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Mondavi Center Announces 2011 SummerMusic Featuring the Music and Dance of New Orleans and India

June 16, 2011; Davis, Calif.—The Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis announces the return of the popular **SummerMusic series on the UC Davis Quad**. This year's lineup includes the **Cajun sounds of Steve Riley & the Mamou Playboys** on July 16, and the **Indian rhythms of Non Stop Bhangra** on August 13. Both events begin at 7:30 p.m. and are **free** and open to all ages. The UC Davis Quad will open at 6:00 p.m. for picnicking prior to both events. *Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the UC Davis Campus.*

“With these two exciting SummerMusic concerts Mondavi Center fans can get a preview of two special themes in the 2011-12 season,” said Don Roth, Mondavi Center executive director. “Steve Riley & the Mamou Playboys will give us a taste of Louisiana, tying in to our Spirit of New Orleans week in November; and Non Stop Bhangra will evoke our season-long Focus on India, while getting the crowd on their feet and teaching audiences traditional Northern Indian Bhangra steps.”

Steve Riley & the Mamou Playboys kick off SummerMusic on **Saturday, July 16** with a Cajun dance party on the Quad. Led by Riley, a master of the Cajun accordion, the band boasts a wealth of musical talent, from guitar dynamo Sam Broussard to fiddle virtuoso Kevin Wimmer. Their churning interpretations of Cajun French music from the backwaters of Southwest Louisiana have kept them justly celebrated for over 20 years, including three Grammy nominations for their recordings *Trace of Time* (1993), *Bon Reve* (2003) and *Live at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival* (2008).

The series concludes on **Saturday, August 13** with **Non Stop Bhangra**. The party will begin with a free dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. with Dholrhythms Dance Company, followed by dance performances accompanied by DJ Jimmy Love spinning an eclectic mix of Bhangra, hip hop, reggae and electronica. This unique experience celebrates the beautiful, vibrant spirit of Bhangra, a traditional Punjabi folk music and dance. Bhangra is truly one of the most joyous and celebratory forms of dance, typically performed at festive occasions and celebrations.

Mondavi Center SummerMusic 2011, FREE for all ages: 530-754-2787; 866-754-2787 (toll-free); 530-754-5402 (TDD), MondaviArts.org. Full schedule and images available for download at: <http://www.MondaviArts.org/pressroom>.

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