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SAM HUNT, MACKLEMORE AND KYGO TO HEADLINE 2022 COORS LIGHT BIRDS NEST

TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, SEPT. 27 AT COORSLIGHTBIRDSNEST.COM

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – The lineup for the 2022 Coors Light Birds Nest is taking shape as three major music stars – Sam Hunt, Macklemore and KYGO – have committed to perform at the popular concert series that will take place Feb. 9-12 during Waste Management Phoenix Open Week. Tickets for these star-studded shows are now on sale, and can be purchased by visiting www.coorslightbirdsnest.com. The Wednesday headline act and remaining Coors Light Birds Nest lineup will be announced as more artists are confirmed.

“We’re absolutely thrilled to welcome music fans back to the Coors Light Birds Nest and to kick things off with an incredible lineup of musicians,” said 2022 Tournament Chairman Michael Golding. “The artists in this year’s lineup are some of the most talented and well-known musicians in the world and we can’t wait to see them take the stage.”

Headlining the Thursday, Feb. 10 show is American country music star Sam Hunt with Special Guest and multi-platinum recording artist Russell Dickerson. Hunt is well-known for slipping hip-hop phrasing and modern R&B rhythms into country-pop songs, marking a significant generational shift in country music. Since the launch of his career, Hunt has quickly earned recognition from both inside and outside the country music community and has been honored with numerous awards, including one American Music Award and one CMT Music Award, as well as nominations for Billboard Music Awards and GRAMMY Awards.

A four-time GRAMMY award winning rapper and songwriter from Seattle, Wash., Macklemore will headline the third night of the Coors Light Birds Nest on Friday, Feb. 11. Macklemore earned his four GRAMMY’s in 2014, which include wins for Best New Artist, Best Rap Album (*The Heist*), and Best Rap Performance and Best Rap Song for his hit single “Thrift

Shop”, one of his two No. 1 singles that year. He also earned two American Music Awards in 2013 for Favorite Rap/Hip-Hop Artist and Favorite Rap/Hip-Hop Album (*The Heist*), as well as Billboard Music Awards in 2013 and 2014 for Rap Song of the Year (“Thrift Shop”) and Top Rap Song (“Can’t Hold Us”).

Rounding out the Coors Light Birds Nest lineup is Norwegian-born music producer/DJ Kygo, along with special guests Sam Feldt and Forester, who will take to the stage on Saturday, Feb. 12. Kygo has established himself as a household name thanks to his widely popular remixes, sellout shows in North America and Europe as well as headline performances at Coachella and Ultra Music Festival. He has amassed 15 billion cumulative global audio and video streams and has broken numerous streaming records. Kygo earned one of his biggest hits with the multiplatinum “It Ain’t Me” (feat. Selena Gomez), going Top-10 of the Billboard Hot 100 and clocking over 2.5 billion streams worldwide. Kygo will be making his second appearance following his hugely successful debut at the Coors Light Birds Nest in 2020.

The Coors Light Birds Nest will see some changes this year to the outdoor patio area. The 48,000 square foot tent will still showcase the live performances, but outside of the tent will offer an enhanced fan experience with more of a music festival atmosphere.

“The Coors Light Birds Nest has been known for hosting some of the biggest stars around, but this year, we wanted to take a look at how we could improve the overall fan experience, especially before the headliners take the stage,” said 2022 Coors Light Birds Nest Chairman Eric Brandt. “Coors Light Birds Nest ticket holders can expect a much more fan-friendly atmosphere where they can meet friends for drinks after golf, come early to have a bite to eat at food trucks, play outdoor party games and enjoy the various outdoor bars and seating areas.”

Coors Light Birds Nest general admission tickets will start at \$75, while VIP tickets are available starting at \$285 each and provide exclusive access to an enhanced VIP area where guests are treated to complimentary food and drinks and access to a premium viewing area for the shows. Organizers encourage fans to buy their tickets early as ticket prices will increase as the event draws closer.

“With live concerts and events starting to come back, we’re seeing a tremendous demand for concert tickets,” Golding said. “We want to make sure everyone has ample time to secure their place at the Coors Light Birds Nest so we suggest people get their tickets well in advance for this four-night music festival.”

The Coors Light Birds Nest is located directly across from the main Waste Management Phoenix Open tournament entrance at 82nd Street and Bell Road. The entertainment venue opens at 3:30 p.m. and closes at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Headline acts will take the main stage each evening at approximately 8:30 p.m. The Coors Light Birds Nest is a 21-and-over venue. For more information about the Coors Light Birds Nest visit www.coorslightbirdsnest.com.

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ABOUT THE ARTISTS

SAM HUNT

Multi-Platinum-selling, award-winning hitmaker Sam Hunt’s sophomore album SOUTHSIDE debuted to critical acclaim and was one of the top country albums of 2020 landing at No. 1 on the *Billboard* Country Albums chart. Named one of the Best Albums of the Year by *The New York Times* and *US Weekly*, the Platinum-selling project features 12 songs all written by Hunt including his No. 1 hit “Kinfolks,” one of NPR’s Best Songs of 2020 “Hard To Forget,” his current single “Breaking Up Was Easy in the 90’s,” and his three-week No. 1, 6x Platinum-selling, GRAMMY-nominated smash, “Body Like A Back Road.”

