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LEGENDS OF SOUTHERN ROCK LYNYRD SKYNYRD TO HEADLINE THE 2010 FOOTHILLS FALL FESTIVAL

Tickets Go On Sale July 23

Maryville, Tenn. – The Foothills Fall Festival, **October 8, 9 and 10** announces the highly anticipated 2010 Concert lineup.

Legendary southern rock band **Lynyrd Skynyrd** and country superstar **Blake Shelton** will appear along with **.38 Special, Jake Owen, Tracy Lawrence, Chuck Wicks, Gloriana, Colt Ford, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas** and **Toto's Bobby Kimball** and a special performance by Maryville's own Opry legend **Jack Greene**.

Friday night kicks off with [Starship featuring Mickey Thomas](#). Thomas led the band "Jefferson Starship" and subsequently "Starship" through the 80's and into the 90's and brought number one hits "No Way Out," "We Built This City," "Sara" and "Nothin's Gonna Stop Us Now." An additional treat for festival goers will include [Bobby Kimball](#), former lead singer of the band **Toto** joining Starship for hits like "Hold the Line," "Rosanna," and "Africa." www.mickeythomas.com, www.bobbykimball.com.

Headlining **Friday** night is **.38 Special** with numerous hits including "Hold on Loosely," "Caught up in You," "Rockin' into the Night," "Back Where You Belong" and many others. The band has been named countless times as one of the top southern rock bands of all time just behind **Legendary Southern Rockers Lynryd Skynyrd** who will be headlining **Saturday** night and whose fame is far reaching and is recognized around the world for hits like "Sweet Home Alabama," "Freebird," "That Smell" and "Comin' Home." www.lynyrdskynyrd.com.

Saturday's entertainment gets underway with **Gloriana, Tracy Lawrence and Chuck Wicks**.

The band [Gloriana's](#) has won two fan-voted Awards with the Academy of Country Music Award for Top New Vocal Group of the Year and the American Music Award for Breakthrough Artist of the Year. Gloriana is now nominated for a 2010 Teen Choice Award for Choice Music: Country Group. Amid the soaring four-part harmonies and electric stage presence, it's clear that Gloriana represents an exciting new and vibrant force in country music. The group--Tom Gossin, Mike Gossin, Rachel Reinert and Cheyenne Kimball--consists of four uniquely talented and enthusiastic young musicians joining forces to create a fresh, one-of-a-kind sound that reflects the best of today's Nashville. www.gloriana.com

A gifted songwriter and vocalist, [Chuck Wicks](#) made a compelling impression with his Top 5 smash, “Stealing Cinderella,” the fastest-rising single by a debut country act in 2007. By the time his first album, *Starting Now*, was released in January 2008, he had begun a year-long 750,000 fan-packed tour opening for superstar Brad Paisley. Wicks co-penned 10 of the 11 songs on his debut CD, including his single hits, “All I Ever Wanted” and “Man of the House.” A Delaware native, Chuck was raised on a family farm, where he grew up loving a variety of music – from traditional country to R&B – but his early career aspirations focused on his passion for sports. He attended Florida Southern College to play baseball, but by his senior year, he found that music had overtaken his athletic aspirations. Chuck began a series of trips to Nashville, and early interest from record label RCA Nashville inspired a permanent move to Music City, where Chuck spent several years paying his dues, honing his craft, and learning – earning his place within the city’s songwriting community and ultimately landing a recording contract with RCA. www.chuckwicks.com

[Tracy Lawrence](#) is one of the premier voices of his generation, a sensitive and intelligent singer who continues to stretch both as an artist and as a person. Lawrence’s dedication to honesty and respect for tradition have enabled him to build one of the most respected careers in recent country history. Some of his hits include “If the World Had a Front Porch,” “Find Out Who Your Friends Are,” “Time Marches On” and “Alibis.” www.tracylawrence.com

Sunday’s roster includes **Blake Shelton, Jake Owen, Colt Ford, and Jack Greene.**

