

MEDIA RELEASE

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2017 Broadbeach Country Music Festival Artist Announcement

In the biggest announcement of Broadbeach Country Music Festival's history, and an early Christmas present for fans, organisers have today announced that AMERICA will headline the free-to-attend event in 2017.

Joining the iconic US act on next year's bill will be Australian Country Music stars KASEY CHAMBERS, TROY CASSAR-DALEY, SHANE NICHOLSON, FANNY LUMSDEN and TRAVIS COLLINS.

Broadbeach Alliance Chief Executive Officer Jan McCormick said the team were extremely excited to announce the headline acts, and reminded fans that there will be even more artist announcements to come early next year.

"We are very proud to release this stellar line-up, and are sure that these incredible performers will entice people to travel to the Gold Coast from all over Australia and overseas to attend the Festival in July next year," Mrs McCormick said.

"The Broadbeach Country Music Festival presents people with the perfect opportunity to see international acts like AMERICA, as well as home grown talent like KASEY CHAMBERS in a world-class destination," she continued.

AMERICA has forged a legion of fans over their 45 plus years in the music industry. Founding members, Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell (along with former band mate Dan Peek) met in high school in London in the late 1960s and quickly harmonized their way to the top of the charts on the strength of their signature song "A Horse With No Name".

AMERICA became a global household name and paved the way with an impressive string of hits including "I Need You," "Ventura Highway," "Don't Cross The River," "Tin Man," "Lonely People," and "Sister Golden Hair". Decades later, and with six certified gold and platinum albums under their belt these friends are still making music together, touring the world and thrilling audiences with their timeless sound. Don't miss AMERICA perform at next year's Broadbeach Country Music Festival.

Australian Country Music Sweetheart and multi- award winning KASEY CHAMBERS is one of the Country's best talents. Kasey has won 11 ARIA Awards, 22 Golden Guitar Awards, 2 Americana Music Awards Nominations, 10 APRA Awards and holds the record as the highest awarded solo APRA Songwriter in Australia across 10 studio albums.

The singer song-writer's success as a touring artist has spanned more than 20 years, taking her from the bush to the beach, where she will make her debut performance at Broadbeach. Kasey will play some of her biggest hits as well as songs from new EP "Ain't No Little Girl" and album "Dragonfly" due to be released in January.

TROY CASSAR-DALEY will be back at the Broadbeach Festival in 2017! Troy is an enormously successful artist, much adored by country music fans across Australia. Troy's career has spanned 10 studio albums over 30 years, which includes his brand new album "Things I Carry Around". Throughout this time he has been awarded numerous accolades including 4 ARIA's, 32 Golden Guitars, 2 APRA Country Song of the Year Awards, 9 Deadlys (Australian Indigenous Artist Awards)

and 4 CMAA Entertainer of the Year Awards. He has sold in excess of 450,000 albums and received gold and platinum records.

SHANE NICHOLSON's career began as a teenager recording his own songs in his bedroom in Brisbane. He first made waves with rock band Pretty Violet Stain and released his debut solo album "It's A Movie" in 2002. Since then he has explored everything from folk to country, bluegrass and rock, picking up 8 Golden Guitars, 2 APRA awards and 2 ARIA Awards along the way.

2016 ARIA Nominated FANNY LUMSDEN is 'a breath of fresh country air' according to Rolling Stone Magazine and has been coined 'Australia's answer to Americana' by Rhythms Magazine. Her debut album "Small Town Big Shot" gained critical acclaim and converted positions on Country Music charts (#6 on the Country ARIA Chart, #15 on the AIR Chart). The born entertainer delivers a phenomenal show guaranteed to excite the audience. Hailed by The Australian as; 'a rising singer songwriter turning heads' this is one Broadbeach Country Music Festival artist not to be missed.

With a growing string of hit albums, #1 songs, and a decade of winning fans all across the country under his belt, TRAVIS COLLINS continues to cement his footprint as a mainstay on the Australian Country Music landscape. He is as well known for his masterful guitar playing and powerhouse vocals as he is for his singer-songwriting and energetic performances. In 2016 Travis continues to go from strength to strength. His latest album 'Hard Light' has already added two more number ones to his impressive talent.

The Broadbeach Country Music Festival was recently the recipient of a Silver award in the Festivals and Events Category at the prestigious 2016 Queensland Tourism Awards. Next year's Festival will be held 28-30 July 2017, for more information visit www.broadbeachcountry.com

2017 BROADBEACH COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL FIRST LINE-UP ANNOUNCEMENT:

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