



## PERFORMING ARTS DISCOVERY: AMERICAN SOUNDS

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### About Performing Arts Discovery: American Sounds

Performing Arts Discovery: American Sounds (PAD: American Sounds) is a pilot project introducing presenters from outside the United States to artists representing quintessentially American music – traditional/folk, Native American, jazz, blues, Gospel, zydeco, country, bluegrass and more. The goal of PAD: American Sounds is to build and expand relationships that result in new opportunities for American musicians to tour abroad.

- Two cohorts of invited presenters from abroad attend showcase and festival performances in the South Arts region. During multi-day, immersive visits, presenters will meet and experience the work of traditional and jazz musicians and their management, talk with scholars and folklorists about these unique musical forms, engage with other U.S. presenters, and share their own programming visions.
- In April 2017, international programmers will attend Merlefest (Wilkesboro NC) and a curated listening tour in Nashville TN.
- In fall 2016, international programmers attended the Performing Arts Exchange (PAE) 2016, in Orlando, FL, including a curated PAD: American Sounds showcases by musicians residing in the South Arts region; and attended the World of Bluegrass Festival in Raleigh, NC.

*Participation in this project is by invitation, but we welcome your input and information to make this pilot project as strong and successful as possible.*

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