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Holiday Cheer for FUV Benefit Concert Presents Iron & Wine and Friends at the Beacon Theatre on December 10th Calexico Will Be House Band; Nick Lowe, and Others Also to Perform

New York, NY - The ninth annual **Holiday Cheer for FUV** concert will bring an evening of collaboration to the Beacon Theatre: **Iron & Wine and Friends**, featuring Tucson-based **Calexico** as house band, will play for a one-time evening of song and camaraderie. The show will take place Tuesday, December 10th at 8 p.m. and will benefit WFUV (90.7 FM/<u>www.wfuv.org</u>), New York's musically innovative public radio station. Joining them will be songwriter/performer **Nick Lowe**, plus other artists to be announced. For updates follow #FUVcheer on Twitter.

Tickets go on sale Friday, October 18, 2013 at 12 noon and will be available through Ticketmaster Charge By Phone (1-866-858-0008), all Ticketmaster Outlets, and www.beacontheatre.com. If tickets remain, they will be available at The Beacon Theatre box office starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 19th.

"Iron & Wine's Sam Beam sets a really high bar artistically," said WFUV Program Director Rita Houston. "The idea of bringing him together with other artists he admires appealed both to him and to us. We expect some creative sparks to fly and for the audience to hear some familiar songs in new ways. It should be a night of music discovery for everyone."

Sam Beam has performed as Iron & Wine for more than 10 years. The fifth Iron & Wine album, Ghost on Ghost, released earlier this year on Nonesuch Records, received critical acclaim for its synthesis of soaring melodies and jazz rhythms, and has established its place as one of WFUV's favorite albums of the year.

Calexico's own history of releases has earned them frequent airplay on FUV, up to and including their outstanding release of 2012, *Algiers*. Their history with Iron & Wine goes back to their collaborative EP, *In the Reins*, released in 2005, and considered by many fans as a watershed moment. The two bands have not performed together since 2006.

Nick Lowe, who first gained prominence as a songwriter, producer, and performer in the British punk and New Wave period of the 1970s, has become an elegant elder statesman of rock, exemplified by his recent albums *At My Age* (2007) and *The Old Magic* (2011).

Other special guest artists will be announced shortly.

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