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COUNTRY MUSIC STARS DUSTIN LYNCH, LAINEY WILSON & CHRIS LANE TO KICKOFF COORS LIGHT BIRDS NEST OPENING NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – The 2023 Coors Light Birds Nest lineup is nearly set as country music stars Dustin Lynch, Lainey Wilson and Chris Lane have committed to perform on opening night (Feb. 8) of the popular four-night concert series that will take place Feb. 8-11 during WM Phoenix Open week. This is the first time a Coors Light Birds Nest headliner will feature a trio of musicians to perform on the same night.

Tickets for opening night are on sale now and can be purchased online at

<u>www.CoorsLightBirdsNest.com</u> or <u>https://axs.queue-it.net/?c=axs&e=6096039171171</u>. General admission tickets will start at \$75, while VIP tickets are available starting at \$240 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. Tickets for the other Coors Light Birds Nest performances are nearly sold out – Thursday and Saturday are completely sold out, while limited VIP tickets are available for Friday's Machine Gun Kelly performance.

The rest of the Coors Light Birds Nest lineup includes Jason Aldean and special guest MacKenzie Porter on Thursday, Feb. 9; Machine Gun Kelly and JXDN on Friday, Feb. 10, and The Chainsmokers with special guest Gryffin will close out the final night on Saturday, Feb. 11.

CMA 2022 Female Vocalist of the Year, CMA 2022 New Artist of the Year, and ACM's 2022 New Female Artist of the Year, Lainey Wilson has earned the enthusiasm of the industry. Having been named to nearly every "Artist to Watch" list, being crowned Billboard's "Top New Country Artist of 2021," and earning CMT's 2022 "Breakout Artist of the Year" honor, the Louisiana native is one of Nashville's hottest and most buzzed-about new artists. Landing her first No. 1 with her PLATINUM Certified ACM Song of the Year "Things A Man Oughta Know," nearly 10 years to the day after leaving her small farming community in a camper trailer to chase her dreams, she has won over legions of fans with her signature Bell Bottom Country sound and aesthetic, which blends traditional Country with a modern yet retro flare. A prolific and sought-after songwriter (having co-writer credits on songs by artists including Luke Combs, Flatland Calvary and more), Lainey is a fresh, fierce voice in Nashville, delivering CMA nominated album of the year with her label debut, Sayin' What I'm Thinkin'. With a rockstar stage presence, her artistry has taken her across the globe, performing for sold-out crowds throughout the US, UK, and Germany with notable names like Jon Pardi, Luke Combs, Morgan Wallen, HARDY, Jason Aldean, Ashley McBryde, and more. After topping the country radio charts for a second time with the two-week No. 1 hit, "Never Say Never" with Cole Swindell, her current single "Heart Like a Truck" is Top 15 and climbing, with HARDY collaboration "wait in the truck" following in the Top 20. Her new album, "Bell Bottom Country," is out now, she can currently be seen starring in Season 5 of the hit series, "Yellowstone," and was recently named "Tractor Supply Brand Ambassador," adding to her growing list of endeavors. For more information and upcoming tour dates, visit <u>www.laineywilson.com</u> or follow on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>TikTok</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

Chris Lane is a North Carolina native and American country music singer/songwriter. He has released one album as front man of the Chris Lane Band, a second album, *Girl Problems*, and a third album, *Laps Around the Sun*. via Big Loud Records. Lane has charted seven singles on Hot Country Songs and Country Airplay, three of which went to No.1 ("Fix", "I Don't Know About You", and "Big, Big Plans"). Before pursuing a solo career, Lane fronted the Chris Lane Band. Their album *Let's Ride* charted on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart in 2012. He moved to Nashville in 2013 and opened for The Band Perry, Eli Young Band, Lee Brice, Chris Young and Brantley Gilbert, among others. In 2014, he opened for Florida Georgia Line on their *This Is How We Roll* Tour. Chris Lane is launching his next chapter with over 1.4 BILLION on-demand streams and three #1s to date – PLATINUM "Big, Big Plans," 3X PLATINUM"I Don't Know About You," and PLATINUM "Fix." Lane's resume has expanded with hits like latest collaboration "Dancin' In The Moonlight" with Lauren Alaina, "Howdy," "Stop Coming Over," "Summer Job Money," "Fill Them Boots," "Ain't Even Met You Yet," HIXTAPE: Vol. 2 smash "Small Town On It" with Scotty McCreery, and Dustin Lynch duet, "Tequila On A Boat." Expect to see both Chris Lane and Dustin Lynch perform new hit single "Tequila On A Boat." during the special trio performance.

