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Mardy Fish and Jake Owen Announce Dates for Annual Charity Event Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest Returns to Vero Beach on December 9-10, 2011

Vero Beach, Fla., – **Mardy Fish**, currently America's top ranked tennis player, and Grammy Nominated RCA recording artist **Jake Owen** announce that **Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest** will return to **Vero Beach** at **Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club**, Official Host Sponsor of event, and **Holman Stadium** formerly "Dodgertown" at **Vero Beach Sports Village** on **December 9-10, 2011**.

Fish and Owen are teaming up for the sixth year to raise funds for the **Mardy Fish Foundation** and, since this past year, the **Jake Owen Foundation**. Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest is an exciting two-day event featuring a Kids' Tennis Clinic, Reception with live and silent auction and Tennis Exhibition featuring Mardy Fish and other tennis professionals on Friday, December 9th. A Concert with Jake Owen, who will invite some of country's hottest performers to join him, will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets on sale now. **Tennis Exhibition** tickets are \$75 for Box Seats (reserved chair-back seat) and \$35 for General Admission tickets (bleacher seat). Tickets for the **Jake Owen Concert with Special Guests** are \$100 for Premier Seats (on field - first 15 rows), \$75 for Premier (on field - starting at row 16), \$65 for Pit Area (standing room only), \$30 for Reserved Seats (stadium seating) and \$20 for General Admission (stadium seating). To purchase tickets, call 866.333.7623 or visit www.chevents.com.

Vero Beach native **Mardy Fish**, currently ranked No. 9 in the world, is the top ranked American in professional tennis. Over the course of his career he has won five singles titles and eight doubles titles while defeating players such as Roger Federer, Andy Roddick, Andy Murray and in double Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. Fish has gotten off to a fast start in 2011 reaching the semifinals in Key Biscayne and raising his world ranking from No. 16 to No. 9 on the ATP World Tour. Fish was a Silver Medalist at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. In addition to representing his country at the Olympics, Fish has been an important member of the U.S. Davis Cup team during the past decade.

"Returning home is always special," said Fish. "Jake and I grew up together in Vero Beach and teaming up for this event to give back to this community is important to us. The event also provides us a fun weekend together to do the things we love surrounded by friends, family and the community."

Jake Owen, a Vero Beach native, is a Grammy, CMA, ACM and CMT award-nominated artist who was named the 2009 Top New Male Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music. Following the success of his debut album, *Startin' with Me*, Owen's 2009 release *Easy Does It* debuted at No. 2 on the *Billboard's* Top Country Albums chart and his third album is set for release August 30th. The first single off his upcoming album, "Barefoot Blue Jean Night," is the fastest rising single of Jake's career. It currently holds the No. 17 position on *Billboard's* Hot Country Songs chart and is No. 16 on *Country Aircheck*. "Barefoot Blue Jean Night" is currently No. 8 on the Digital Country Songs chart, selling more than 225,000 downloads to date.

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In addition to headlining his own shows, Owen has toured with some of the biggest names in country music, including Brooks & Dunn, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, Brad Paisley, Sugarland and Carrie Underwood, and is joining Keith Urban on tour this summer.

“This annual weekend home in Vero Beach has become a really special time of the year for me and my family,” said Owen. “To get to see Mardy, other friends and family, all while raising money for a great cause makes it something I look forward to all year.”

The **Mardy Fish Foundation** was established in 2006 to support youth organizations in Indian River County. The foundation has utilized funds from past events and will use funds from this year’s event to provide after school programs in the community. To date, the Mardy Fish Foundation has opened after school programs in 13 elementary schools benefiting more than 2,000 students. The programs provide a place for children to go and partake in various activities that will help them better themselves using sports, music, art, and dance. In 2009, the Foundation initiated another city-wide program, Mardy’s Kids on Courts, that allows local youth to improve their tennis skills through competition while instilling the many life lessons tennis has to offer. In addition, the Foundation will continue to support other youth organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of Vero Beach, and the Youth Guidance Foundation, which uses funds raised by the Mardy Fish Foundation to provide children the opportunity to attend summer camp and participate in sports and music programs.

Founded in 2010, the **Jake Owen Foundation** was created to offer its support on a national level to children battling cancer and other childhood diseases while also lending its support to the Mardy Fish Foundation and its mission to assist youth in Owen’s hometown area of Indian River County, FL. Through Jake’s association within the country music community, he has had the opportunity to visit children and families at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, who are benefiting from the extensive research and patient-care the hospital provides. Once a patient is accepted, St. Jude covers all the medical costs beyond those covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude also provides transportation, lodging, and meals for one parent and child.

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 their 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.

For further information about the **Kids’ Tennis Clinic, Reception and Sponsorships**, call **C & H Events, Inc.** at 561.394.9190 or visit www.chevents.com. To purchase tickets to the Tennis Exhibition and Jake Owen Concert with Special Guests phone 866.333.7623 or visit <http://www.chevents.com/mardy-and-jake.html>. For more information on the **Mardy Fish Foundation** visit www.mardyfishfoundation.org and for the Jake Owen Foundation visit www.jakeowen.net.

C & H Events, Inc. is a full-service event management and marketing company based in Boca Raton, Fla. Among the tennis events **C & H Events** manages in addition to Mardy’s Tennis & Jake’s Music Fest, is Swingtime -- A Pro-Celebrity Pro-Am Tennis & Golf Tournament -- Benefiting the Be A Star Foundation. Please visit www.chevents.com for further details about **C & H Events**.