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GRANT AWARDED

The Will & Deni McIntyre Foundation has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the North Carolina Arts Council's "Come Hear NC" campaign to help fund the fourth season of *David Holt's State of Music*, an Emmy-nominated public TV series which premiered on North Carolina Public Television (UNC-TV) in 2015. The show is distributed nationally by PBS.

"*David Holt's State of Music* features amazing talent shot in beautiful and interesting locations around our region," says the show's director, Deni McIntyre, who lives in Hendersonville. The program's third season, which premiered on PBS affiliates nationwide in November, features mandolin legend Sam Bush, IBMA Guitar Player of the Year Molly Tuttle, young country blues artist Jerron "Blind Boy" Paxton, champion fiddler and step dancer April Verch, mid-life breakout artist Joe Newberry, and Dobro master Jerry Douglas. The season was shot on location at the Haw River Ballroom, the Hayti Cultural Center in Durham, the Asheville Guitar Bar, Andrew Jackson's Hermitage outside Nashville, The Down Home in Johnson City (TN), and historic Hachland Hill Farm in Joelton, TN. Series host David Holt is a four-time Grammy Award winner who lives in Asheville.

The Will & Deni McIntyre Foundation was established in 2009 to raise the profile of the arts and non-profit initiatives through the creation of videos, books, and photography for websites and related media. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

"Come Hear NC" is a campaign of the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources celebrating those who create, support, and sustain the musical heritage of our state.



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