SOUTHSIDE follows Hunt’s GRAMMY-nominated, Triple-Platinum-selling debut album, MONTEVALLO, which also topped the *Billboard* Country Albums chart and produced four No. 1 singles and five Platinum and Multi-Platinum-selling hits including “Leave the Night On,” “House Party,” “Take Your Time,” “Break Up In A Small Town” and “Make You Miss Me.”

Called “stylistically provocative” by *The New York Times* and “deceptively phenomenal” by *The Washington Post*, Hunt has received accolades from *Associated Press*, *Billboard*, *Esquire*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Los Angeles Times*, *NPR*, *Rolling Stone*, *SPIN Magazine*, *Village Voice*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and more. Since MONTEVALLO’s 2014 release, Hunt has accumulated over 9.9 billion global streams and has earned 24.5 million RIAA certified units.

For information on Sam Hunt, visit www.SamHunt.com.

RUSSELL DICKERSON

Multi-platinum recording artist and Nashville-based singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Russell Dickerson has established himself a prolific songwriter and powerhouse showman through memorable high-energy performances and eloquent songcraft spiked with spirit. His gold-certified full-length debut album, *Yours*, bowed at #5 on the *Billboard* Top Country Albums Chart and #1 on the Emerging Artists Chart. Ultimately, it yielded three consecutive #1 smashes, including the triple-platinum “Yours” (christened “*one of the hottest wedding songs of the year*” by *The Knot*), platinum “Blue Tacoma,” and platinum “Every Little Thing.” Nominations piled in from the Academy of Country Music Awards, CMT Music Awards, and iHeartRadio Music Awards. Among his 2020 highlights, he received an ACM nod in the category of “*Best New Male Artist of the Year*.” He has electrified audiences on tour with Thomas Rhett, Florida Georgia Line, Darius Rucker, Lady A and Kane Brown, in addition to headlining sold out venues everywhere. Sustaining a fervent following on social media (fondly referred to as his “RD Fam”), he launched his YouTube show, “*This Is Russ*,” taking fans deeper into his world. In 2020, he released his second full-length album, *Southern Symphony* [Triple Tigers], a long-awaited masterful compilation, layered with hummable country anthems and pop flare. Led by the platinum-certified #1 single “Love You Like I Used To,” which spent a record-breaking 21 weeks on *Billboard* Country Airplay’s Top 10, his sophomore release tells his story like never before. The record’s eloquent songcraft and airtight playing showcases all sides of his beloved personality and the evolution of Russell Dickerson— doting husband, self-proclaimed “regular dude,” rad dad, and bonafide country music superstar. For more information visit <https://russelldickerson.com/>.

MACKLEMORE

Three-time GRAMMY award winning rapper and songwriter Macklemore grew up in Seattle, Wash. and broke into the hip-hop game in the early 2000s. Macklemore released two mixtapes in the first decade of the new millennium including *The Unplanned Mixtape* which would reach No. 7 on the iTunes Hip Hop Chart. In 2009, Macklemore teamed up with producer, rapper and DJ Ryan Lewis to produce the single “Thrift Shop” which reached No. 1 on the U.S. *Billboard* Hot 100 in 2013. The duo’s second single “Can’t Hold us” also peaked at No. 1, making Macklemore and Lewis the first duo in *Billboard* history to have their first two singles both reach the top position.

The album *The Heist* which included the two No. 1 singles won the 2014 GRAMMY award for Best Rap Album and the duo also picked up GRAMMY awards for best new artist, best rap performance, and best rap song.

In June 2017, Macklemore released “Glorious”, a single featuring Skylar Grey, which marked his return to the music industry as well as his first major single produced without Lewis since his mainstream breakthrough. Macklemore released a second solo studio album, *GEMINI*, in September that year.

GEMINI was Macklemore’s first solo effort in 12 years and debuted at No. 2 on the *Billboard* Top 200 chart and includes singles “Glorious (featuring Skylar Grey), “Marmalade” (featuring Lil Yachty) and “Good Old Days” (featuring Kesha).

Collectively, Macklemore's music videos have been viewed more than 2.7 billion times and he is one of only two rappers to have a Diamond-certified single. For more information visit www.macklemore.com.

KYGO

Kygo, a Norwegian-born music producer and DJ who has established himself as a household name thanks to his widely popular remixes, sellout shows in North America and Europe as well as headline performances at Coachella and Ultra Music Festival. Kygo – who will make his second Coors Light Birds Nest appearance – was first introduced in 2013 and quietly became one of the most ubiquitous hitmakers in the world. Amassing 15 billion cumulative global audio and video streams by 2021, he has broken numerous streaming records. Kygo earned one of his biggest hits with the multiplatinum “It Ain’t Me” (feat. Selena Gomez), going Top-10 of the Billboard Hot 100 and clocking over 2.5 billion streams worldwide.

In 2019, Kygo unleashed “Higher Love” with Whitney Houston and generated another 1.1 billion combined streams/views worldwide and peaked at No. 1 on Dance Radio in addition to leaving his imprint on a classic. He heralded his 2020 critically acclaimed third full-length album Golden Hour (Sony Music International/Ultra Records/RCA Records) with the anthems “Like It Is” (with Zara Larsson & Tyga), “Lose Somebody” (with OneRepublic) and “I’ll Wait” (with Sasha Sloan). The album has garnered over 1.7 billion streams worldwide. Following Golden Hour, Kygo most recently released his remix of Tina Turner’s “What’s Love Got To Do With It” and Donna Summer’s “Hot Stuff” to rave reviews.