[Blake Shelton](#) takes the stage to close out another great weekend of entertainment. After struggling through the hard times, Blake was picked up by Warner Bros., and his first single "Austin" became a five-week #1. Each of his first three albums went gold, and each produced a chart-topping single—"The Baby" from *The Dreamer* and "Some Beach" from *Blake Shelton's Barn & Grill*. His fourth album, *Pure BS*, also went gold and produced a back-to-back #1 single, "Home." *Starting Fires* produced "She Wouldn't Be Gone," yet another multiple week #1 single, and solidified Blake's reputation as a vocalist. "The last album or two I pushed myself as a singer," he says, "and I think I proved what I'm capable of. I'll always push myself, but with *Hillbilly Bone* it was more about finding songs with that attitude I want to convey and then just delivering them the best way I can. More than anything I'd like people to hear me sing and think, 'That's good music.'" Along the way, the music he makes continues to be some of country's finest. With *Hillbilly Bone*, it is also, in this computerized age, some of its most rooted, its most honest, and without a doubt its most fun. www.blakeshelton.com

Since releasing his debut album, *Startin' With Me*, RCA Nashville recording artist [Jake Owen](#) has celebrated five consecutive hit singles including Top 15 debut single, “Yee Haw,” the Top 10 “Startin’ With Me,” the Top 15 “Something About A Woman,” the Top 5 “Don’t Think I Can’t Love You” and his most recent Top 10 “Eight Second Ride.” In the last two years, Owen made his national TV debut on ABC’s “Good Morning America” and has toured non-stop with the biggest names in Country Music including Kenny Chesney, Brad Paisley, Carrie Underwood, Alan Jackson, Brooks & Dunn, Sugarland and Jason Aldean. Jake has received nominations for Country Music Association (CMA) Awards, a GRAMMY Award, a CMT Award, and was named “Top New Male Vocalist” at the Academy of Country Music Awards in April 2009. His sophomore album, *Easy Does It*, is currently in stores. www.jakeowen.net

Maryville native, and Grand Old Opry legend [Jack Greene](#) travels back home to share timeless hits like "There Goes My Everything," "Statue of a Fool" and "All the Time," and to receive a special recognition from WIVK and the City of Maryville for his contributions to Country Music. "A true ambassador of country music, he is the consummate entertainer, always ready with an autograph, a warm smile, and an uplifting tune. One of his most recent projects was to collaborate on the "Opry Legends Collection," which consists of a series of albums featuring various stars of the Opry. Whether in the recording studio, or on a stage in front of his legions of fans, Jack Greene will always be known as the Gentlemen of Country Music."

www.jackgreeneopry.com

[Colt Ford](#) is a walking, talking 300-pound celebration of country music and country living. His songs pay tribute to the people, pastimes and attitudes that define a lifestyle embraced from Texas to Wisconsin, from Florida to Washington State and a lot of places in between. For all the bigger-than-life excitement that defines his music and his stage show, though, Colt is quick to point to what lies underneath it all. "I'm just an average Joe who's been blessed with the ability to write music and who loves to perform," Colt says. "I talk about everyday real country life and I believe in real country values—God, family, friends, and hard work. And if that ain't country, I don't know what is." www.coltford.com

"This year's lineup follows the Festival's tradition of providing concerts that are designed to fit a variety of musical tastes as well as a ticket value that surpasses most other venues in the area, said City Manager Greg McClain. "The Foothills Fall Festival is considered one of the top fall events in the region and with the juried ArtWay show as well as Adventure Land, this year's Festival will be a wonderful opportunity for the community and our friends and neighbors to celebrate together."

Tickets for this year's festival will go on sale July 23 and will be available at the Maryville Municipal Center, Blount County branches of First Tennessee and GreenBank, as well as through Tickets Unlimited. Charge by phone (865) 656-4444 or order online at knoxvilletickets.com. For a limited time, tickets for the three day festival will be \$40.00. A limited number of reserved seats will be available through Tickets Unlimited. More information about reserved ticket sales including seating charts will be available via www.foothillsfallfestival.com July 1.

The Foothills Fall Festival, located in downtown Maryville, Tennessee is renowned for its world-class entertainment at Theater in the Park, arts and crafts on Broadway, children's activities in the award winning Greenbelt Park and a wide variety of foods throughout the festival. Admission to the Arts and Crafts and Children's Adventure Land is free. Concerts at Theater in the Park require a ticket. The hours of operation for this year's arts and crafts showcase and Children's Adventure Land are 12 – 7 on Friday, 10 – 7 on Saturday, and Sunday 10 – 6. Volunteer applications are currently being accepted. The City of Maryville proudly presents the festival in partnership with WIVK, Ruby Tuesday, GreenBank, First Tennessee Foundation, The Daily Times, DENSO, Massey Electric, Clayton Homes, Blount Memorial Hospital and Cherokee Millwright. For more information, visit the Foothills Fall Festival website at www.foothillsfallfestival.com or call 865-273-3445.