



PRESS RELEASE:

2nd Annual Outlaws and Legends Music Fest

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Backporch Productions is pleased to announce a bigger and better 2nd Annual Outlaws & Legends Music Fest, presented by Area Wide Phonebooks and Bill Reed Distributing and held the Big Country Chevy Stage at the Abilene Speedway on March 2-3, 2012. This state-wide event celebrates Texas Independence Day in the biggest way and ticket proceeds benefit Abilene's Disability Resources, Inc. (DRI). Last year's 1st annual successes included 6,084 in attendance and \$31,810 to the deserving non-profit.

"The Biggest 1-Day, 1-Stage Event in Texas" is stouter with talent this year, as Backporch Productions is thrilled to welcome the multi-gold and platinum legendary southern rock group, The Marshall Tucker Band as co-headliner. The Marshall Tucker Band is making Outlaws and Legends one of a couple Texas spots on their 40th Year Anniversary Tour and according to their management, this could be their first trip to Abilene, Texas. The band has recently

produced a Greatest Hits album that includes their country and rock cross-over Billboard hit singles "Can't You See", "Heard It In a Love Song", "Fire On a Mountain" and many more. Roger Creager shares the co-headline duties, as outlaw and consistent Texas music hit-maker known for songs like "Everclear" and "I Love Being Lonesome" as he promotes the release his new album "Surrender". Creager was also chosen as fan-favorite in the Outlaws and Legends facebook poll. Another "legend" on this year's ticket includes newly Texas Music Hall of Fame inductee, recent Gibson Guitars signature guitarist and Arista recording artist, Lee Roy Parnell. Lee Roy Parnell will share the stage with host Mark Powell and his band Lariat, currently charted #6 by the Western Swing Guild. Legends Gary P. Nunn, and former Cooder Graw front-man, Matt Martindale, with Abilene-native Jerrod Medulla, are all making return appearances to Outlaws and Legends. New to the line-up is Whiskey Myers, Eleven Hundred Springs, and Casey Berry, all enjoying Top 50 success on the Texas Music Charts currently.

Prior to the Saturday event, fans are encouraged to come Friday night to Mark's Acoustic Sessions from the Big Country Chevy Stage under the Texas stars. Lee Roy Parnell, Matt Martindale, Matt Hilyer, Jerrod Medulla, Bracken Hale, Charlie Shafter, and many more will join Powell for unplugged sessions from 8 p.m. - Midnight. on Friday, March 2, 2012. There is no additional charge for ticket holders to attend the Friday portion of Outlaws and Legends.

New to Outlaws and Legends is a "Singer/Songwriter Showcase", presented by The Lucky Mule, KBCY, and Big Note Studio. Artists and bands throughout Texas are encouraged to enter at www.outlawsandlegends.com, or sign-up at KBCY 99.7 or The Lucky Mule for their chance at earning a spot on the Big Country Chevy Stage to kick-off Outlaws and Legends, March 3, 2012. The winner will also receive 5 hours of recording time at Big Note Studio. The Showcases will be held at The Lucky Mule on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 and Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Deadline for entry is January 5th.

The location has changed to The Abilene Speedway to accommodate greater capacity, tailgate areas, vendors and easier access for tourists. Backporch Productions is currently offering a half-off Christmas Pre-Sale on tickets and tailgate passes. Between now and Christmas Day, tickets are on sale for \$20, Tailgate Party Passes on sale for \$300 (includes 15 tickets and 15X20ft spot inside the event), and Music Row Tailgate Passes for \$600 (includes 30 tickets and a 20X30ft spot in the infield). After Christmas, tickets will be \$30 in advance through February 1, 2012, \$35 in advance thereafter, and \$45 at the gate. Tailgate Party Passes will be \$400 after Christmas Day.

A large driver for the success of this event is the community sponsors. This year, Backporch Productions is grateful for the support of The Big Country Chevy Dealers stage sponsorship; also Area-Wide Phonebooks with Bill Reed Distributing as title sponsors. The Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, Blake Fulenwider, First National Bank of Baird, In-Focus Digital, ABC Tent and Lone Star, and Abilene Plumbing Supply Company are also major sponsors of the event. This year ticket locations will include: Kent's Harley Davidson, Image Sculptures, First National Bank of Baird, and N-Tune Music. Abilene Banking Center, Abilene Regional Medical Center, and Tom's Tire Pro are some of the other committed sponsors of the event. There are a few sponsorships and many vendor spots available currently. For more information, go to www.outlawsandlegends.com.

Event Schedule

Gates Open on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 4:00p.m.

Friday, March 2nd: Mark's Acoustic Sessions: 8:00p.m.-12:00a.m.

Mark Powell, Lee Roy Parnell, Matt Martindale, Bracken Hale, Jerrod Medulla, Matt Hilyer, Charlie Shafter, Casey Berry, and many more.

Saturday, March 3rd: Outlaws and Legends

10:15a-11:00a: TBA Winner of the Singer/Songwriter Competition

11:15a-12:00p: Casey Berry

12:15p-1:00p: Jerrod Medulla

1:15p-2:00p: Charlie Shafter and Matt Martindale

2:15p-3:15p: Eleven Hundred Springs

3:30p-4:30p: Jamie Richards

4:45p-5:45p: Whiskey Myers

6:00p-7:00p: Gary P. Nunn

7:15p-8:30p: Mark Powell & Lariat with Lee Roy Parnell

8:45p-10:00p: Roger Creager

10:30p-12:00a: Marshall Tucker Band

12:00a-1:00a: possible Encore set- all artists.

Event Closes on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 12:00p.m.