Dustin Lynch has "built one of the most consistent recording careers in modern country music" (Billboard), achieving eight #1s, four Top 5 albums, ten GOLD and PLATINUM certified singles including 3X PLATINUM "Small Town Boy," and tallying over 4.04 BILLION global on-demand streams. Recently wrapping his wildly successful headline PARTY MODE TOUR, Lynch has been on the road in support of his fifth studio album, BLUE IN THE SKY, which features mega smash "Thinking 'Bout You (feat. MacKenzie Porter)," hit "Party Mode," and next Country radio single "Stars Like Confetti." *Earning Lynch's first American Music* *Awards nomination* for Favorite Country Song, PLATINUM-certified "Thinking 'Bout You" reigned #1 for SIX straight weeks on the Billboard Country Airplay chart and is the longest-running Top 10 single in Billboard Country Airplay chart history at 28 weeks, and named by <u>Country Aircheck</u> as the #1 Top Airplay Song of 2022 so far. E! News hails "Dustin Lynch's New Music Will Have You Embracing the Party 24/7," as the good time follow-up to TULLAHOMA – which delivered consecutive PLATINUM chart-toppers: "Ridin' Roads" and "Good Girl," in addition to GOLD, Top 5 hit "Momma's House." Since his PLATINUM breakout "Cowboys and Angels" in 2012, Lynch's headlined packed venues and toured with Country's biggest names like Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line, Brad Paisley, and will join Kane Brown's DRUNK OR DREAMING TOUR in spring 2023 after returning for the seventh year in January to Luke Bryan's Crash My Playa 2023. The Tullahoma, Tennessee native has earned industry recognition as a Grand Ole Opry member, as well as high-profile nominations for the American Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards, iHeartRadio Music Awards, and CMT Music Awards.

The Coors Light Birds Nest doors will open at 3:30 p.m. each day with its expanded outdoor patio area that will feature more live music, outdoor games, entertainment, and various food and beverage offerings. The special guest opening act will take the main stage inside the 48,000 square foot tent at approximately 6:30 p.m. each night, with the headliners going on stage at approximately 8:30 p.m. The Coors Light Birds Nest is located directly across from the main WM 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

ABOUT LAINEY WILSON

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ABOUT CHRIS LANE

Introducing "a decidedly more country sound" (MusicRow), Chris Lane is launching his next chapter with over 1.4 BILLION on-demand streams and three #1s to date - platinum "Big, Big Plans," 3X platinum "I Don't Know About You," and platinum "Fix." After a spree of releases in 2021 and 2022, Lane's catalog has expanded with hits like latest collaboration "Dancin' In The Moonlight" with Lauren Alaina, "Howdy," "Stop Coming Over," "Summer Job Money," "Fill Them Boots," "Ain't Even Met You Yet," HIXTAPE: Vol. 2 smash "Small Town On It" with Scotty McCreery, and Dustin Lynch duet, "Tequila On A Boat." The Kernersville, N.C. native has appeared on the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, TODAY, The Bachelor, The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, Late Night with Seth Meyers and CONAN, and was featured in PEOPLE's 2019 Sexiest Man Alive issue. He's scored nominations at the iHeartRadio Music Awards, ACM Awards, and Radio Disney Music Awards. Lane just wrapped his headlining Fill Them Boots Tour, will join Kane Brown for part of his international Drunk or Dreaming Tour this fall, after previously sharing the bill with A-list acts like Florida Georgia Line, Brad Paisley, and Dan + Shay. For more information visit <u>www.iamchrislane.com</u>.

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Dustin Lynch has "built one of the most consistent recording careers in modern country music" (Billboard), achieving eight #1s, four Top 5 albums, ten GOLD and PLATINUM certified singles, and tallying over 4.04 BILLION global on-demand streams. Recently releasing slow burner "Wood On The Fire" and expanding the PARTY MODE TOUR into the fall, Lynch's fifth studio album, BLUE IN THE SKY, features PLATINUM, six-week #1 "Thinking 'Bout You (feat. MacKenzie Porter)," Top 15 neon-buzzed single "Party Mode," and "Fish In The Sea." "Dustin Lynch's New Music Will Have You Embracing the Party 24/7," hails E! News, as the good time follow-up to TULLAHOMA – which delivered consecutive PLATINUM chart-toppers: "Ridin' Roads" and "Good Girl," in addition to GOLD, Top 5 hit "Momma's House." Since his PLATINUM breakout "Cowboys and Angels" in 2012, Lynch's headlined packed venues and toured with Country's biggest names like Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line, Brad Paisley, and Kane Brown this spring. Likewise, the Tennessee native has earned industry recognition as a Grand Ole Opry member, as well as high-profile nominations for the American Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards, iHeartRadio Music Awards, and CMT Music Awards. For more information visit www.dustinlynchmusic.com.

