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THE KING OF NEWGRASS GRACES THE CELEBRITY SHOWROOM STAGE AT JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET JULY 9, 2011

Known as the King of Newgrass, Sam Bush, has helped to expand the horizons of bluegrass music. He's the co-founder of the genre-bending "New Grass Revival" which infused bluegrass with jazz, rock, blues, funk and other styles.

Bush is an in-demand musician who has played with everyone from Emmylou Harris and Bela Fleck to Charlie Haden, Lyle Lovett and Garth Brooks. "In the acoustic world, I've been pretty lucky to play with almost every one of my heroes. I've gotten to play with Bill Monroe, Doc Watson, Earl Scruggs, I've been to the mountain," says Bush with a smile.

Bush is a Grammy Award winning multi-instrumentalist honored by the Americana Music Association and the International Bluegrass Music Association.

His latest album, *Circles Around Me*, is Bush's seventh solo album and sixth with Sugar Hill. It is an aurally inspiring mix of bluegrass favorites and complementary new songs. "I don't know why, but it felt right at this moment in my life to go back and revisit some things that I've loved all my life, which is bluegrass and, unapologetically, newgrass," says Bush. "After all these years of experimenting —and there's experimentation on this record too —I've come full circle."

Produced by Bush, the 14-song set includes appearances by Del McCoury, Edgar Meyer, Jerry Douglas and New Grass Revival co-founder Courtney Johnson (posthumously). The album also employs the phenomenal talent of Bush's band: Scott Vestal, Stephen Mouglin, Byron House and Chris Brown.

Sam Bush performs July 9 at 9 p.m. in the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget in the Celebrity Showroom. Tickets are \$32 and are available at janugget.com or by calling 800-648-1177 or 775-356-3300.

John Ascuaga's Nugget is one of the few family-owned casino resorts left in the country. Founded as a coffee shop with a few slot machines on March 17, 1955, John Ascuaga has built the Nugget into a world-class, full-service gaming resort destination.