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**MARDY FISH TO FACE JAMES BLAKE IN DECEMBER AT CHARITY TENNIS EVENT
Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest to Benefit the Mardy Fish Foundation**

(Vero Beach, FL) – Two top American tennis stars will face off when **Mardy Fish** plays **James Blake** in a **Tennis Exhibition** on Saturday, December 12, 2009, 2:30 p.m. at Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club in Vero Beach, Florida. The Tennis Exhibition is part of **Mardy's Tennis and Jake's Music Fest**, an annual Event that benefits the **Mardy Fish Foundation**.

The **Tennis Exhibition** will feature Event host and Vero Beach native, **Mardy Fish**. The talented Fish is enjoying a successful 2009 season. He won his third career ATP Tour title with a home court advantage at the nearby Delray Beach International Championships in February. Fish has also earned two doubles titles this year teaming with good friend Andy Roddick to win the BNP Paribas Championships (Indian Wells) doubles crown in March and the Regions Morgan Keegan Championships (Memphis) doubles title with Mark Knowles in February. In July, Fish earned his highest doubles ranking of 14. Fish, the 2004 Olympic silver medalist, has also been ranked among the top 20 and has represented the United States for Davis Cup.

James Blake began his professional career in 1999 after his sophomore year at Harvard University where he was the top collegiate player in 1999. Blake, one of the top Americans, has been ranked as high as No. 4 in the World, is a regular on the U.S. Davis Cup Team and has won a total of ten career singles titles. The ten titles include two in New Haven, two in Stockholm, two in Sydney, Washington D.C., Las Vegas, Indianapolis, and Bangkok. Fish and Blake have experienced success as a doubles team winning in San Jose and Houston in 2004 and reaching the semi-finals of the 2009 Wimbledon.

Fish and Blake will play best of three sets, with the third being a superset tiebreak. A doubles match will follow. Tickets for the **Tennis Exhibition** are \$75 for Box Seats and \$35 for General Admission and can be purchased at 866.333.7623.

Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest is a two-day Event consisting of a unique combination of tennis, music, and a barbeque luncheon. In addition to the Tennis Exhibition, tickets are available to attend or participate in other parts of the action-packed weekend. On Friday, December 11, the Event begins with a **Kids' Tennis Clinic** at Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club at 4:00 pm. Also on Friday December, 11 a concert hosted by country music star **Jake Owen** will be held at Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center at 8:00 p.m. The **Barbeque Luncheon** is on Saturday, December 12, at 12:30 p.m. and will include a live and silent auction, drinks and a barbeque-style lunch. The Event concludes with the **Tennis Exhibition** at Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club beginning at 2:30 p.m.

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Jake Owen, a native of Vero Beach and a childhood friend of Fish's, was named Top New Male Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music in March. Owen's debut album "Startin' With Me," released in July 2007, was a big hit and soared to No. 8 on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart. Owen's second album, *Easy Does It* debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart in February. "Don't Think I Can't Love You," the first single off of *Easy Does It*, climbed to No. 2 on Billboards' Hot 100 Country Songs. The second single from *Easy Does It*, "Eight Second Ride" is currently climbing the charts. Owen has toured with fellow Country stars Brad Paisley, Carrie Underwood, Kenny Chesney, Brooks & Dunn, Alan Jackson, and Sugarland.

Mardy's Tennis and Jake's Music Fest benefits the Mardy Fish Foundation, which Fish created in 2006 to support youth organizations in Indian River County, including the **Pelican Island Elementary School/Mardy Fish Music Club and Health & Fitness Club**, the Youth Guidance Foundation and Boys & Girls Club of Vero Beach. The Foundation has recently announced the addition of three additional after school programs at **Glendale Elementary School, Sebastian Elementary School and JA Thompson Magnet Elementary School**. **The Youth Guidance Foundation** will use the funds raised by the Mardy Fish Foundation to provide children the opportunity to attend summer camp and participate in sports and music programs. The Mardy Fish Foundation will also continue to provide funds to the **Boys & Girls Club of Vero Beach**.

The Event Host Sponsor, **Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club**, with over 2,000 acres along the Indian River, reflects the rare beauty of its setting and the casual elegance of Vero Beach, while providing the ultimate country club lifestyle. Offering golf on two championship 18-hole courses, tennis on 10 Har-tru courts, swimming in the ocean-front pool or dining at our exclusive Country or Beach Clubs, Grand Harbor is Vero's premier country club community. An extraordinary collection of new homes includes gracious luxurious villas and estate properties designed with classic Mediterranean style. Grand Harbor. . .Simply Grand.

The Harrington McLaughlin Family Foundation has increased their support of Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest by becoming a Platinum Sponsor. Official Sponsors include **Clear Channel, George E. Warren Corporation, Tennis Life Magazine, TennisWeek.com, and Vero Insurance**.

Tickets for the **Tennis Exhibition** are \$75 for Box Seats and \$35 for General Admission tickets. Tickets for the **Jake Owen Concert** are \$100 for VIP Seats, \$75 for Premier Seats and \$35 for Reserved Seats. For tickets to the Tennis Exhibition and Concert, call 866.333.7623. **Tickets are on sale now**. For further information about the **Kids' Tennis Clinic, Barbeque Luncheon and Sponsorship** opportunities call **C & H Events, Inc.** at 561.394.9190 or visit www.chevents.com. **C & H Events, Inc.** is a full-service event management and marketing company based in Boca Raton, Fla. For more information on the Mardy Fish Foundation visit www.mardytennis.com.

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