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### Dirk Powell to 'meet, greet' Thursday

The Acadiana Center for the Arts named songwriter, producer and now director, Dirk Powell, as the new head of the award-winning Louisiana Crossroads concert series.

This will be its 12th season.

Powell, known for his multi-instrumental talents, will be available for a "Meet and Greet" at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 19, at the center's James D. Moncus Theater. The building is at the corner of Jefferson and Vermilion in Lafayette's Downtown area.

Powell replaces Todd Mouton, a longtime events coordinator of Crossroads.

The Crossroads series is "largely limitless, since almost all tangents of the world's music run to, from or through Louisiana at some point in their trajectory," Powell said.

"The new season will continue to celebrate the wealth of local Louisiana talent while bringing in some surprises from around the country and the world."

Center officials said Powell is known for "his ability to combine deep-running roots in American tradition."

He learned to play banjo and fiddle from his grandfather and also has worked on films featuring rock and pop stars Jack White, Joan Baez, Sting, Loretta Lynn, Levon Helm and Linda Ronstadt.

Powell has appeared on the "Today Show" and on "Late Night with David Letterman."

His brief turn in "Cold Mountain" won accolades from critics and audiences.

The Crossroads Series will resume this fall during its regular Fall/Spring season.



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