

Mountain Stage Radio Show

respecting and showcasing musicians who keep traditions alive



"It's a good show for hearing the lesser-knowns who have a shot at becoming the better-knowns."

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Mountain Stage® is a two-hour public radio show recorded before a live audience. Now in its 25th season, the program can also be heard on XM Satellite Radio and on the Voice of America, and has established a long tradition of featuring national and international artists in almost every style of music. **Mountain Stage** produces an average of 26 new shows a year. Most shows feature five artists or groups and are recorded at the Cultural Center Theater at the Capitol Complex in Charleston. In the spring of 2007, **Mountain Stage** teamed with Fleming Artists for extended road tours.

A production of West Virginia Public Broadcasting, **Mountain Stage** is a series of two-hour specials that presents artists ranging from traditional roots and contemporary music to avant garde, ethnic, rock and jazz. **Mountain Stage** producers respect the musicians who keep traditions alive as well as the innovators who forge ahead. In addition to showcasing both established and emerging artists from the United States, **Mountain Stage** has featured artists from all over the world.

And because the **Mountain Stage** producers believe that all music is related, the show's guest list is the most stylistically varied of any national radio program. Over the years, guests have included **Los Lobos**, **Alison Krauss**, **Phish**, **Muzikas** (Hungary), **Buddy Guy**, **Ali Farke Toure** (Mali), **John Trudell**, **Dr. John**, **The Del McCoury Band**, **Joan Baez**, **Barenaked Ladies**, **Randy Newman**, **Chucho Valdes** (Cuba), **Ralph Stanley**, **John Cale**, **Wilco**, **Bobby Blue Bland**, **The Indigo Girls**, **Altan** (Ireland), **Lucinda Williams**, **Joshua Redman**, **Loudon Wainwright III**, **Richard Thompson**, **Norah Jones**, and **R.E.M.**

Larry Groce is the host of **Mountain Stage**. The house band is directed by **Ron Sowell** and features vocalist **Julie Adams** and pianist **Bob Thompson**. **Groce** also serves as the show's artistic director, working closely with executive producer **Andy Ridenour** and associate producer **Linda McSparin**. Radio engineer and mixer **Francis Fisher** and stage manager **Paul Flaherty** head a production team that records the show and keeps it flowing smoothly on show day.

Each guest performs a three to six-song segment. Each show weaves the program regulars and local station ID opportunities into transitions around the guests. **Mountain Stage** blends studio quality with live performance before a theater audience.



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