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EMI Nashville Recording Artist Eric Paslay Joins Star-Studded Lineup for Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest Concert

**Jake Owen and Mardy Fish Welcome Acclaimed Songwriter and Performer
to Vero Beach for Annual Hometown Benefit Concert**

Vero Beach, Fla. – **Eric Paslay**, one of country music's rising stars, will perform in Vero Beach on **Saturday, December 10th** at the sixth annual **Concert**, one of the highlights of **Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest** to Benefit the **Mardy Fish Foundation** and **Jake Owen Foundation**. Paslay will join Vero Beach native and **RCA Nashville** recording artist **Jake Owen** and Grammy-nominated **RCA Nashville** recording artist **Chris Young** at **Holman Stadium** at **Vero Beach Sports Village**. The Concert will wrap up an exciting weekend of festivities that also includes the **Tennis Exhibition** featuring **Event Host Mardy Fish**, American tennis professional **Sam Querrey** and top-ranked doubles tandem **Bob and Mike Bryan**, as well as the **Country Western-themed Reception** and **Kids' Tennis Clinic**.

Paslay has established himself as one of Nashville's most sought after young songwriters, contributing tracks for Lady Antebellum, the Eli Young Band, and Donny and Marie Osmond. Paslay also co-wrote Jake Owen's 2011 smash hit "**Barefoot Blue Jean Night**." In February 2011, Paslay signed with EMI Records Nashville to record his debut album, giving him the opportunity to focus on his career as an artist. His debut single, "**Never Really Wanted**" reached No. 48 on *Billboard*'s Hot Country Songs chart. Paslay has toured with many country music greats, including Dierks Bentley, Clint Black, Eric Church, Blake Shelton and Little Big Town, and is currently on tour with Vero Beach's own Jake Owen.

"We are very excited to announce the addition of my good friend Eric Paslay to the Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest lineup," said Owen. "Eric is one of Nashville's best songwriters but he's also a great performer. I think folks are really going to be blown away by his set."

Proceeds from Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest benefit the **Mardy Fish Foundation** and **Jake Owen 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. 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 through St. Jude Children's Research Hospital while lending its support to the Mardy Fish Foundation and its mission to assist youth. St. Jude patients are benefiting from the extensive research and patient-care the hospital provides.

2011 has been an exciting year for **Jake Owen** and **Chris Young** as well. Owen released his third studio album, *Barefoot Blue Jean Night*, in August, and the title track became the first Platinum-certified hit of his career. Young released his third album, *Neon*, received a CMA nomination for New Artist of the Year and

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had the fourth No. 1 single of his career with “Tomorrow.” Owen’s current single “Alone with You” and Young’s “You” both rank among the Hot Country Songs Top 40.

Tickets are on sale now. **Tennis Exhibition featuring Event Host Mardy Fish, Sam Querrey and the Bryan Brothers** tickets are \$75 for Box Seats (reserved chair-back seat) and \$35 for General Admission tickets (unreserved bleacher seat). Tickets for the **Jake Owen Concert with Special Guests Chris Young and Eric Paslay** are \$100 for VIP Premier Seats (infield - first 15 rows), \$75 for Premier (infield - starting at row 16), \$65 for Pit Area (standing room only), \$35 for Reserved Seats (stadium seating) and \$25 for General Admission (unreserved stadium seating). To purchase tickets, call 866.333.7623 or visit 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. Registration for **the Kids’ Tennis Clinic** is \$30 and invitations to the **Reception** are \$150. Both are available for purchase by visiting www.chevents.com or phoning C & H Events at 561.394.9190.

