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Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters added as Willie Nelson's special guests!

Montreal, Friday, February 27, 2009 — If you thought the **Willie Nelson** announcement was great, hang onto your stetsons: the American music icon welcomes guest artists **Billy Bob Thornton & the Boxmasters** to his concert in magnificent **Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier, Place des Arts**, on **Friday, April 10** at 7:30 p.m.! We remind you that **Ray Price**, Willie Nelson's longtime friend and collaborator, will open the show. Tickets are currently on sale.

Before forming his dream group, **The Boxmasters**, with **J.D. Andrew** and **Michael Wayne Butler**, **Billy Bob Thornton** established himself as an A-list actor on the silver screen and recorded five solo albums. His new trio (which expands considerably for the stage) hit the ground running—these guys don't believe in half-measures! They debuted with a self-titled *double* album, and five months later, released *Christmas Cheer* for the holidays! The group immediately caused a sensation, rocking the *Late, Late Show* with Craig Ferguson, hitting the road to raves and sending a first single, *Poor House*, shooting into the U.S. Top 5. Influences from the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and the Kinks meet Johnny Cash and Merle Haggard in the Boxmasters' songs, so one thing is certain: they'll fit in perfectly alongside Willie Nelson! It's '60s rock'n'roll, electric hillbilly accents and retro-country, a great American popular music fusion with spicy hell-raising lyrics sure to make for a dangerously contagious evening!

Tickets already on sale

Tickets for this very special concert by **Willie Nelson** and his guests are available from **Place des Arts** (175 Ste. Catherine Street West), at 514-842-2112 or toll-free at 1 866 842-2112, or from laplacedesarts.com.

For more information, please visit the artist's official website, willienelson.com.

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