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## SEASON WRAPS WITH DARRELL SCOTT'S RETURN

As the last performance of the 2016-17 series, Grammy-nominated songwriter Darrell Scott is thrilled to return to Hamilton on April 29th.

"I love Montana, it's just beautiful," he said. "I distinctly remember the small town of Hamilton - it has a strong nucleus of good quality of living. There were really good restaurants and people who are interested in the arts, which is why I'm coming again. I really enjoyed playing there in the Performing Arts Center."

Exactly a year ago, Scott released his latest album, "Couchville Sessions," which was recorded at home.

"Recording in your living room is really a relaxed way of going at it," he said. "Instead of feeling like, 'Oh my god, this studio is so expensive and the red light is on and I should be playing my best but I'm all nervous.' ... No, I like to go the opposite direction. We push the coffee table aside. There's a roast in the oven that we smell while we play. I'm more interested in creating an environment for the recording that helps the recording itself. We eat, tell stories and I surround myself with the best musicians I know and make easy work of it instead of facing the challenge of spending time in the music industry's way of doing things."

Scott has never conformed to the business side of the music industry, even though he's been forceful in helping shape the last two decades of successful music in Nashville and has toured with Robert Plant and other great talent.

"We're going to have a really important and impactful time on that Saturday in Hamilton," he said. "What the (BPAC) is doing fits exactly with what I'm doing. I love that people in the (Bitterroot) can say, 'We want art and music in our community and we're going to fund it and find a way to bring it here.'"

"It's a cottage industry of people as opposed to some star-making system," he said. "To me that's great news. We don't have to wait around for the New York Times to tell us what we want to like. This off-the-radar approach is so much better and applies to so many things - even restaurants or growing our own food - we can make up how we want to live and what we enjoy and I applaud the people of Hamilton for joining me in that."



To purchase tickets, call the BPAC Box Office at 406.363.7946 or stop by at 127 W. Main St. Suite 103 in Hamilton. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.bitterrootperformingarts.org](http://www.bitterrootperformingarts.org).

# a line from Laurie

by BPAC Executive Director  
Laurie Ruffner



Ahh...Spring is in the air! It's so welcome after a winter that many of us in the Bitterroot can't recall being so long and snowy in close to 20 years. I love new beginnings, a fresh outlook, and the energy that

Spring always seems to bring with it. From the flowers, plants, vegetable garden prep and birds making their appearances to the baby calves and lambs showing up in the pastures, Spring brings with it renewal.

It's also an exciting time at the BPAC right now as we are securing our programming for the 2017-2018 Season and we have some truly exciting performing artists lining up. Our Board of Directors, Staff and Programming Committee are so committed to sharing the beauty of what we can all learn from the arts. It's an honor to be part of their team. Every day brings a new way of looking at the arts and how they unite and teach us.

Every morning I wake up and ask these three questions that I'd also like you to consider:

1. Who/what do I love?
2. Who loves me and how can I make their day a better day?
3. How can I make a difference for just one person in a positive way today?

As we all embrace the beauty of Spring and transition into Summer, think about renewal and how each of us has the opportunity to make a positive impact on people, places and everything around us. Afterall, we live, work and play in one of the most beautiful places in the world!

## reviews

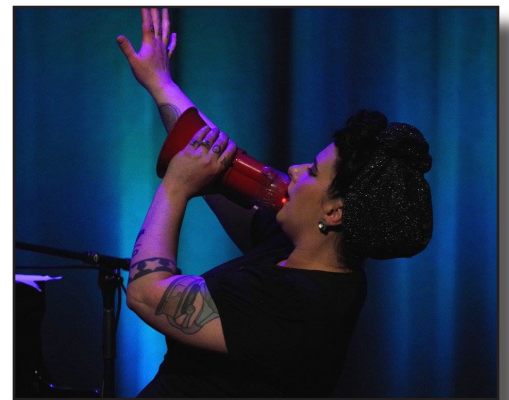


"I love her sound! Her jazz is so poetic and relatable and beautiful. A customer at Chapter One Bookstore, where I work, gave me her tickets. I was so excited to come. I had to buy one of her albums."

– Randi Burdette

"I love Davina. Her voice is so unique and her style of jazz was so fun. I was really impressed by her show and just loved her as an entertainer tonight."

– Rebecca Burns



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VAGABONDS