KATHY MATTEA

APPALACHIAN: of a wild and beautiful mountain land, a genre of distinctly American music, and for many, the deep roots of family. For Kathy Mattea, it also represents an essential piece of her musical education and heritage. Calling Me Home is Kathy’s new release on Sugar Hill Records, co-produced with multi-Grammy-winner Gary Paczosa. It’s a collection of songs that celebrates the Appalachian culture of her native West Virginia, and expands the vocabulary of acoustic roots music that has always served as her artistic center. Kathy has gathered songs and stories of bravery, pride and grief that further define and describe the life and times of her home place. 2008’s Grammy nominated COAL was her first step to discovering this vast and rich genre of music that producer Marty Stuart allowed was “in her blood,” taking her back to the lore of family stories and to her place and her people.