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### Vermont PBS Announces *Bardo: A Night in the Life*

Colchester, VT – March 21, 2018 – Vermont PBS and Higher Ground today announced the launch of *Bardo: A Night in the Life*, a collaboration meant to transport viewers from high-energy performance to the life of the performer. This video series combines behind-the-scenes conversations between host Ryan Miller of the band Guster and an exciting array of artists, with live HD concert footage filmed by Vermont PBS from Higher Ground. Each episode, online and broadcast, will tell the stories of today's most inspiring musicians, discovering what motivates them. Debuting on Vermont PBS on Thursday, May 3 at 9 pm, join Ryan and his guests as they explore Vermont and the creative process.

"Music is a common denominator that brings us together as Vermonters. Vermont PBS will leverage its public media platform to connect neighbors with local performances and friendly conversations so that everyone can have the Higher Ground experience," said Holly Groschner, President and CEO of Vermont PBS. "We look forward to working with Ryan Miller and Higher Ground to bring the inspiring creativity of these musicians to our viewers."

"In an era where the national political conversation is exhaustively dogmatic, we thought it would be nice to focus on an open-minded conversation and include a few things that are important to us: community, story-telling, and the creative process. *Bardo* is the manifestation of a long conversation we've had with Vermont PBS and Ryan Miller to showcase the wide range of inspiring artists that pass through our doors," said Alex Crothers, Founder and Co-owner of Higher Ground.

Ryan Miller, Artistic Director for the project, said, "Ever since our 13-episode run of *Makin' Friends with Ryan Miller* I've been scheming to collaborate with Vermont PBS and it's finally happening. Along with Higher Ground, I'm ecstatic to be an integral part of this wonderful team and concept – stories of the road, on the road, as told to a fellow person of the road. When we realize our vision for this program, we're going to make something super special: thoughtful, insightful, beautiful, and inspiring. I can't wait."

Bardo will begin taping with a free performance by local queen of soul Kat Wright, and will grow its repertoire to include well-known national and local performers including Madaila. Stay tuned at <https://www.highergroundmusic.com/calendar/> for future Bardo events.

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