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World Deer Expo, the largest Hunting Expo in world, announces inaugural 3-night ‘Field & Stage’ Music Fest

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The World Deer Expo, the largest hunting expo in the world, is officially expanding into nighttime entertainment with the launch of the inaugural Field & Stage Music Fest — a brand-new country music concert experience taking place July 17–19 at Legacy Arena at the BJCC in Birmingham, Alabama.

Festival organizers unveiled the first wave of artists set to headline the debut event, including country hitmakers Jake Owen, Eli Young Band, and The Oak Ridge Boys — with additional artists and special guests to be announced in the coming weeks.

Created as an extension of the annual World Deer Expo experience, Field & Stage Music Fest was designed to unite the worlds of outdoor culture and live country music into one immersive weekend destination.

“For years, fans have asked us to bring nighttime concerts to World Deer Expo weekend,” said Bob Coker, Founder of the World Deer Expo. “We listened. Partnering with Producer Monica Fitzgibbons, Field & Stage Music Fest is our answer — a first-of-its-kind experience where the excitement of the expo seamlessly flows into live music each night. From Expo to Encore, the experience never stops.”

The newly announced headliners bring decades of chart success and fan-favorite hits to Birmingham:

- Jake Owen** — Jake Owen is gold and platinum-selling recording artist with 10 No. 1 singles, and more than 2.5 billion U.S. on-demand streams.
- Eli Young Band** — Multi-platinum group known for four No. 1 hits and ACM/CMA Award-winning success
- The Oak Ridge Boys** — Legendary group with 17 No. 1 hits, Grammy Awards, and more than 41 million albums sold

Festival organizers emphasize that this announcement represents only the beginning of the



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The Oak Ridge Boys continue legendary trek.



Eli Young Band delivers guitar magic.

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lineup rollout, with additional performers, attractions, and festival experiences still to come.

Field & Stage Music Fest also arrives during a milestone moment as the nation approaches the celebration of America’s 250th anniversary, with organizers planning

to honor veterans, patriotism, and the traditions that connect the country music and outdoor communities.

Tickets and additional festival announcements are available at: FieldandStageMusic.com and TicketMaster.com

ABOUT FIELD & STAGE MUSIC FEST:

Field & Stage Music Fest is a premier country music festival created to extend the excitement of the annual World Deer Expo into a one-of-a-kind nighttime

entertainment experience. Founded through a partnership between World Deer Expo founder Bob Coker and veteran entertainment executive Monica Fitzgibbons, the 3-day concert fest kicks off at Legacy Arena at the BJCC in Birmingham, Alabama. The festival blends live

country music, outdoor culture, and Southern hospitality into a multi-day destination event. Designed around the concept “From Expo to Encore,” Field & Stage Music Fest brings together music fans, outdoor enthusiasts, fam-

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as well as the Tennessee National Guard, and focuses on arresting violent criminals, clearing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing children.

The Memphis Safe Task Force has thus far arrested 9,074 violent fugitives, including 67 for homicide, 999 for narcotics, 843 for weapons offenses, 105 for sex offenses and 951 known gang members. The task force has also seized more than 1,500 illegal firearms. Since the operation began, the MSTF has located 150

“The streets of Memphis are safer today thanks to the men and women working day in and day out targeting violent crime,” said Marshal Tyreece Miller, U.S. Marshal for the District of Western Tennessee. “By removing 1,500 dangerous firearms from Memphis streets, we have achieved unprecedented results in a short amount of time.”

missing children. This operation reflects the MSTF’s commitment to coordinated enforcement efforts and its mission to identify, apprehend, and hold accountable those who pose a threat to public safety. For more information about the U.S. Marshals please visit www.usmarshals.gov.

Anyone with information about wanted fugitives is encouraged to submit it via the USMS Tips app.

SAF declares victory in N.Y. ‘Sensitive Places’ carry ban... from sports-military 2

the ban out on its rear end.” SAF is joined in the case by the Firearms Policy Coalition and Brett Christian, for whom the case is named. “While today’s ruling strikes down a key pillar of New York’s carry ban law, there’s still plenty of work to be done, including on the issue of carry in parks,” said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “The idealogues who think they can create ‘sensitive places’ to ban

the legal carry of firearms should understand that SAF will continue to fight for the right to keep and bear arms for all Americans, just like we’ve done for more than five decades.” For more information visit SAF.org. The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation’s oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting

the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored. Through public education initiatives, SAF teaches the importance of the Second Amendment to promote a society that values and exercises the right to keep and bear arms.

TN Historical Commission Certificate of Merit Awards announced... from sports-Military 2

York Jr. and his new bride. The park worked to rebuild windows, secure floors, fix the roof, and copy original siding. The finished product will allow for adaptive reuse of the home as office space.

- **Belmont Mansion**, for the preservation of the Billiards Room. A multi-year project, the Mansion reproduced original wallpaper, floor cloth, and wood graining. The project was com-

pleted in August 2025, and it is now one of the only 19th century Billiards Rooms open to the public for tours in the south.

- **Jane-Coleman Cottone** and **John Sweeney**, for their efforts in the Capitol Hill Redevelopment District National Register Nomination. With this nomination, Parkway Towers will be included as a contributing resource in the district, making it eligible for the Federal Historic

Tax Credit. The Capitol Hill Redevelopment District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 23, 2026.

- **Channing Greene** for his cemetery repair work in Rutledge, TN. Greene learned proper cemetery repair and restored a marker for a Confederate soldier at the Greenlee Cemetery in Rutledge.

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