitheater.

The Burritt Folk School continues to enjoy growth and support from our local community and the state. This year the Burritt Folk School received a grant from Alabama State Council on the Arts allowing the Burritt Folk School to expand its instructor base, class offerings and employ a full time Folk School Manager, Jana Parris.

"I am so proud to be a part of our state's vibrant arts and culture sector. Through this grant the Burritt Folk School can continue to make our community stronger today while preserving the traditional arts of our ancestors in the Cumberland Plateau region," said Jana Parris. "As we grow The Burritt Folk School is able to offer a wider variety of classes as well as host Master workshops, with regionally and nationally recognized artists."

"The Round Top Folk Festival weekend is a great opportunity to enjoy the mountain air and visit with some of our Folk School instructors as they demonstrate their crafts. The Folk School studio and workshops spaces will be open as well as the historic buildings throughout the park. I invite people to come see for themselves and be a part of our creative community," Parris.

## To view the full list of Artist Vendors, demonstrators and local musicians, visit burrittonthemountain.com for up to date listings.

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