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**SOLD OUT MARDY'S TENNIS & JAKE'S MUSIC FEST SUCCEEDS DESPITE WEATHER
Kids' Tennis Clinic, Reception with Silent and Live Auction and
Tennis Exhibition Featuring Mardy Fish, Sam Querrey, Serena Williams, Melanie Oudin
and the Bryan Brothers
Held December 9, 2011 to Benefit the Mardy Fish Foundation and Jake Owen Foundation
Concert featuring Jake Owen to be Rescheduled**

Vero Beach, Fla. – The sixth annual Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest was held in Vero Beach, Florida on December 9-10, 2011. Official Host Sponsor **Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club** hosted the **Kids' Tennis Clinic, Reception** and **Tennis Exhibition**. The **Jake Owen Concert with Special Guest Chris Young** was scheduled to be held at the Historic Holman Stadium at Vero Beach Sports Village. **Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest to Benefit the Mardy Fish Foundation and Jake Owen Foundation** continues to increase awareness and raise revenues for the Foundations' mission to assist youth in Indian River County.

To date, more than 2,000 students at 13 elementary schools participate in the Mardy Fish Foundation Achievable Dreams After School and Club Programs, and more than 1,000 children participate in Mardy's Kids on Court. The Jake Owen Foundation also continues to assist youth who are battling childhood diseases through St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Mardy Fish Foundation and Jake Owen Foundation are pleased to announce that despite weather challenges, with the support of the sponsors and the Indian River County community, each activity of the event was sold out and Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest raised more than \$145,000 through sponsorships and revenue from the Tennis Exhibition and Reception held on December 9. Although inclement weather and public safety concerns forced the rescheduling of the Concert, the 2011 Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest is the most successful event in the history of the annual fundraiser for the Mardy Fish Foundation and Jake Owen Foundation.

The **Kids' Tennis Clinic** kicked off the weekend on Friday, December 9 at Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club. Approximately 100 children participated and received instruction from ten local tennis professionals as well as Event Host and ATP World Tour professional **Mardy Fish**.

That evening, Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest continued with the Country Western-themed Reception hosted by Master of Ceremonies **Sportscaster Brett Haber** with the live and silent auction and Tennis Exhibition. The sold-out Reception hosted nearly 300 guests while the Tennis Exhibition brought in more than 1,500 patrons. The Auction featured original artwork, a trip to New York City for the **2012 U.S. Open Quarterfinals**, a **luxurious getaway to Los**

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Angeles featuring dinner at the most popular restaurants, lodging at the **Four Seasons Beverly Hills**, tickets to **Los Angeles Dodgers** games at the new Miami Marlins Stadium, tickets from Mardy Fish to **The Farmers Tennis Classic**, **autographed guitars** by **RCA recording artists Jake Owen** and **Chris Young** and **exclusive President's Box Seats to the 2012 US Open**, which earned the highest auction bid of \$4,200. Guests also enjoyed a dance performance by members of the Mardy Fish Foundation Dance Team and a presentation that included a question and answer session with Mardy's Kids on Court participant Sebastian Mendoza.

The rain-delayed Tennis Exhibition began with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem sung by Kaitlyn Bertrand who is a graduate of the Mardy Fish Foundation After School Program and featured one set of singles between **Mardy Fish** and **Sam Querrey**. Fish edged out Querrey in a competitive match, 6-4. The crowd was then delighted by the arrival of tennis legend Serena Williams who was a late addition to the stellar line-up of the Tennis Exhibition. Following singles, **Mardy Fish** and **Serena Williams** won an entertaining 6-3 doubles match against **Mike Bryan** and **Melanie Oudin**. The players continued to play through the rain while all the fans stayed to enjoy the fun competitive points. **Bob Bryan** was on hand for the Tennis Exhibition and Reception while Jake Owen also joined the crowd for the tennis matches. Between matches the crowd was treated to a special performance by the dance teams from the Mardy Fish Music Club and Health & Fitness Club from Pelican Island Elementary School.

Due to weather conditions and public safety concerns the **Jake Owen Concert with Special Guest Chris Young** was canceled and will be rescheduled after the New Year. The Concert sold out Holman Stadium at Vero Beach Sports Village for the second consecutive year. The VIP Concert Reception for sponsors took place with 200 in attendance and additional items auctioned off, including autographed memorabilia from Nashville recording artists Jake Owen and Chris Young, and from many more of Nashville's stars

"I am very proud to announce that the sixth annual Mardy's Tennis & Jake's Music Fest is our most successful fundraiser yet," said Fish. "I want to thank our sponsors and all patrons for once again supporting this important cause. Even though the weather did not cooperate, our attendees had a great time and have enabled us to make our biggest contribution ever to the youth of Indian River County."

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.

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

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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

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.

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

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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**.

Event Information

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