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**ALISON KRAUSS HEATS UP MISSOULA IN AUGUST**

**MISSOULA-**

Grammy award-winning singer and fiddler Alison Krauss will bring her band Union Station to Missoula for a summer concert on The University of Montana campus.

Krauss and Union Station will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, in the University Theatre. Tickets are \$26 in advance or \$28 the day of the show. They are on sale now at all Tic-It-E-Z outlets or by calling (888) MONTANA or 243-4051 in Missoula.

Krauss is known for her sophisticated blend of progressive bluegrass, folk-country and artful pop, as well as a voice that makes critics gush. Entertainment Weekly says she has the "sweetest voice in country music," USA Today characterizes her as a "low and lonesome" whispery alto, and Newsweek calls her a torch singer gone country.

An Illinois native, Krauss found her voice early, cutting her first Rounder album with Union Station at age 15. She went on to rack up the music awards, most notably in 1995, when she won top female vocalist honors at the Grammy Awards, Country Music Association Awards and International Bluegrass Music Association Awards.

The band's eighth and most recent recording with Rounder Records, "Forget About It," marks an innovative departure from convention.

"Krauss goes out of her way to break the three-chord tyranny of traditional bluegrass and

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country music," wrote Newsweek reviewer Peter McGrath.

The album embraces melancholy, romantic themes. Songs include "It Wouldn't Have Made Any Difference," a 1970s Todd Rundgren ballad; "Ghost in This House," a '90s country hit by Shenandoah; and "Dreaming My Dreams With You," a waltz with harmony vocals by Lyle Lovett and Dolly Parton. Union Station's stylings are "dreamy, bittersweet country and pop," according to USA Today critic Brian Mansfield.

Band members are Krauss, Barry Bales, Ron Block, Dan Tyminski and Jerry Douglas. For more information, visit Krauss' Web site at <http://www.alisonkrauss.com>.

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