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LAMPEDUSA

— CONCERTS FOR REFUGEES —

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THE BETTER ANGELS OF OUR NATURE CALL UPON US
TO ACT WITH **COMPASSION** AND **NOT WITH FEAR** IN
THE FACE OF SO MUCH SUFFERING.

———— EMMYLOU HARRIS | 13-TIME GRAMMY WINNING ARTIST ————

THE TOUR

- October 6, 2016**, *Boulder Theater*, Boulder, Colo.
- October 8, 2016**, *Helzberg Hall*, Kansas City, Mo.
- October 9, 2016**, *Rococo Theater*, Lincoln, Neb.
- October 11, 2016**, *Sheldon Concert Hall*, St. Louis, Mo.
- October 12, 2016**, *Pabst Theater*, Milwaukee, Wis.
- October 13, 2016**, *Vic Theater*, Chicago, Ill.
- October 14, 2016**, *Massey Hall*, Toronto, Ontario
- October 16, 2016**, *Berklee Performance Center*, Boston, Mass.
- October 18, 2016**, *Town Hall*, New York City, N.Y.
- October 19, 2016**, *Merriam Theater*, Philadelphia, Pa.
- October 21, 2016**, *Lisner Auditorium*, Washington, D.C.

Award winning singers/songwriters Emmylou Harris, Steve Earle, Patty Griffin, Buddy Miller, and The Milk Carton Kids have joined Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) by donating their talent, compassion and time to *Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees*. The artists will be joined by special guests in 11 cities across the country to raise both awareness and money to support JRS' global education programs.

Tour concept: Gail Griffith
Strategic relationships: Monica Baker
Tour program design: APCO Worldwide



THE AVERAGE
LENGTH OF
DISPLACEMENT
IS **17 YEARS.**

Photo by Angela Wells—JRS

WHY LAMPEDUSA

People fleeing their homes and countries in North Africa often pass through Lampedusa, a tiny island off the coast of Sicily that serves as a waypoint in a refugee's search for safety and security. In 2013, Pope Francis made his first official visit as Pontiff to the island after hearing of an incident in which refugees traveling in a fishing boat towards Lampedusa drowned at sea while clinging to tuna nets. For JRS, Lampedusa is an iconic image that represents the hope and opportunity for millions in search of a better life for themselves and their families. *Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees* sends a hopeful message—that these displaced people can reach their dreams.

FEWER THAN 50% OF ALL
REFUGEES HAVE ACCESS
TO **PRIMARY EDUCATION.**

WHY JRS

Founded 36 years ago in response to the Boat People crisis in Indochina, JRS now works in more than 45 countries worldwide to meet the educational, health, and psychosocial needs of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. Committed to serving people of all faiths, our mission is to accompany, serve, and advocate for the rights of those displaced by conflict and disaster.

Today there are more than 65 million refugees and internally displaced people worldwide, the highest level ever recorded. Forced to flee their homes, these are people from all walks of life, in search of survival for themselves and their families.

In response to the expanding refugee crisis, in 2015 JRS launched the Global Education Initiative, designed to help refugees heal, learn, and thrive.

JRS is committed to raising \$35 million and doubling the number of people we serve in our education projects to more than 240,000 by the year 2020. Education is the one life-saving intervention that cannot be taken away.

Educational programs are offered in traditional classroom settings and through distance learning at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. We also offer hands-on vocational training in life skills. Emphasis is placed on teacher training and education for girls, too many of whom have been traditionally left out of the classroom.

For more information about **JRS programs see www.jrsusa.org**.

OUR SUPPORTERS

Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees is indebted to the commitment of many friends and supporters, including: Maple Byrne; Michele Fisher, Kevin Spellman and Kathi Whitley at Vector Management; David Macias (tour co-producer) and Thirty Tigers; Frank Riley, Dina Dusko and Lisa Laack at High Road Touring (tour booking); Carolyn Rosenfeld (tour manager); Carla Sacks and Sacks and Co. (tour publicity); Gilbert Ford (poster and T-shirt design); Arthur S. Demoulas; Oskar Blues Brewery; Tom Meyer and Clyde's Restaurant Group; Thomas and Ulrike Schlafly and Schlafly Beer; Zipline Brewing Co.; Fairfield University; Georgetown University; Loyola University of Chicago; Saint Louis University; and The University of Scranton.

Additionally, APCO Worldwide, a renowned global communications consultancy – along with Ethiopian Airlines and Visa – have embraced JRS as a partner and have committed support to our efforts. JRS is grateful for their professional services, kind hearts, and financial support.



EMMYLOU HARRIS

Already celebrated as a discoverer and interpreter of other artists' songs, 13-time Grammy Award-winner Emmylou Harris has, in the last decade, gained admiration as much for her eloquently straightforward songwriting as for her incomparably expressive singing. She is listed as one of VHI's 100 Most Influential Women in Rock and Roll and was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2008. Long recognized for her commitment to righteous causes, she was instrumental in organizing "Concerts for a Landmine Free World" in the late 1990s and is an ardent defender of animal rights. <http://www.emmylouharris.com>



STEVE EARLE

A protégé of legendary songwriters Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark, Grammy Award-winner Steve Earle is one of today's master musical storytellers. Throughout his more than 30-year career, Mr. Earle has mined the veins of American roots music: Country rock and roll, folk and rockabilly. A three-time Grammy Award-winner, he has also produced a series of short-stories, a novel, an off-Broadway play and appeared in the hit HBO shows *The Wire* and *Treme*. <http://www.steveearle.com/>



PATTY GRIFFIN

Patty Griffin is a Grammy Award-winning artist who has achieved great acclaim for her songwriting as well as her powerful voice. Her first two albums, *Living with Ghosts* and *Flaming Red*, are considered seminal albums in the singer-songwriter genre, while *Children Running Through* won Best Album and led to her being named Best Artist at the 2007 Americana Music Awards. <http://www.pattygriffin.com/>



BUDDY MILLER

Long known as a go-to sideman and brilliant songwriter, Buddy has recently come into the spotlight for his exceptional production work. His work has been recognized with a Grammy Award, Dove Award and additional Grammy nominations. He has made over 30 records, produces a weekly radio show on Sirius XM, and was the executive music producer for the network television hit *Nashville*. <http://buddymiller.com/>



THE MILK CARTON KIDS

Grammy-nominated harmony duo The Milk Carton Kids is a refreshing alternative to the foot-stomping grandeur of the so-called “folk revival.” In addition to a Grammy nomination for Best Folk Album, The Milk Carton Kids won Duo/Group of the Year at the Americana Music Awards in 2014. <http://www.themilkcartonkids.com/>

REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE WORLDWIDE: **65 MILLION**



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Together we can help refugees Heal, Learn, and Thrive.

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to JRS' Global Education Initiative and donate.

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