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Chuck Costa of Madison Named New Connecticut State Troubadour

HARTFORD, Conn. (January 19, 2011) - The Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism announced today that Chuck Costa of Madison has been named Connecticut's new State Troubadour, an honorary position established by the Connecticut legislature in 1991. The State Troubadour serves as an ambassador of music and song and promotes cultural literacy among Connecticut citizens.

Costa will serve a two-year term, from January 2011 to December 2012. He succeeds Lara Herscovitch who was Connecticut State Troubadour for 2009 and 2010.

About Chuck Costa

Charles (better known as Chuck) Costa of Madison is a singer-songwriter with a wide range of experience who plays regularly at folk festivals, coffeehouses, clubs, and theaters across Connecticut, New England and the United States. He projects a fresh and honest voice and is a thoughtful and engaging performer who connects well with audiences of all ages in a variety of musical settings. Review panelists unanimously agreed that Chuck's lyrics, music and performance skills are of the highest caliber.

Chuck has released numerous recordings and independent albums and has been featured on NPR's "All Songs Considered." He has opened for some of the country's most respected folk singer-songwriters. A regular performer at festivals from New York, Tennessee to Colorado, he has shared the stage with diverse artists including Pete Seeger.

In addition to performing and recording, Chuck has taught and conducted workshops in schools, libraries, and camps. He takes his role as an educator seriously and believes that tapping the creative potential of young people – engaging them to write, compose and perform original music – is one of his most important goals.

"Chuck's music and songs will serve as an inspiration for Connecticut citizens of all ages," said Karen Senich, Executive Director of the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism. "We are fortunate to count him among our rich and talented pool of state artists."

CCT received twelve applications for the 2011-2012 State Troubadour position. A panel reviewed the applicants based on the three published criteria: (1) excellence in singing and songwriting, (2) substantial performance and songwriting experience, and (3) experience with diverse audiences.

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About the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

The Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism brings together tourism, history and the arts. Its mission is to preserve and promote Connecticut's cultural and tourism assets in order to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the state. The Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism is located at One Constitution Plaza, Second Floor, and Hartford, Connecticut. For more information, log on to www.cultureandtourism.org.

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