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— 2017 Missouri Music Hall of Fame Inductees —

The **Missouri Music Hall of Fame** is pleased to announce the inductees for 2017.

Connie Dover
Rhonda Vincent
Lyceum Theatre (Venue)

The 2017 award ceremony will be Saturday, November 25 from 5:30-7:00 PM at The St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, Missouri.

The event is free and open to the public.

Connie Dover

In an extremely rare and unanimous jury categorization, Ms. Dover has been inducted into both categories of Musician and Composer/Songwriter.

Acclaimed by *The Boston Globe* as “the finest folk ballad singer America has produced since Joan Baez,” Connie is a singer, poet, and Emmy Award-winning producer and composer. With a lifelong commitment to the collection, preservation, and performance of traditional songs and ballads, her music has been featured in a number of films and documentaries.

Born in Arkansas and raised in northwest Missouri, Ms. Dover earned a history degree from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, which included study at Oxford University (England). She has performed worldwide on radio, television, and in concert with folk ensembles, chamber orchestras, and cowboy bunkhouse bands from Cody, Wyoming to Dublin, Ireland, and from Buenos Aires to Istanbul. She has been a guest, and her music highlighted, on NPR’s *Weekend Edition Saturday* and *Sunday, Democracy Now!*, *A Prairie Home Companion*, *Thistle and Shamrock*, and *Mountain Stage*.

Alongside her solo recordings, she has appeared on record labels including Sony, Virgin, EMI, Narada, and Rounder Records. Her awards as an author and poet include the grand prize of the *Yellowstone-Teton Song Contest*, the *Speakeasy Prize in Poetry*, and she was a finalist for the *New Letters Prize in Poetry*.

When not performing, Ms. Dover lives and works on a ranch in Wyoming’s Beartooth/ Absaroka Wilderness, and she is a cook and guide for “Yellowstone Expeditions,” a remote winter camp in Yellowstone National Park.

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The Missouri Music Hall of Fame was founded in 2009 under the auspices of the St. Joseph Music Foundation (a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization) which also directs KFOH-FM Radio and the simultaneous web-broadcasts which have an internationally documented annual listenership of over three-quarters of a million listeners, one-third of those tuning in from overseas.

The Missouri Music Hall of Fame was established to honor Missouri-born and Missouri-related personalities in the music industry. Inductees are chosen on the basis of their state-wide, national, and international profile and accomplishments. These iconic personalities and entities are some of the leading figures in the musical arts and we're extremely proud of their relationship to our great State of Missouri.

Nominations for the Missouri Music Hall of Fame are accepted from any Missouri resident. Final winners are selected by a state-wide, anonymous vote of select experts in the field, and past inductees. Nomination forms and further details are available on-line at: www.StJosephMusicFoundation.org

The Missouri Music Hall of Fame is honored to celebrate the inspirational creativity of these unique individuals, scholars, and organizations. Each inductee is prominently cited in the museum space, receives an award plaque, and a citation from the Missouri Music Hall of Fame.

For further information, contact the St. Joseph Music Foundation at [\(816\) 676-1112](tel:8166761112) and please feel free to visit the Missouri Music Hall of Fame museum space hosted by The St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, Missouri. Call [\(816\) 232-8471](tel:8162328471) for museum hours and exhibition information.