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SOUTHEASTERN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES MUSICAL GUESTS & PARTNERSHIP FOR 2019 CONFERENCE

"We're kicking off the 2019 season with a captivating group of artists from around the world." Musicians and Bands announced include Matt Williams, The TwoTakes, Connor Christian of Southern Gothic, Chase Brown, Daniel Collins, Josh Bricker, A Tale of Two (Stephanie Adlington & Aaron Lessard), Liz Kate, and Brooks Robinson.

Nashville, Tennessee — October 14, 2019 — Southeastern International Film Festival Conference (Nov 8-10, 2019) has announced the initial musicians and featured headlining performers for the 7th edition of its annual Film & Music Festival, which celebrates the convergence of art, film, and music industries, while giving back to the community.

The Southeastern Film & Music Festival has partnered with The Valentine, a Broadway favorite to host live shows from the Music City! Three will be over 30 artists performing a series of over 10 live performances starting on Friday at 7p on November 8th. On Saturday November 9th the show starts at 5p. A Festival after party will follow the performances completion on both nights at The Valentine.

Matt Williams will be headlining the Friday Nov 8th show at The Valentine on Broadway at 9:30p. Matt Williams does not have the typical background of a Country Artist and it is something that makes him stand out against the rest of the Industry. Matt happens to be an Army Veteran that spent 8 1/2 years in Iraq & Afghanistan. During his last tour, he was wounded by an IED, where he lost two of his best friends and was awarded a Purple Heart. He has used music as a tool to overcome PTSD and his career has blossomed. Williams says, *"Music to me tells a story. My whole purpose is to tell a story and let the fans relate to it. The more truthful and honest you are about your life — no matter what it is, good or bad — the fans relate to it, they love it and in turn, they like who you are as an artist."* His newest single, "Rain Down Sunshine" is currently at the top of the country charts. Williams is working on a new album, which will be released in 2020. The show opens at 7p with Josh Bricker. The singer/songwriter honed his craft when he moved to Athens, GA and began to create a buzz around the area as a country music artist. "I started getting calls about my music and booking shows left and right. That's when I knew I needed to go after my passion". The Athens, GA native performs with energy and confidence and always makes sure to see anyone after the show, he appreciates his fans. The future is bright for this guy! At the same time Liz Kate will be performing an acoustic set on the rooftop.

The shows have a strong start on Saturday with Stephanie Adlington and Aaron Lessard's duo, A Tale of Two. Adlington's known around Nashville as "The Siren of the South" and was voted the number one Jazz vocalist for several years running. Her musical atmosphere draws a thick aural blend in the vein of Billie Holiday, Nina Simone, Johnny Mercer, and then throw in the ghosts of Flannery O'Connor. Her and Lessard have that thing, it will be a must see performance. At 7p, Chase Brown brings a bit of southern grime and dirt to the country world. Connor Christian follows the duo at 9:15p. Connor has spent the best part of a decade as front man of country/rock outfit The Southern Gothic, headlining across the country, as well as sharing the stage with the likes of Willie Nelson, Tim McGraw, Zac Brown Band and Uncle Kracker. The group has seen much success in recent years, including being named Billboard's 2014 "Band on the Verge", 2015 GA Entertainer of the Year, Creative Loafing's

2015 “Best Country Band”, and spending four weeks at #1 on CMT Pure with their video for Sheets Down. Having released three albums during his time with The Southern Gothic, his debut solo album Skeletons, is his first solo project as Connor, and is set to be a ride through the open roads of unique warmth and laid-back grit of his sound. Headlining the evening will be The TwoTakes at 10 PM. The TwoTakes are an alternative rock band influenced by music ranging from the 60’s to present day. Finding a balance between alternative rock with pop-riffs and rock ‘n’ roll, their debut album, Submarine Races, brings something new to the music scene while paying tribute to the styles they know and love.

Attendees will receive primary access to programming and events associated with their badge or ticket type. Excerpts from the shows will be streaming live on our social media platforms. Our festival series will offer a recording of the shows after the festival.

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