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**Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau**

**MEDIA ALERT**

**Jay Allen set to perform in *Songs from the Sofa* virtual concert series June 11**

**What:** The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, iHeartMedia and Cat Country 107.1 welcome **Jay Allen** to the ***Songs from the Sofa*** virtual concert series. The Instagram live event, hosted by DJ Mike Tyler from Cat County 107.1, will feature Allen’s music, interviews and stories behind the songs. ***Songs from the Sofa*** debuted in May with music sensation Sam James. His performance is archived on the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest Instagram page.

**Who:** Jay Allen**,** BMI singer-songwriter and rising star, gained recent success from his hit, “Blank Stares,” a song he wrote for his mother who passed away from early-onset Alzheimer’s disease. The country music breakout artist caught the attention from fans right away with his first hit single, “Sounds Good to Me,” listed as a “Highway Find” on Sirius XM’s “The Highway” channel.

**When:**8 p.m. Thursday, June 11

**Where:**[Island Hopper Songwri](https://www.instagram.com/islandhopperfest/)[ter Fest Instagram page](https://www.instagram.com/islandhopperfest/?hl=en)

**Why:**To celebrate music with one of the songwriters who will perform at the seventh annual [Island Hopper Songwriter Fest,](https://www.island-hopper.fortmyers-sanibel.com/) taking place Sept. 18-27, on Captiva Island, historic downtown Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach. The festival is still scheduled and will include best practices in compliance with CDC guidelines. For now, ***Songs from the Sofa*** should provide an exciting way to experience a quality performance in your own home.

**For more information**: Please visit <https://www.island-hopper.fortmyers-sanibel.com/>

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Cat Country 107.1 and BMI, the largest music rights organization in the U.S. Visit*[*IslandHopperFest.com*](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/ukuTCG6XVVuJ0gggcpW6er?domain=icm-tracking.meltwater.com)*or access the*[*media tool kit*](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/CSXSCJ6K99u81XXXCLXBlC?domain=icm-tracking.meltwater.com)*. Follow the festival hashtag #islandhopperfest as well as the event’s*[*Twitter*](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/fewZCKr7VVuqBJJJCpYOcC?domain=icm-tracking.meltwater.com)*,*[*Instagram*](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/2Su2CL91VVuPmvvvTgums7?domain=icm-tracking.meltwater.com)*and*[*Facebook*](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/6kDDCM8KVVs5RlllUGuIt0?domain=icm-tracking.meltwater.com)*feeds.*