ABOUT MACHINE GUN KELLY

Machine Gun Kelly is an atomic force in music, entertainment, film and fashion. In 2020, the Cleveland, Ohio native eclipsed genre expectations releasing a Rock/Pop Punk album, the widely acclaimed Tickets to My Downfall. The platinum album topped the Billboard 200 and became his first No. 1 effort. Tickets to My Downfall landed 18 tracks on the Hot Rock Songs chart and spawned two No. 1 songs on the alternative side with "bloody valentine" and "my ex's best friend," which both went platinum. In 2022 he followed with Mainstream Sellout, his second album to hit No. 1 on the Billboard 200 cementing his status as a charttopping artist. The album was supported with a sold-out stadium and arena North American and Europe tour. The US leg ended in his hometown of Cleveland at the FirstEnergy Stadium playing to 50,000 fans, making him the first and only Ohio native to sell out the stadium. As of 2022, MGK has had a record 45 entries on Hot Rock & Alternative Songs, the most among any solo artist. The genre-bending musician has amassed numerous awards over his career including "US Artist About to Go Global" at the 2012 MTV EMA's, MTV's 2012 "Breaking Woodie" Award, 2013 "Woodie of the Year" beating out A\$AP Rocky, Fun, Grimes and Kendrick Lamar, "Favorite Rock Artist for the 2021 AMAs, Top Rock Album and Top Rock Artist" for the 2021 Billboard Music Awards, 2020 and 2021 MTV VMA's for "Best Alternative Video", a 2021 iHeart Radio Award for "Alternative Rock Album of the Year" and 2022's "Alternative Artist of the Year." He's appeared on SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, THE VOICE, THE TONIGHT SHOW WITH JIMMY FALLON, THE LATE LATE SHOW WITH JAMES CORDEN, ELLEN, THE KELLY CLARKSON SHOW, BET's 106 AND PARK, GOOD MORNING AMERICA, THE NICKELODEON KIDS' CHOICE AWARDS and several other programs and award shows.

ABOUT JASON ALDEAN

multi-PLATINUM entertainer Jason Aldean has learned a thing or two about the music he has made over the past 17 years, but as far as he's come, Aldean always looks back home to Macon, Georgia. Both where he is from and how far he has taken his signature sound is reflected throughout his 10th studio album MACON, GEORGIA, as the expansive release "kicks off his career's next era" (Tennessean) with 20 new tunes and 10 unheard live tracks showcasing everything he does. Aldean has bolstered 27 No. One hits, 15 billion streams and has sold more than 20 million albums. Notably, seven of Aldean's previous studio albums have been certified PLATINUM or more and he has the most Top 10 song on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart, more than any other artists, since making his chart debut in 2005. The recent CRS Humanitarian Award recipient created Wolf Moon Bourbon, an 80-proof bourbon that has been distilled from Midwestern grains and aged for four years offering a finish of caramel, oak and spice. The three-time ACM "Entertainer of the Year" is currently on his ROCK N' ROLL COWBOY TOUR, with special guests Gabby Barrett, John Morgan and Dee Jay Silver. It was recently announced that Aldean will be joined by Tracy Lawrence, Travis Tritt and Chase Rice this fall for select dates. For more information visit <u>www.jasonaldean.com</u>.

ABOUT MACKENZIE PORTER

Canada-born, Nashville-based star MacKenzie Porter is rising to international acclaim with a distinct country-pop style. Building momentum with a six-week U.S. #1 in Dustin Lynch collaboration "Thinking 'Bout You," Porter made her own mark simultaneously, releasing brand-new songs "Coming Soon To A Bar Near You," "Pickup," "Unlonely Me" and "Heaven Heard Me." Her "mesmerizing vocals and hook-driven songs" (Billboard) continue to spark headline-worthy accolades, debuting on the Grand Ole Opry in late 2021, earning three 2022 CCMA Awards nominations, and a 2021 JUNO nomination for her Joey Moiproduced Country Album of the Year contender, DRINKIN' SONGS: THE COLLECTION. Making history, Porter is the first Canadian female artist this century to have five #1 songs at country radio. Porter also earned her first crossover Top 10 at Canadian pop radio – a first since 2003 for a Canadian country artist – with "These Days (Remix)," and joined CMT's elite Next Women of Country class of 2021. The triple threat previously starred in cult-followed sci-fi television series Travelers now on Netflix, and has opened for Blake Shelton, Kenny Chesney, Walker Hayes, Jordan Davis, Brad Paisley, Rascal Flatts, as well as labelmates Dallas Smith and Chris Lane.

