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**Jake Owen's Annual Benefit Concert Welcomes Special Guest Chris Young  
Owen and Professional Tennis Player Mardy Fish Team for a Sixth Year for  
Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest  
Proceeds to Benefit the Mardy Fish Foundation and Jake Owen Foundation**

Vero Beach, Fla. – Vero Beach native and RCA Nashville recording artist **Jake Owen** has headlined five consecutive years of sell-outs at his hometown Concert, one of the highlights of the annual benefit **Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest**. The Concert continues to grow this year as Owen welcomes Grammy-nominated RCA Nashville recording artist **Chris Young** to take the stage on **December 10, 2011** as his Special Guest at 6500-seat **Holman Stadium**.

Young has emerged as one of country music's rising stars, with his last four singles reaching No. 1 on the charts. These include "Tomorrow," which was recently certified Digital Gold, and "Gettin' You Home," which earned Young his first Grammy nomination for Best Male Country Vocal Performance. Young is eager to team up with Owen to support the **Mardy Fish Foundation** and **Jake Owen Foundation**.

The Mardy Fish Foundation, established in 2006, mission is to provide children access to after school exercise, nutritional and enrichment programs in a safe environment to prepare them for healthy, productive and successful lives so they can achieve their dreams. 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 Fish and Owen's hometown area of Indian River County, FL.

Jake Owen has had a wildly successful year with the release his third studio album, *Barefoot Blue Jean Night*, on August 30. Both the album and the first single, "Barefoot Blue Jean Night," currently rank No. 1 on *Billboard's* Country charts. In July, both "Barefoot Blue Jean Night" and "Eight Second Ride" were certified Gold Singles by the RIAA, and with over 900,000 copies sold "Barefoot Blue Jean Night" is rapidly approaching Platinum certification. *Barefoot Blue Jean Night* also continues to climb the charts for all genres, reaching No. 6 on the *Billboard Hot 200*. Owen is currently on tour with Keith Urban in addition to headlining his own shows.

"Chris Young is a close friend and an incredible musician," says Owen, "Mardy and I are so excited to have him lend his support to the foundations and showcase his talent for the Vero Beach community."

Mardy Fish, the top ranked American tennis player, is having a career-best season in 2011. In August, Fish won the US Open Series by defeating Richard Gasquet in the fourth round of the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati. Fish had a truly outstanding summer on the Series, winning the Atlanta Tennis Championships for the second consecutive year, reaching the finals at the Farmers Classic in Los Angeles and Rogers Cup in Montreal, and defeating world No. 2 Rafael Nadal for the first time in his career to reach the semifinals in Cincinnati. Fish also reached the semifinals in Key Biscayne, third round at the French Open, quarterfinals at Wimbledon, and fourth round at the US Open.

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## *Mardy Fish/Jake Owen - Continued*

In June, Fish and Owen announced 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**.

Supporters of Fish, Owen and Young will have the opportunity to see these stars firsthand as they team up to raise funds for the **Mardy Fish Foundation** and the **Jake Owen Foundation** at the sixth annual Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest. Fish and Owen are proud to present 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 9<sup>th</sup>. A Concert with Jake Owen and Chris Young will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now. **Tennis Exhibition featuring Event Host Mardy Fish** 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 Guest Chris Young** are \$100 for VIP Premier Seats (on field - first 15 rows), \$75 for Premier (on field - starting at row 16), \$65 for Pit Area (standing room only), \$35 for Reserved Seats (stadium seating) and \$25 for General Admission (stadium seating). To purchase tickets, call 866.333.7623 or visit [www.chevents.com](http://www.chevents.com). Additionally, Fish and Owen are pleased to announce that local business **Melody Music** will have event tickets available for those who wish to purchase in person.

### ***About Mardy Fish***

Vero Beach native Mardy Fish is currently ranked No. 8 on the ATP World Tour and has been ranked as high as No. 7 in the world. Over the course of his career he has won six singles titles and eight doubles titles while defeating players such as Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Andy Roddick, Andy Murray and in doubles Novak Djokovic. 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. For more information on Mardy Fish, visit [www.mardytennis.com](http://www.mardytennis.com) and follow him on Twitter @MardyFish.

### ***About Jake Owen***

Jake Owen, also 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. *Barefoot Blue Jean Night* is the next chapter in Owen's successful recording career. 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, Carrie Underwood, and Keith Urban. For information and tour dates, see [www.jakeowen.net](http://www.jakeowen.net) and follow him on Twitter @JakeOwen.

### ***About Chris Young***

Recently nominated for his first Grammy Award for Best Male Country Vocal Performance with his hit, "Gettin' You Home," Young is currently out on the road with Jason Aldean on his sold out My Kinda Party Tour. With his rich, warm baritone and penchant for writing relatable, slice-of-life songs, Young has emerged as both a critic and fan favorite with four consecutive No. 1s at radio including the GOLD selling single "Tomorrow" from the brand new album *Neon*. For tour dates and all the latest information on Chris Young, visit [www.chrisyoungcountry.com](http://www.chrisyoungcountry.com) and follow him on Twitter @ChrisYoungMusic.

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***About the Mardy Fish Foundation***

The Mardy Fish Foundation mission is to provide children access to after school exercise, nutritional and enrichment programs in a safe environment to prepare them for healthy, productive and successful lives so they can achieve their dreams. Since its establishment in 2006, the Mardy Fish Foundation has opened after school programs in 13 elementary schools benefiting more than 2,000 students in Indian River County. 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 instruction and competition while instilling the many life lessons tennis has to offer. For more information on the Mardy Fish Foundation, visit [www.mardyfishfoundation.org](http://www.mardyfishfoundation.org).

***About the Jake Owen Foundation***

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. For more information, visit [www.jakeowen.net/charity](http://www.jakeowen.net/charity).

***About the Event Host***

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.

***About C & H Events, Inc.***

**C & H Events, Inc.** is a full-service event management and marketing company based in Boca Raton, Fla., offering more than 50 years combined experience in event management and marketing, meeting planning, corporate promotions, sports marketing, public relations and corporate hospitality. 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](http://www.chevents.com) for further details about **C & H Events**.

***Information and Tickets***

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](http://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>.