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CUTLINE: Musician Steve Free will perform 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, on Southern State Community College's South Campus near Sardinia.

SSCC South Campus to host Nov. 8 performance by Steve Free

Award-winning songwriter Steve Free of Scioto County will perform folk music 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Learning Resources Center (LRC) on Southern State Community College's South Campus, 12681 U.S. Route 62, near Sardinia. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Free draws upon his Native American and Appalachian roots through songs and stories to educate and entertain audience members of all ages. According to his web site, Free has won many awards for his music, including eight American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) awards for songwriting, the 1996 Academy of Independent Recording Artists award for singer/songwriter of the year, a 1998 ASCAP award for performances on National Public Radio, the 1999 and 2000 Airplay International Lifetime Achievement Awards, the 2008 Governor's Award for the Arts as Ohio's No. 1 Artist, and he also received a 2004 nomination for the Americana Music Awards. His album "Timeline" was named one of the top new traditional albums of 2000 by Country Bunker Radio.

Most recently, Free's song "Rivertown" hit No. 1 on the National Christian Country Charts for October 2011. The song, about Free's roots in the Ohio River Valley, also reached No. 4 on the international charts.

With three albums to his name – "No Regrets," "Rivers, Rails and Tales" and "Timeline" – Free is credited with 14 charted songs, including three No. 1 hits. He is an Ohio artist on tour with the Ohio Arts Council and serves on the Ohio Appalachian Rural Action Advisory Board. He also was featured in AFM's *International Musician* magazine.

For more information about Free's Nov. 8 performance, please contact Carissa Thatcher, South Campus LRC manager, at 1-800-628-7722, ext. 3681, or cthatcher@sscc.edu.

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