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DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2ND ANNUAL ISLAND HOPPER SONGWRITER FEST

Exclusive performances by nationally-acclaimed songwriters in unique Southwest Florida island venues during Sept. 17-27

LEE COUNTY, FL – The Island Hopper Songwriter Fest brings music back to the beach in 2015.

The free festival will take place over 10 days on the area’s most beautiful barrier islands and offer a range of star-studded performers. The festival kicks off on Captiva Island, Sept. 17-20, and wraps up Sept. 25-27 on Fort Myers Beach. New to the festival, historic downtown Fort Myers will feature mid-week performances.

“There’s a big buzz in Nashville about the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest,” said Tamara Pigott, executive director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB). “Our first festival was so successful that even more songwriters want to come. No one can compete with the sunshine, beaches and unspoiled beauty that continue to inspire artists as it has for years.”

Festival-goers can celebrate American roots music while getting a taste of the destination at local favorites including ‘Tween Water’s Crow’s Nest, Key Lime Bistro and Doc Ford’s at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva; as well as Nervous Nellie’s, The Beached Whale and Matanzas on the Bay on Fort Myers Beach.

The festival is presented in partnership with BMI, the largest music rights organization in the U.S., iHeartMedia, and Cat Country 107.1.

Visit www.islandhopperfest.com for more information. Once the line-up is announced, tickets will be available. Follow the festival hashtag #islandhopper on Twitter and other social channels.

The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel in southwest Florida includes: Sanibel Island, Captiva Island, Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Estero, Cape Coral, Pine Island, Boca Grande & Outer Islands, North Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres

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