About Mardy Fish

Vero Beach native Mardy Fish is currently ranked No. 8 on the ATP World Tour and recently qualified for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals for the first time in his career. Fish had a career-best season in 2011, winning the US Open Series in August and reaching the highest ranking of his career at No. 7 in the world. Fish won the Atlanta Tennis Championships for the second consecutive year, and reached the finals in Los Angeles and Montreal. He also reached the semifinals in Key Biscayne, third round at the French Open, quarterfinals at Wimbledon, and fourth round at the US Open. 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 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. The album debuted at No. 1 on the *Billboard* chart, and the first single “Barefoot Blue Jean Night,” became the first RIAA Platinum-certified hit of Owen’s career, with over 1M copies sold. 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 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 and follow him on Twitter @ChrisYoungMusic.

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About Sam Querrey

Sam Querrey began playing tennis at the age of four when he was introduced to the game by his parents Mike and Chris Querrey. After his breakout year in 2008, Sam followed up in 2009 by advancing to the final in Auckland before the Australian Open in January. Later in the season, he reached the final of three consecutive tournaments. He improved to being ranked #26 on the ATP World Singles Rankings, which made him the youngest ranked player in the top 50. After an accident cut his season short in 2009, Sam bounced back in 2010, winning his third career title in Memphis. He defeated John Isner in the finals, and the two then proceeded to win the doubles title. Sam was also selected to represent the US in Davis Cup action for the second time in his young career. Currently, Sam resides in Santa Monica, near where he grew up in Thousand Oaks with many of his friends who are now a part of his widely known Samurai Club. For more information on Sam Querrey, visit www.samquerrey.com.

About the Bryan Brothers

Bob and Mike Bryan are the most successful doubles team in tennis history with 73 ATP World Tour titles, including victories in 11 Grand Slam events. The Bryan Brothers captured six of those titles in 2011, including victories at the Australian Open and Wimbledon, and have just wrapped up the 2011 season with the top ranking on the ATP World Tour for the fifth time in the last six years. The Bryan Brothers also qualified for the 2011 ATP World Tour Finals. The twin brothers from Camarillo, California, have a record of 18-2 in Davis Cup Play, and were part of the 2007 winning Davis Cup squad. The Bryan Brothers also captured the bronze medal at the 2008 Olympic Games. Additionally, Bob Bryan has won seven Grand Slam titles in mixed doubles, and Mike has won two. The Bryans have also established a successful career in music with the Bryan Bros Band, and are dedicated to helping children in need through their foundation, the Bryan Bros. Foundation. For more information on the Bryan Brothers, visit <http://www.bryanbros.com/>.

About the Mardy Fish Foundation

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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 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 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 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.

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. For more information please visit <http://www.grandharbor.com/>.

About the Concert Venue

Vero Beach Sports Village, from its inception, was designed to give teams the opportunity to train, live and play together – in a unique environment where athletes could develop their skills to the highest level. Formerly known as Dodgertown, the spring training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers for over 60 years, it is now operated by Minor League Baseball and is the ideal sports training and meeting facility. Our highly dedicated staff has over one hundred years of combined experience attending to the needs of professional teams. International Baseball teams have held over 20 training camps at the facility. In addition to baseball, the complex has hosted training sessions by numerous NFL and Division I College Football teams. Two new additions to the facility, a youth girls softball cloverleaf and a multi-purpose sports field, will accommodate soccer, lacrosse and football. Holman Stadium, within the grounds of Vero Beach Sports Village, was built in 1953 to accommodate the Dodgers. The official seating capacity is 6,500. Vero Beach Sports Village is proud to be Concert Venue Sponsor for the Jake Owen Concert, part of Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest, for the second year. For more information please visit www.vbsportsvillage.com.

About the Event Sponsors

Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest continues to gain the support of many companies and individuals, including **The McLaughlin Family** as the **Reception Sponsor. Official Sponsors are Clear Channel - WAVE 92.7 and OLDIES 103.7, K-Swiss, Pelican Outdoor, Proctor Construction, SpringHill Suites by Marriott, and Vero Beach Magazine.**

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 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. To purchase tickets to the Tennis Exhibition and Jake Owen Concert phone 866.333.7623 or visit <http://www.chevents.com/mardy-and-jake.html>.