ABOUT THE CHAINSMOKERS

Grammy[®] Award-winning and Billboard Chart topping artist/producer duo, The Chainsmokers, have evolved into a dominating musical force with a diverse repertoire of songs that have led them to become one of music's hottest recording artists. Comprised of Alex Pall and Drew Taggart, their signature sound deftly reaches across indie, progressive, and pop realms and has seen them develop some of the biggest breakthrough songs over the course of the last few years. In 2016, the group catapulted to worldwide stardom with 3 Multi-Platinum certified hits - "Roses," featuring Rozes, "Don't Let Me Down" featuring Daya and "Closer," featuring Halsey, which went on to become the longest running #1 single of 2016 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. In April of 2017, the group released their debut album via Disruptor/Columbia Records titled Memories...Do Not Open. The album, which has been certified Platinum, debuted at #1 in the U.S. on the Billboard 200 chart and produced Multi-Platinum certified smash hits "Paris" and "Something Just Like This" featuring Coldplay. In December 2018, The Chainsmokers released building album Sick Boy, which includes the Platinum certified single "This Feeling," featuring Kelsea Ballerini and "Side Effects," featuring longtime collaborator Emily Warren.

In December 2019, the duo released new music to comprise their latest building album, titled World War Joy, which includes the 2 Platinum certified singles "Who Do You Love" featuring 5 Seconds of Summer and "Call You Mine" featuring Bebe Rexha, and the 2 Gold certified songs "Takeaway" with ILLENIUM featuring Lennon Stella and "Hope" featuring Winona Oak. The duo was nominated for a 2019 MTV Video Music Award, multiple 2019 Teen Choice Awards and was honored with two wins at the 2019 Billboard Music Awards for Top Dance/Electronic Artist and Top Dance/Electronic Album for Sick Boy. The guys took their latest album on the road for the 2019 Fall headlining "WORLD WAR JOY" North American arena tour, while also maintaining their extended Wynn Nightlife Residency in Las Vegas. The brand-new live show featured some next-level production elements never done by The Chainsmokers, including a 60ft+ custom mega structure, levitating stages, and a 5,000 pound 'Globe of Death.'

For the last few years, The Chainsmokers have been working on their next chapter of music for TCS4, kicking off with their first singles "High" in January and "iPad" in March 2022.

ABOUT GRYFFIN

With his debut single "Heading Home" featuring Josef Salvat, Gryffin introduced the world to his magnetic take on electronic music: infinitely melodic, immaculately composed, massive in emotion. In the three years since that track shot to #1 on Spotify's US and Global Viral charts, the LA-based producer has pushed his artistry to a bold new level, transcending genre boundaries while drawing larger and larger crowds for his unforgettable multi-instrumental, live show. Now, with his debut album Gravity on the horizon, Gryffin plans to deliver his most fully realized work to date, a sonically adventurous body of work that instantly transports the audience into a universe of his own making.

Arriving in December 2018, the first part of the album, Gravity Pt. 1 includes hit singles like "Nobody Compares to You" feat. Katie Pearlman -- a beautifully bittersweet future-bass track that's amassed over 63 million plays on Spotify. With Pt. 1 also featuring hugely successful singles like "Tie Me Down" feat. Elley Duhé (a #2 hit on Spotify's US Viral Chart) and "Remember" feat. Zohara (a track that topped Billboard's Dance Club Songs chart and earned support from Tiesto), Gryffin looks to further broadens his eclectic sound on Gravity Pt. 2. "To me it feels like a bigger version of Pt. 1, with some very left-field indie and dance-music collaborations," notes the musician otherwise known as Dan Griffith.

In the spirit of defying expectations, Gryffin has dramatically expanded the scale of his live show, dreaming up an elaborate set and light design that visually manifests the cosmic themes threaded throughout Gravity. A longtime guitarist and classically trained pianist, he's now joined onstage by a drummer and guitarist/keyboardist, transforming the most precisely crafted tracks into arena-sized anthems with a thrillingly raw energy. As witnessed on The Gravity Tour -- Gryffin's biggest North American headlining run so far including a career-defining hometown, sold-out show at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, with second shows added to several major cities in response to immediately-sold-out dates -- the result is a highly immersive spectacle that's theatrical yet undeniably intimate, thanks to the pure emotional impact of each song.