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ALISON KRAUSS PRESENTS HALLOWEEN PERFORMANCE

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

Krauss and Union Station will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the University Theatre. Tickets are \$27 in advance or \$29 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 ninth and most recent recording with Rounder Records is this year's "New Favorite." The album embraces lyrical themes of resolution and redemption, consequence and

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"'New Favorite' is again an ensemble work of bluegrass and mountain music by perhaps the most versatile ensemble working in the genre today," writes Country.com. "Even though they had no new release within the past voting year, Krauss and three of her band members -- Dan Tyminksi, Barry Bales and Jerry Douglas -- dominate the nominations in the upcoming IBMA bluegrass awards."

Krauss also was heard recently on the "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" soundtrack, where she recorded three songs: "Down to the River to Pray," "Didn't Leave Nobody But the Baby" (with Emmylou Harris and Gillian Welch) and "I'll Fly Away" (with Welch). The double-platinum album has dominated Billboard charts since the movie's release last year.

Union Station band members are Krauss, Barry Bales, Ron Block, Dan Tyminski and Jerry Douglas. For more information, visit Krauss' Web site at www.alisonkrauss.com.

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