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## Ray LaMontagne with very special guest Neko Case at MASS MoCA on June 29

Ray LaMontagne with very special guest Neko Case Friday, June 29, 7pm Joe's Field at MASS MoCA Tickets on sale beginning March 9, at 10am



NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS — Ray LaMontagne and Neko Case join a summer concert lineup at MASS MoCA that includes Courtney Barnett (June 12) and The Decemberists (June 15) when they take the stage on Joe's Field, the museum's largest venue, on Friday, June 29, at 7pm. The show, in support of LaMontagne's upcoming *Part of the Light* album is a copresentation of MASS MoCA and Higher Ground Presents in Burlington, Vermont. This is the first appearance in North Adams for LaMontagne, who might consider MASS MoCA his home venue — he hails from western Massachusetts. Case returns to MASS MoCA for her second appearance on the concert field — she opened for Wilco during the 2013 outing of the band's Solid Sound Music + Arts Festival in North Adams.

Ten years ago <u>Ray LaMontagne</u> released his first album, *TROUBLE* — a solid gold launch for a fiercely ambitious, Grammy Award-winning, critically praised career that's encompassed three more albums, several EPs, a slew of soundtrack contributions and arresting live performances fronting a variety of

ensembles. Recently he has been joined on tour by Wilco bassist John Stirratt, who is one of the partners in the expansive TOURISTS resort development in North Adams. Describing the sound of LaMontagne's most recent album, *Rolling Stone* praised the musician's powerful authenticity, "He sings like an old coot recalling his salad days over a whiskey and a fresh pack of smokes."



<u>Neko Case</u> is a fearless and versatile musician with an unparalleled work ethic and a constant drive to search deeper within herself for creative growth. *Rolling Stone* calls her "one of America's best and most ambitious songwriters," while *Pitchfork* deemed 2013's *The Worse Things Get, the Harder I Fight, the Harder I Fight, the More I Love You* "the most potent album of her career." 2015s *Truckdriver, Gladiator, Mule* box set looked back on her groundbreaking 20 years in music, packaging together 8 classic albums that track her singular journey from punk-country torchbearer to, as NPR notes, an "essentially peerless" pop icon.

## Images

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## MASS MoCA

Tickets for all events are available through the MASS MoCA box office located on Marshall Street in North Adams. The box office is open 11am to 5pm every day except Tuesdays. Tickets can also be charged by phone by calling 413.662.2111 x1 during box office hours or purchased online at <u>massmoca.org</u>. All events are held rain or shine.