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Barry Dean, Tom Douglas and James Slater announced as line-up for Harpeth Conservancy's second annual 'Songwriters for Streams' fundraiser

Casual outdoor afternoon of songs to raise funds for clean water and healthy ecosystems for all Tennessee rivers

March 2024, FRANKLIN, TN— Harpeth Conservancy announces the line-up for Songwriters for Streams presented by Grasslands Environmental. Tom Douglas, creator of the event in 2023, will serve as host with fellow Grammy® nominated songwriters Barry Dean and James Slater. The annual fundraiser welcomes music and river lovers to gather friends on Sunday, April 21st for the family-friendly fundraiser at the home of Libby and Nick Sieveking on Moran Road in Franklin.

Douglas, whose songs have earned Grammy, Golden Globe®, and Oscar® nominations, was inducted into the National Songwriters Association International's (NSAI) Hall of Fame in 2014. His songs include these No. 1 hits: Miranda Lambert's Grammy Award-winning "The House That Built Me," Tim McGraw's "Grown Men Don't Cry" and "Southern Voice," and Lady A's "I Run to You." He also added filmmaker to his credits with the writing of his documentary, "Love, Tom," reminding people to never give up on their dreams.

Barry Dean is a CMA award-winning songwriter, a Leadership Music Alum and has served on the NSAI Board and as a Recording Academy Nashville Chapter Governor. He is also the co-founder and CEO of LUCI, a mobility platform that was listed as one of *Time Magazine's* Best Inventions of the year. Some of Dean's top hits include: Little Big Town's "Pontoon" (Grammy Single of the Year), Ingrid Michelson's "Girls Chase Boys" (BMI Pop Award), Tim McGraw's "Diamond Rings and Old Barstools," Michael Ray's "Think a Little Less," and John Pardi's "Heartache Medication."

James Slater is a bilingual singer-songwriter of Bolivian American descent. He has had songs recorded by everyone from Carrie Underwood to Tim McGraw to Willie Nelson. Some of Slater's top hits include: "In My Daughter's Eyes" by Martina McBride (Grammy Nominated), "High Cost of Living" by Jamey Johnson (Grammy Nominated), "God Whispered Your Name" by Keith Urban, "Unstoppable" by Rascal Flatts, "Can't Shake You" by Gloriana, "Mexicoma" by Tim McGraw, and "Guys Named Captain" by Kenny Chesney.

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Gates will open at 3:30 p.m., and the concert will be from 5:00-6:30p.m. Gates will close at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome to bring their own chairs, blankets and picnic food and beverages as desired. Culligan Water of Nashville will supply water coolers to refill water bottles. Because the event is outdoors, bug spray, sunscreen and weather appropriate apparel and footwear are encouraged.

The kids' area will be open from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and will feature a scavenger hunt, face painting, educational macroinvertebrates (creek critters) and other activities. Organizers request respectful quiet time during the concert, so parents may want to bring appropriate diversions for children.

This event is made possible by the hard work of the host committee that includes Melissa & David Alford, Laura & David Anderson, Brenda Black, LeAnne & Chad Bottorff, Owen Canavan, Helen Drowota Close, Bonnie & Trevor Cross, Delia & David Darst, Ann & Matt Dobson, Katie & Tom Douglas, Garth Fails & Holly Ferguson, Elaine & Michael Finucane, Kelly & David Frazier, Anne Goetze, Allison & Drake Greiner, Lee Anne & Kevin Hagan, Haylee & Currey Hall, Heidi Hartman, Biz & JP Homik, Lauren & Jeremy Jeter, Nancy & Wes Kennedy, Edith & Miles Kirkland, Courtney Laginess, Monica Mackie, Sheila McNeeley, Layton Meng, Kathy & Eddie Moon, April & Bao Ngo, Sue & Baxter Overton, Kates & Matt Potempa, Courtney and Brad Robers, Rachel Robinson, Julie Russell, Allison & Fraser Schaufele, Kim & Larry Sharp, Libby & Nick Sieveking (*Event Hosts*), Kristen Smith, Laurie Spradley, Mary & John Stone, Kate & Richard Stout, Grace Stranch, Paula & Boone Thomson, Kristin Viars, Alex Waddey, Ann & Jack Waddey, Tara Waters, Mary Leland Wehner, Tamara & Barclay Wong, Tommye Maddox Working.

Carloads (up to 6 people) are \$350, and easy button packages are \$2,000. An easy button package includes a table, chairs, premium location, flowers, charcuterie/cheese snack boxes, and a cooler with beverages for 6 people. Carloads tickets are available at www.songwritersforstreams.org

Corporate sponsorships remain available. Current sponsors are Grasslands Environmental (Presenting Sponsor); Creek Sponsors—Nashville Basement Stage and The Sandra Schatten Foundation; Spring Sponsors—Conseco Group, FORVIS, Megan and David Eskind, MTLC, and PLA Media; Beverage Sponsors—Culligan of Nashville, Lipman Brothers, and Maypop Sparkling Water; Media & Event Partners—Hardaway Construction, Lightning 100, *NFocus*, Waste Management, and *Your Williamson*.

Volunteers are sought for the event. Interested individuals can reach out to Ryan Robison directly via email: ryanrobison@harpethriver.org

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ABOUT HARPETH CONSERVANCY

Founded in 1999, Harpeth Conservancy is a science-based non-profit conservation organization. Harpeth Conservancy's mission is to restore and protect clean water and healthy ecosystems for rivers in Tennessee by employing scientific expertise and collaborative relationships to develop,

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promote, and support broad community stewardship and action. Harpeth Conservancy's success is driven by working with landowners, businesses, community, local, state, and federal decision-makers and members to foster solutions that reduce pollution and maintain healthy areas.

Supported by a broad network of volunteers, donors, and professional staff, Harpeth Conservancy has expertise in a range of disciplines including water quality science, environmental and conservation law and policy, sustainable land use planning, agricultural best management practices, volunteer and community engagement, and others.

To learn more about Harpeth Conservancy, its mission, and its upcoming events, please visit its website at www.harpethconservancy.org.

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